

# **COLVEND AND SOUTHWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday 12th March 2020 AT 7pm in Colvend Public Hall**

**PRESENT:** D. Roan – Chair, S. Pain - Vice Chair, S. Gourlay - Secretary, M. Parry - Treasurer, S. Robertson - Minutes, M. Pennell, K. Coltart, J. Coates, K. Filer, T. Roan, Cllr D Stitt

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** R. Aston, J. Stanning, F. Gourlay, D. Jamieson, J. Rowland

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** J. Gallagher, T. Nicol

**APOLOGIES:** M. Pumphrey, A. Whitby, Cllr Ian Blake, Cllr Rob Davidson,

**POLICE REPORT:** No police presence this evening.

## **MINUTES OF MEETING 05/02/20:**

Proposed: S. Pain Seconded: J. Coates Signed: D. Roan

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

- **Core Path 20**

An email received from Richard Masters confirms that D&G Council have approved the diversion of Core Path 20 at Borean Way, so that it now follows the new track constructed by Mr Aston. The path will be amended on the Core Paths Plan to reflect this change. New signs will be erected in the next couple of weeks to show the new route on the ground.

- **Robin Rigg**

The Community Council were successful with their application for defibrillators and were awarded £5995. Other local organisations include Kippford Nature Reserve who were awarded £8470 and Colvend Hall receiving £2976. White Loch Lane Association received £1995 which brings the total amount awarded in our area to £19,436 which is 15% of the total funds available. Thank you to all who attended our project meeting and also to S. Pain who spend a considerable amount of time and effort on our application for Defibrillators.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Figures as follows February	2020:
Unrestricted Fund:	2,453.35
Robin Rigg:	7,519.41
Recreation Ground Fund:	-764.09
Defibrillator Fund:	6,228.09
<b>Total:</b>	

## **JULIA GALLAGHER - SOLWAY FOREST RED SQUIRREL NETWORK**

Julia introduced herself and gave a little information on the role of the Red Squirrel Network. After the recent squirrel pox issues concern has moved to the number of fatalities of red squirrels on our local roads, most significantly the A710. It's thought with appropriate signage highlighting the issue drivers may become more aware and adopt slower speeds at specific spots, namely Kippford Holiday Park and Colvend. R. Aston would be happy for Kippford Holiday Park to add signage and T. Roan suggested the School might be interested in raising awareness too. The RSN are going to contact Bob Green to check regulations with signage and the Community Council will offer support where necessary.

### **TV AND RADIO RECEPTION**

Tom Nicol was present tonight to discuss reception in our area. After some issues last year and further liaising with our local MSP and Ofcom it seems some of the BBC service has been downgraded, a decision made by a company called Arqiva. Channels have been moved around and some are now missing.

Mobile phone signal is also terrible in our area and broadband improvements are necessary as most of us are unable to get fibre broadband.

T. Roan is going to provide contact information for Scottish Rural Action, an agency that may be able to provide further information and assistance. D. Stitt also advised contacting all local MSPs. The CC agreed that we would support the actions of these individuals, and we would also like to obtain further comments and experiences from those living in our area. Please check our website and Facebook page in the near future or email us. Action: TN/JR to prepare a note that can be submitted in the name of the C&SCC.

### **DISABLED ACCESS AT KIPPFORD**

We received an email regarding disabled parking at Kippford. D. Jamieson from Kippford Association will now deal with this and will contact Bob Greene at D&G Council for more information. DJ commented that the loss of general parking beside the bus shelter at Kippford is not a major concern as Kippford Association are trying to encourage the use of parking at the village hall rather than at the front.

### **GLASS RECYCLING**

We received an email from Janice Ireland requesting preference for glass recycling in our community. While Kippford was suggested as an initial site in the email everyone present is keen to put forward several sites in our area. S.P will forward the D&G letter to DJ. S. Gourlay will request further information as to whether it would also be possible to have glass recycling bins at Colvend & Sandyhills. This issue will affect the entire community when new refuse collections are rolled out later this year so again we would welcome your comments.

