



Minutes of the meeting of the Gatehouse of Fleet Community Council held at 7 pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 in the Community Centre

**Community Councillors Present:** Pat Jacques **PJ** (Provost), Ian McConchie **IM** (Deputy Provost), Chris Walker **CW** (Treasurer) Gerard Macnamara **GM**, Alison Steel **AS**, Ron Forster **RF**, Duncan McLeod **DM**, Sandy Kirkpatrick **SK**, Franca Bruno **FB**, Carol Clark **CC**, Alan McCreath **AM**, Adam Stephenson **ASt** (Minute Secretary)

**In Attendance:** Cllr Patsy Gilroy **PG**, PC Steele Johnstone **SJ**

**Apologies:** Cllr. Jane Maitland **JM**, Cllr. Thomas Jacques **TJ**, Gordon Rowan **GR**, Allan Lowden **AL**

### 1. Public Forum

No members of the public present.

### 2. Police Report

- Call to anti-social behaviour incident, was children scrumping for apples
- Domestic dispute, was minor and no further action was taken
- Pick-up was stolen from the Dalry area, vehicle and individual was apprehended in the Strathclyde area – reminder to stay vigilant with regard to security of vehicles.
- Increase in reports of suspicious vehicles/people in the area, public are encouraged to continue to report any suspicious activity.
- AS asked if there was an update on the acts of vandalism that was reported at the last meeting, SJ advised that this would need to have been reported by a member of the public to be taken forward.

### 3. Minutes of the meeting of 13 October 2009

Proposed by GM and seconded by IM.

### 4. Dumfries and Galloway Council Report – Cllr Patsy Gilroy

- A full council meeting was held yesterday afternoon to discuss rejections on budget proposals from service areas.
- Public consultation on budget proposals will commence from 16<sup>th</sup> November until 18<sup>th</sup> December. The survey is available online or can be accessed in hard copy from customer service centres, libraries and leisure centres. The survey contains 27 proposals and the public will be asked to priorities the proposals. The proposals to cut Adult Resource Centres has now been removed. The budget will be set in February.
- A themed Stewartry Area Committee meeting will be held on at 6.30 pm in Dalbeattie Town Hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November to discuss alcohol and drug issues, with various external agencies present.

### 5. Matters arising

- Cally walls – David Steel has inspected and will contact Dave Williams
- Lions Club are arranging with the council for the erection of the Christmas lights
- Mill lade blockage – GM has spoken to council office responsible for maintaining the Mill lade, no action has yet been taken. GM will chase up.
- Community Newsletter – CW volunteered to help Willie McKie with developing the Community Newsletter.
- Website – ASt volunteered to update Community Council website

### 6. Provost's Report

- The Community Centre AGM will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.30 pm. Community support is urgently needed to ensure the continued presence of this community resource. An article will be published in the Galloway News regarding

the possible loss of the Community Centre unless people step forward to support. Discussion took place on issues surrounding the Community Centre.

- ❑ Dry stone dyke has fallen down leading into Riverbank. RF to investigate.

## **7. Provost's Correspondence**

- ❑ Mill parking – PJ read the letter sent by the Mill Manager on possible solutions to this problem.
- ❑ Parking outside Spar – letter has been received from the General Manager of Galloway Country Style. Discussion took place of possible solutions to improving safety to pedestrians and PJ to pursue the issue.
- ❑ Boots – letter received stating that they are currently investigating the complaint and will provide further details when this is complete.
- ❑ Letter received from Auchenlarie Holiday Park regarding the Community Council response to the planning application. The planning department has advised that we should not make any further comments.

## **8. Planning Applications**

- ❑ Felling of tree at Newton Farm
- ❑ Extension to chalet at Carrick shore
- ❑ Extension to dwelling house at 40 Fleetside

Lists of planning applications can be viewed online at:

<http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=4579>

## **9. Treasurer's Report**

- ❑ Details of all three accounts were circulated. The current account currently has £1,203.04, the common good account currently has £2,622.44 and the footpath account has £1,361.17.
- ❑ Applications are now being accepted for the Common Good fund. Applications will be reviewed at the February meeting. Forms available from CW.
- ❑ 6<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30 pm will be the date/time for switching on the Christmas lights and announcing the citizen of the year. CW will e-mail details of the winner by e-mail. A provisional booking has been made with the Murray Arms for providing mulled wine. Advert to be placed in the Galloway Gazette and contact Westsound for event to be announced in the what's on guide. CW to contact the school to arrange for singing from the children, if possible. All agreed to these arrangements. PJ will be unavailable and IM will step in and make a small speech. Agreed to consider moving this event to the Community Centre next year.
- ❑ The application for the administrative grant is being completed for submission to the council.

## **10. Ron Forster's Report**

- ❑ Double white lines on A75 – Amey failed to carry out this work, as promised. Work now forecast for last week in November.
- ❑ Brown tourist sign – replacement for the missing section is now available.
- ❑ Resurfacing to take place between west entrance to Gatehouse and Anwoth on A75. Work will commence on 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- ❑ Youth shelter – list of possible funders is being investigated. Awards for all can fund up to £10,000 for projects. There is an ongoing problem with litter at the present shelter. PJ is to make a warning sign for display at the shelter.
- ❑ Cape path – criminal justice social work services have agreed to carry out the work of removing the overgrown vegetation from the edges of the path.

### **GDI Projects**

- ❑ Cally walls project continues. Volunteers continue to remove ivy from the walls along the B727 by the Robbers gate.
- ❑ Discussions continue with the interpretation board for the Snowdrop Festival.
- ❑ Country market – now established in the car park and is proving successful. GDI are holding meetings with the Council to formalise this arrangement.
- ❑ Kiosk – Dumfries and Galloway Council have made proposals, on behalf of the GDI, to VisitScotland about the purchase of the building. Operation is going

reasonably well. Trying to keep it open until Christmas. It will close for the winter.

- ❑ Horse route – small amount of work carried out, however, no further progress will be made as the ground is too wet. Conditions will be investigated sometime early next year.

#### **11. Any other business**

- ❑ Kirkcudbright Hospital – there was a good turn out at the public meeting.

#### **Date of next meeting**

8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 – 7pm – Community Centre

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