



Minutes of the meeting of the Gatehouse of Fleet Community Council held at 7 pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 in the Community Centre

**Community Councillors Present:** Franca Bruno (FB), Carol Clark (CC), Ron Forster (RF), Pat Jacques (PJ) (*Provost*), Allan Lowden (AL) (*Dean of Guild*), Ian McConchie (IM) (*Deputy Provost*), Alison Steel (AS), Adam Stephenson (ASt) (*Minute Secretary*)

**In Attendance:** Cllr Patsy Gilroy and 1 member of the public

**Apologies:** Cllr Thomas Jacques, Cllr Jane Maitland, Shaun Burnie, Mary Cousins, Mark Laird, Alan McCreath

## 1. Sederunt & Apologies

As above

## 2. Public Forum

- Jim Logan voiced concern over the condition of the railings and particularly the wall surrounding the Community Centre. PJ aware that the Community Centre Management Committee are looking into the condition of the entrance wall, but will request that this assessment looks at the entire wall.

## 3. Police Report

- Police Officer not present

## 4. Adoption of minutes of meeting held Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009

- Move Carol Clark and Alan McCreath to "in attendance" section
- Draft to be watermarked across minutes when issued

Minutes were proposed by AL and seconded by IM

## 5. Matters Arising

- Double white lines – waiting for formal response from Transport Scotland. It is believed that work will take place late July/August
- Boots sign – PJ confirmed that the light remains on after opening hours
- Slope at Spar – hand rail is being installed
- Mill on the Fleet footbridge – work complete. Currently power washing the metal structure
- National Trust re Vinniehill – work completed
- Letter to John Russell – letter of response sent
- Photographs, brief personal history/ interests and role on Community Council for website – PJ reminded all members that she required this information by the next meeting
- Rat complaint – improvements have been noticed
- Auchenlarie – Mr Swalwell has received a reply from Transport Scotland informing him that Auchenlarie Holiday Park would bear the full costs of any alterations to the A75 as a result of any expansion to the park
- Sergeant Dodds has contacted PJ regarding the number of accidents at the junction on the A75 for Auchenlarie. Statistics shows there has been no increase in accidents in the past two years. Police are pushing for markers on the road to warn approaching vehicles. All agreed to send a letter to relevant parties in support of any alterations to the A75 at Auchenlarie with regard to improving safety.
- Meeting on 22 July 2009 with NHS Chief Executive regarding Kirkcudbright Hospital. Professor Clark (Scrutiny Panel) has noted the points of concern raised by the action group.

## **6. Dumfries and Galloway Councillors Report**

### **Patsy Gilroy**

- Gavin Stevenson will be taking up post of Chief Executive of DG Council on Thursday
- Area Committee – two targeted funding applications have been received from Gatehouse of Fleet.
- Currently a review of the planning system is taking place. Main change will be the replacement of the “appeals” reporter with local review bodies. Change will be implemented in August.
- Kirkcudbright Harbour Square Development project – there will be workshops in August with the Development Company to consult with local people over what they want to have at the square.

### **7. Provost’s Report**

- Website – PJ have an overview of what she wanted to see on the Community Council website – to include names, pictures, roles of members; current work in progress; achievements; future plans; feedback form for people to submit comment. PJ has arranged meetings with possible web designers to see what is on offer and prices.
- Community centre – following application for tables from the common good fund the centre management committee have bought the tables already. Management committee will be working with staff from the Stewartry Council of Voluntary Service. Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July will see a public meeting being held to present proposals for the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of Community Centre improvements.
- Community Council elections – will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October with Graham Wright acting as the Returning Officer and Margaret Wright as Deputy Returning Officer. Nominations to stand for election must be returned by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm – awaiting nomination forms from DG Council.
- Bird hut – following from discussions at the previous meeting further discussion took place on what could be done to engage the young people in the town – the removal of the bird hut was not considered an option. PJ had been made aware of the possibility of creating a green recreational park, making use of natural materials. Representative from the organisation who would lead this project would be invited to a future meeting to present ideas. All agreed that there would need to be input and involvement from the young people that would make use of any facilities developed.
- Chris Walker has resubmitted forms to DG Council for Community Council grant.
- Hazel Kerr (DG Council) has reissued £100 that was missing from an original payment that was previously issued to the Community Council
- All agreed to recommend to co-opt Chris Walker to the role of Treasurer – this would appear on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Bus shelters – no further progress and no further information – to be chased up.
- Letter received from Jim Hume regarding leasing of forestry out to private contractors – this will no longer be allowed to happen without community involvement/approval.
- Mark Laird has contacted PJ regarding £100 honorarium.
- Themed meeting will be taking place in Gatehouse on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009.

### **8. Planning Applications – Dean of Guild**

- Lower Double Lodge, Cally Avenue
- 62 High Street
- Clauchan Farm
- Cally Estate Office, Ann Street
- Auchenlarie Holiday Park, expansion plans
- 5 Bakers Dozen
- Littleton Farm

All agreed that an extension should be requested on the plans for Auchenlarie, to allow a response to be submitted. AL, GM, FB and RF to meet as a sub-committee to look at the plans more closely and construct a response.

All reminded that the lists of planning applications can be viewed online at <http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=4579>

### **9. Project Progress Report – RF**

- Double white lines – Amey have advised that work will be carried out late July/early August.

- Slope at Spar – letter received from Charles Clemie. New handrail to be installed. Bid has been submitted to Area Committee to fund work on dropping kerbs. U615 Cape Road – access only signs to be replaced.
- National Trust Vinniehill – site meeting held with local manager. Funding for this work to be confirmed and then a scheme of improvements will be drawn up. Possibility of cattle grazing the hill being investigated. Car park area has been strimmed. The bracken and gorse have been cut back at the entrance to the hill and around the viewpoint.
- Seat at tennis court will be replaced.
- Update given on Cally Boundaries project.

#### **10. AOCB**

- IM attended a recent meeting of Stewartry Convention of Community Councils – speaker from DG Council failed to attend. Group considering approaching heads of each department within the council to give a speech at the meetings.
- Moss Yard are reintroducing car parking fee to discourage misuse.
- FB had received a letter with information on forthcoming military exercises in the area, taking place from 9<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

11<sup>th</sup> August 2009 – 7 pm – Community Centre

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