### **RESILIENCE PLAN**

J. Stanning checked 3 members not present at the last meeting provide consent for their details to be included. This was confirmed.

### **PROJECTS AND GRANT FUNDING**

**DEFIBRILLATORS** - S. Pain has obtained a quote for 4 new Philip's type FRX defibrillators and 3 heated cabinets for £6000. The new defibrillators at the Golf Club and at Kippford will remain in the ownership of those organisations. It was agreed to take up the offer of the First Responders to carry out the periodic inspections and maintenance. It has been agreed to donate all the old defibrillators back to Dalbeattie Responders as they can be used for training or refurbishment.

D. Stitt will liaise with D&G Council with regards to an electricity supply for the Rockcliffe defibrillator. It was agreed by everyone present to purchase the defibrillators and start installation.

**WATER FOUNTAINS** - our application has been sent for 3 of these fountains. Unfortunately there have been several issues presented. Namely, the scheme does not provide funds for the installation of the fountains. Additionally we cannot install these fountains onto toilet blocks already at the planned locations, and cleaning services are £130 per unit per visit. While this includes water testing that's a significant cost over the course of the year.

Kippford are still prepared to adopt their water fountain and have provisions for installing and maintenance. Therefore it was proposed and seconded that S. Pain will contact Sea Changers and advise them we wish to reduce our application from 3 water fountains to 1.

**D&G REGIONWIDE COASTAL FUND** - S. Pain proposes we apply for the railings outside the information centre. The approximate cost is £2016. It was agreed to apply for this.

**D&G REGIONWIDE COMMUNITY FUND** - We are still in the planning stages for an information board at the Crannog. S. Pain indicated that Forestry & Land Scotland would require the board to be in their house style. He proposed that we obtain a quote for this and send an application.

**COASTAL PATH** - Homebase in Dumfries and Wilko in Castle Douglas have kindly donated two sets of loppers each for the clean up of the coastal path.

### **PLANNING:**

#### *APPLICATIONS:*

- 20/0213/FUL - Mr Andrew John Collier, Drumwhinny Lodge, Auchenhill Farm, Colvend - SITING OF STATIC CARAVAN FOR TWO YEARS
- 20/0277/FUL - Mr R Dinwiddie, Eden Cottage, Barclay Road, Rockcliffe - ERECTION AND ALTERATIONS OF EXTENSION TO DWELLING HOUSE
- 20/0299/FUL - Mr Paul Wilcock, 6 Riverview Park, Kippford - ERECTION OF EXTENSION OF DWELLING HOUSE AND FORMATION OF DECKED AREA

#### *DECISIONS:*

- 19/1912/FUL - Mrs Valerie D'amian, on behalf of Barend Holiday Village - SITING OF STORAGE CONTAINER - *granted conditionally*
- 19/1950/FUL - Mr Hamish McLellan, Glenluffe, Rockcliffe - ERECTION OF AGRICULTURAL STORAGE SHED - *granted unconditionally*
- 20/0355/FUL - Caravan and Motorhome Club, Clonyard House Hotel, Colvend - APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY CARAVAN SITE RALLY - *raise no objections*

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

As per emails sent to C/C members

- Richard Masters - Core Path 20
- Regular Roadworks Schedule
- Glass Recycling
- DGHSCP Coronavirus briefing

**Anyone wishing to see a comprehensive list of correspondence should contact Mrs Sue Gourlay: [suegourlay@me.com](mailto:suegourlay@me.com)**

#### **AOCB:**

1. Marine Scotland Consultation . This is to take place on the 25th March. J. Stanning to send further correspondence which will be circulated by S. Gourlay.
2. There have been complaints about the overgrown hedges on the road to Rockcliffe. D. Stitt will raise with D&G Council.
3. There was an issue with someone trying to use the disabled toilet at the information centre. It was reiterated this is no longer in use.
4. Members of the public were requested to leave the meeting at this time. Cllr D. Stitt was asked to remain. An email was received from Gail Aston regarding the Core Path 20. CSCC will respond to the email.

**PLEASE NOTE DUE TO GOVERNMENT ADVICE**  
**ALL MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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

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