

COLVEND AND SOUTHWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 1st April 2021 AT 7:00pm via zoom video conferencing.

PRESENT: D. Roan – Chair, S. Pain - Vice Chair, G. Webster - Secretary, S. Gourlay – Secretary, J. Coates, M. Pennell, K. Coltart, T. Roan, A. Jack, K. Filer, H. Rowe, M. Pumphrey, S. Robertson - Minutes, Cllr I. Blake.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: C. Sinclair.

APOLOGIES: M. Parry - Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Minutes of 4th March 2021

Suggestion made by S. Gourlay to clarify that the “Colvend” bus stop referred to by residents in the Portling area is actually the one at Portling road end. Amendment accepted. Proposed by J. Coates and seconded by S. Gourlay.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH MINUTES

1. DGC have visited the Southwick Cemetery road junction with the A710 to assess the situation, a number of options were identified and appropriate measures will be implemented in due course. The irresponsible junction parking is included in the April Police Report. Police Scotland have requested that any junction parking issues be reported on 101 when they are occurring to allow for real time intervention. Additional parking for visitors to the waterfall on the Nature Reserve near the junction was again discussed. D. Roan suggested contacting the landowners (believed to be Scottish Wildlife Trust) to discuss the possibility of additional parking being provided.
2. DGC have inspected the road surface condition of the A710 in the Colvend area, repairs were identified and are to be included in the 2021 - 2022 budget. This is an ongoing issue for many residents and the news was received favourably.
3. J. Stanning has updated the resilience plan with details of the defibrillator located at Castle Point.

Action: G. Webster to engage SWT and identify a suitable contact to discuss parking.

POLICE REPORT:

Section on the parking issues at Southwick Road end was the only item (see above).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The balance as of today shows a balance of £13550.76p.

The cheque for £2000 from SWEAT has been deposited into our bank account. Two payments for £157 each have been made to Colvend Hall and Kippford Hall. There is an outstanding payment to be made to S. Pain for his expenses of signage, Information Centre sanitiser & Zoom fees. S. Robertson has sent an invoice via email for £105 for minutes. The second hardship fund payment of £981.20 has been paid to us.

PROJECTS :

1. Borean Crannog Interpretation Board

Awaiting photograph from Scottish Museum in Edinburgh. No further developments on this project.

2. Southwick Bus Shelter

This project is expected to be finished at the end of April. J Rowland has raised the issue of maintenance of the Sandyhills and Portling road end bus shelters. SWTrans do not currently maintain bus shelters and S. Pain has raised this with DGCI. H. Rowe raised the issue of the bin overflowing at the Southwick bus shelter and has found that responsibility for bus shelter litter bins is with Jim McCorsan, Communities Directorate, 07843 294579.

3. Coastal Path Visitor Interpretation Boards

We have been recommended for a £3000 grant. This is less than the £7200 we originally estimated however we have managed to find a cheaper quote of approximately £3000 if we provide our own artwork. It was decided to approach a local artist Kate Bentley, and the school art teacher Joanne Harris to see if they are interested in assisting with this project.

Action: T. Roan to speak with J. Harris and J. Coates to speak with K. Bentley.

There was further discussion on the signs and where they will be situated. D. Roan has spoken to Andrew Peckham who is enthusiastic about siting one at the Portling side, with Tracey and Steven Roan agreeing that another can be situated at Boreland.

Action: S. Pain, T. Roan and J. Rowland to meet prior to the next meeting to progress this further.

4. Flood Prevention at Kippford

S. Pain has spoken to the roads department however there is no indication that any assistance will be available. S. Pain has been in talks with J. Withers to find suitable tidal flaps and they may be able to find more information on this, 18 flaps are needed. This project may also cost more than initially anticipated and progression may be quite slow. Kippford Association are very supportive of this project.

D. Roan has obtained two quotes of £100 plus VAT to fix the section of sea wall at Kippford and another section at the Meikle Richorn layby. It was suggested we could use part of the hardship fund to cover these costs. This suggestion was approved.

5. Hardship Fund

Continuing from the previous conversation, it was agreed to identify the cost of a changeover switch at Colvend Hall to allow for an emergency generator to be connected. It was agreed to obtain initial prices and then approach the Hall Committee to obtain agreement to install.

Action: D.Roan to obtain quotation for the installation of a change-over switch

6. Litter Signage

We are not able to place signs on roadside verges due to D&G Council policies. There was quite a long discussion with everyone given the opportunity to contribute to the discussion. There are time constraints with this project and it was decided to proceed with a funding application for 4 swing signs and a set of car stickers.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

There may be funds available to enable us to organise or provide some sort of community activity once restrictions are eased, with a view to increase community engagement. A survey has been created by S. Pain and G. Webster which was circulated prior to the meeting. S. Pain discussed how we would ensure that the survey reaches a wide audience. Consulting with the community gives us the opportunity to submit a detailed application for funding. Several ideas were discussed, including a weekend of events and target age groups. We have decided to apply for funding and send the survey out to Facebook and WhatsApp groups.

It was remarked that the late notice given for funding applications is exceedingly difficult to manage, especially on Zoom. Cllr I Blake is going to pass our views to D&G Council.

ZOOM MEETINGS

There was clearly a breakdown in communication with regards to the management of the zoom account between G. Webster and S. Robertson. D. Roan removed this item from the agenda as it was felt that the issue was causing unnecessary friction and it needed to be managed in a more appropriate manner.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

G. Webster proposed that office bearers in the CC could use dedicated email accounts connected to the CC website. This would ensure that personal emails are kept separate from CC issues and that in the event access is needed from another member this is easy to arrange. This idea was generally favourably received, although S. Pain felt that the process might need investigating to ensure that it operated smoothly. D. Roan asked that this issue be added to the next meeting to give G. Webster the opportunity to discuss this with other office bearers in more detail.

Action: G. Webster to add to the agenda for May

PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS:

- 21/0536/FUL - Murrayfield at Rockcliffe - Erection of dwelling house

CORRESPONDENCE

- Police Report
- CSCC Project List
- Community Involvement

- Planning Applications

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

AOCB

1. S. Pain asked Cllr I. Blake to update us on the new refuse collection. There seems to be some confusion specifically regarding communal bins. The main issue relates to the communal bins at Colvend Hall. No new bins have been delivered and no information about how the existing bins are to be used.

It is noted that some members of the community are finding the changes with refuse collection a little confusing, as a CC we hope everyone finds this new way of refuse collection a positive move for our environment and that there is a lot of useful information given in the booklet provided. You can protect yourself and our frontline workers by cleaning bin handles with disinfectant before and after collection. For further information please visit dumgal.gov.uk/wasterecycling or call 030 33 33 3000.

Action: Cllr I. Blake to discuss the communal bins & lack of new bins issues with DGC

OUR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY 6TH OF MAY 2021 VIA ZOOM

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 & WhatsApp groups!

If further copies of these minutes are required please email

secretary@colvendcommunity.co.uk