

COLVEND AND SOUTHWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 6th February 2020 at 7pm in COLVEND PUBLIC HALL

PRESENT: D. Roan – Chair, S. Pain - Vice Chair, S. Robertson - Minutes, M. Pennell, A. Whitby, Cllr D. Stitt, K. Coltart, M. Pumphrey, J. Coates, K. Filer, P.C. A. Baird

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: F. Sinclair, C. Sinclair, R. Aston, J. Stanning.

APOLOGIES: S. Gourlay, M. Parry, Cllr Ian Blake, Cllr Rob Davidson, J. Withers, J. Anderson

POLICE REPORT: P.C. Baird reports that there is very little crime in our area. There have been reports of two Asian males defrauding businesses using card payments. As always remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour.

Please also be aware of suspicious emails or text messages. These types of crimes can often appear innocent and criminals are becoming more sophisticated. If in doubt contact your bank, utility company or government office directly. They will be happy to assist. The next Police “Drop-in” session will be on 4/3/20 from 1500-1630hrs at Dalbeattie Police Station.

MINUTES OF MEETING 07/11/19: Proposed: K. Coltart, Seconded: M. Pennell. Signed: D. Roan

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- **Core Path 20**

D. Roan welcomed Mr and Mrs C Sinclair and Mr R Aston to February’s meeting. Both parties were invited to provide any new or additional information they may have regarding the diversion of the Core Path 20. R. Aston made comment to the issue with the Right of Way as this has not previously come up in previous meetings. F. Sinclair also added that she does not feel the surveys completed by the CC accurately reflect the views of the community.

D. Roan also invited the members of the CC to Express their views. M. Pumphrey said the Core Path and ROW are independent from each other, and are not the same thing. S. Pain felt that the 4 surveys carried out by the CC were done so in a fair and inclusive manner.

D. Roan confirmed to those present the minutes action decided at the last meeting i.e. "The CC will therefore recommend that the original right of way should remain open in addition to the new path (which we expect would be brought up to a suitable standard)". D. Roan confirmed this was still the view of the CC, which was agreed by those present. The CC will therefore formally write to Richard Masters stating this. Any individual who wishes to comment or object further should write to Richard Masters directly

- **Email Address**

This is very useful for the minutes Secretary to keep track of CC emails and separate them from her personal ones. This email address is only used by the minutes Secretary and all other correspondence is still maintained by the Secretary Sue Gourlay.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Figures as follows as at 5th December 2019:

Unrestricted Fund:

Robin Rigg:

Recreation Ground Fund:

Defibrillator Fund:

Total:

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

This was circulated to everyone prior to today's meeting. J. Stanning proposes we add a section for infectious diseases. This was agreed.

Some names and contacts are out of date. It was agreed to remove or change those applicable. While Sue Gourlay had moved out of our area her local knowledge is invaluable and it was agreed for her to remain. S. Robertson and T. Roan will be added to the Facebook contacts. S. King is to be added as contact for our website and J.Coates as a keyholder for Colvend Public Hall.

ROBIN RIGG COMMUNITY FUND

Immediately subsequent to the meeting it was confirmed that the C&SCC had been successful in being granted £5995.20 from the Robin Rigg Community Fund for the purchase of 4 replacement defibrillators and cabinets. M. Pennell asked if we were planning to ask the First Responders to 'adopt' the defibs once they've been installed. This was met with a positive reaction. It would therefore be necessary to order the same make and models the First Responders currently use. Figures are to be obtained for the next meeting and S. Pain will discuss further with A. MacCauley and L. Stratford.

COLVEND RECREATIONAL FIELD

This has been a very wet winter and the field is still suffering from water logging. New steps may need to be taken to rectify these ongoing issues. The tarmac at the tiered seating has been completed.

The project is now financially closed and the school have been informed.

PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS:

- 19/1912/FUL - B.P.A.L., Land adjacent to Barend Holiday Village, Sewerage works, Sandyhills, - SITING OF STORAGE CONTAINER
- 19/1950/FUL - Mr Hamish McLellan, Glenluffin, Rockcliffe - ERECTION OF AGRICULTURAL SHED
- 19/1957/FUL - Mr Robin Aston, Kippford Holiday Park, Kippford - SITING OF 13 STATIC CARAVANS AND ASSOCIATED VEHICULAR ACCESS

DECISIONS:

- 19/1706/FUL - Mr Gordon Hoey, Kippford Bay Caravan Park, Kippford - REPROFILING OF LAND - *granted conditionally*

CORRESPONDENCE:

As per emails sent to C/C members

- Core Path 20
- Stewartry CVS Network Meeting
- Scottish Water re. Kippford WWTW
- Time and Tide Bells
- Regular Roadworks Schedule
- Minutes of SW consultation (WWTW)
- Community Resilience Plan
- Coastal Fountain Fund

Kippford Waste Water Treatment

S. Pain attended a meeting regarding the proposed wastewater treatment at Kippford. Bathing waters are currently classed as poor and have been for 4 years in a possible 5. If this continues then bathing in the water will no longer be allowed.

A short term plan is to treat the effluent with chemicals. Residents are very opposed to this due to the very high structure and possible high noise made by the generator. Scottish Water have withdrawn their planning application and are creating a new plan hopefully more in line with the residents wishes.

A longer term plan is for an entirely new waste water treatment facility to be built. The planned start is 2021 although it is hoped initial bore testing can commence within the next few weeks. Scottish Water have a preferred site to the north of Merse Way and this was also met with a very negative reaction from residents. They would prefer a site adjacent to the road behind the telephone exchange.

Scottish Water will meet again with the residents once they have re-evaluated the residents preferred site.

Coastal Fountain Fund

An organisation named Sea-Changers provide funding to facilitate installation of water fountains in an effort to reduce plastic bottle usage. There are three possible locations: Rockcliffe, Sandyhills and Kippford. The amount of water used needs to be metered and general maintenance needs to be undertaken for a period of two years. Two CC members voiced concerns; possible financial repercussions for the CC and also the risk of contamination and people becoming ill. S. Pain is going to ask Sea-Changers to see if there is further clarification on this.

It was decided that in the meantime we would apply for fountains at each of the three locations, as applications close on the 28th of February.

Time and Tide Bells

The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra is currently installing 16 bells across various points and one is to be situated somewhere between Annan and Irvine. There was a very mixed reaction from those present due to the potential noise and impact on wildlife. D. Roan asked for a vote to indicate if we should register our interest in this project and there were 0 people interested in pursuing this further.

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

AOCB:

1. Roadside Litter.

Roadside litter is becoming worse across our entire area. While there's potential for clean up crews to be created it doesn't prevent the problem from happening. It is felt that a wider problem is the lack of education. D&G Council have also removed a bin which is not helping the issue and D. Stitt will look into this further.

2. The number of red squirrel road deaths in our area is causing significant concern to the Solway Forests Red Squirrel Network. Julia Gallagher will be invited to our next meeting to discuss possible signage on our roads. You can help in the first instance by reporting red and grey squirrel sightings to John Lind SFRSN email@johnlind20.plus.com or 'phone 07807226263. For regional records please report squirrel sightings at <https://scottishsquirrels.org.uk/>.

****PLEASE NOTE LATER THAN NORMAL MEETING****
THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY THE 12TH OF MARCH
AT 7PM IN COLVEND PUBLIC HALL

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

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