

COLVEND AND SOUTHWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 2nd July 2020 AT 7pm via zoom video conferencing.

PRESENT: D. Roan – Chair, S. Pain - Vice Chair, S. Gourlay - Secretary, M. Parry - Treasurer, S. Robertson - Minutes, M. Pennell, T. Roan, K. Filer, K. Coltart, M. Pumphrey, Cllr R Davidson.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: T & M Nicol, J. Rowland, J. Stanning, C. Sinclair,

APOLOGIES: A. Whitby, J. Coates

POLICE REPORT: No police presence this evening. A police report was circulated just after the meeting closed a summary of which has been included here for your information:

The #SafeSummer social media campaign launched on Monday 22 June.

The #SafeSummer campaign will support operational policing by communicating important messages about outdoor and water safety, home safety, anti-social behaviour and alcohol related violence to the public. Safety messages will be communicated using Police Scotland and partner organisation social media platforms. This will complement divisional summer operations and coronavirus messaging from the Scottish Government. The #SafeSummer campaign comes at an important time as the nation moves through the Scottish Government's route map out of lockdown. Furthermore, the gradual easing of restrictions and increase in people meeting outside could lead to a rise in anti-social behaviour, drinking in public spaces and home break-ins.

MINUTES OF MEETING 04/06/20:

D. Roan asked for any amendments to the prepared minutes and a correction was made under the Police Report section to change the location of a recent theft from Kippford to Rockcliffe.

Adopted: S. Gourlay Signed: D. Roan

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- **TV Reception**

The letter has been sent to local MSPs and other organisations with an interest. While there **have been some acknowledgements received, the only full response so far was from Ofcom**. It was agreed a copy could be sent to the Galloway News. S. Pain will contact and also share contact details for T. Nicol and J. Rowland to see if this could be featured. It was noted the lack of response from some of our elected MSPs is disappointing.

- **Parking at Sandyhills**

Police Scotland are aware of this issue which is further compounded by local car parks being closed due to current restrictions. In the last week a person or persons unknown have cleared debris at the side of the road to show that faded double yellow lines are present. Hopefully this will encourage users to park more appropriately. Cllr Davidson also advised that D&G Council plan to open public toilets on Friday the 3rd of July.

- **Core Path 20**

The bungalow has been demolished. Richard Masters has sent an email advising the Right of Way issue has been passed to D&G Councils legal department. As a Community Council we are not currently engaging further discussions and will await a reply from the Council's legal team. C. Sinclair asked for clarification on 'reopening discussions' as he doesn't feel the ROW issue has been properly discussed in any depth. D. Roan agreed this issue may need to be

addressed in the future however at this moment we should await clarification from the legal team.

M. Parry and M. Pumphrey joined the meeting.

M. Pumphrey would like us to write to D&G Council and state that the original recommendation we advised is not being adhered to. D. Roan asked for views from other CC members present. K. Filer would also like to discuss vehicular access as she feels its quite restricted. S. Pain says that emergency services have keys to access the route. D. Roan asked for a formal vote as to if we should write now or wait. 5 CCs voted to wait and 0 voted to write now.

Some members of the public were clearly unhappy with this decision and further discussions took place. However it was reiterated that CC members had voted and the decision would be upheld.

- **Overgrown Hedges**

Cllr R. Davidson confirmed this has been raised however D&G Council are currently working through a backlog of work.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Figures as follows July 2020:

Unrestricted Fund:	2,919.10	(includes £490.60 from D&G Council for Covid-19 support)
Robin Rigg:	7,519.41	
Recreation Ground Fund:	-764.09	(expecting £1452 refund from LEADER)
Defibrillator Fund:	25.35	
Total:	9649.07	

Figures have not changed from last meeting.

Covid-19 Resilience Work

J. Stanning did create some drafts for information cards however it was felt that specific information was liable to change quickly and the plan is to work with D&G Council to produce more targeted information.

It was asked that the WhatsApp group could be formally retired, that is that Admin would not be responsible for checking daily and coordinating responses. As this is a still worthwhile resource for the community in general T. Roan suggested that we ask for views on Facebook. This was agreed.

It was also agreed to purchase 6 hi-vis waistcoats at a cost of £5.40 each. These will have 'Community Council Volunteer' written on the back.

Thank you to J. Stanning for raising awareness of the hard work done by Colvend Connect with an article in D&Gs Community Bulletin.

Recognition Awards for local businesses

T. Roan sent an email earlier this week regarding nominations for local businesses that have proved significant support during the crisis. A variety of alternative ideas were also suggested, such as a card, champagne and a plaque. Another government council are creating an award scheme for covid-19 volunteers and S. Pain asked if this had been considered for D&G Council. Cllr R. Davidson said this has not yet been considered and he will raise this with staff. Our CC are looking to recognise local

business and individuals for their efforts during this crisis, T. Roan and S. Robertson will add a post to social media asking for local feedback and nominations.

PROJECTS AND GRANT FUNDING

INFORMATION CENTRE RAILINGS - we've received some new up to date quotations on the required works. John Gibson Ltd has quoted £1790.40 inclusive of VAT which reduces our contribution to £726.16. It was agreed to accept this quote and arrange for the works to be completed. Permission has been sought from the Hodgsons who have confirmed that they are happy for the works to be completed.

BAREAN CRANNOG INTERPRETATION BOARD - Our grant application has been declined for this due to over subscriptions. S. Pain has submitted an expression of interest for the Southwest Environmental Action Group however they are currently working through a backlog of applications.

SCHOOL RECREATION GROUND - The school Headteacher is very unhappy that the recreational ground isn't currently usable. There are still some remedial works to be completed over the summer, so top sand, fertiliser and extra grass seed will be applied with the hope this is successful and the drainage will be much improved by the 11th August.

An article of the work involved and our use of Volunteers was featured online by D&G Third Sector, thanks to S. Pain for this.

COASTAL PATH - Community payback has been cancelled due to covid-19 and unlikely to move forward this summer. Sections are already becoming quite impassable. K. Filer and J. Stanning are keen to take control of this issue. J. Stanning will check access with landowners, date to be confirmed.

FUTURE FUNDING - S. Pain reminded everyone to consider our application for the Robin Rigg fund and requested possible projects at the next CC meeting.

PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS:

- - Sandyhills, Anchorage, change window

CORRESPONDENCE

Volunteers Week Article

Reviewing the Scheme of Establishments

Colvend Connect Recognition.

Core Path 20 - Richard Masters

Anyone wishing to see a comprehensive list of correspondence should contact Mrs Sue Gourlay: suegourlay@me.com

AOCB:

1. **CC Website** - Stuart King emailed to advise that our website had gone down several times and recommended we change providers. Mike Sandes is providing a lot of advice and support

with this and we are grateful for continued efforts. We will be updated at the next CC meeting.

2. The next meeting was discussed in depth. We don't normally hold a meeting in August and while we have missed meetings in April and May it was decided to hold our next meeting and AGM in September in Colvend Hall following appropriate social distancing guidelines. These are set by the government and are outwith our control.

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS PROVISIONALLY PLANNED
FOR COLVEND HALL ON THURSDAY THE 3RD OF SEPTEMBER**

**AS THE CURRENT SITUATION IS CONSTANTLY UNDER REVIEW THESE PLANS MAY
CHANGE. PLEASE EMAIL OR CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA AND OUR WEBSITE.**

We encourage people who live in the area to attend these interesting meetings! Find out what is going on in your community.

www.colvendcommunity.co.uk

We also have a facebook page & 3 WhatsApp groups!

If further copies of these minutes are required please e-mail colvendandsouthwick@gmail.com