

COLVEND AND SOUTHWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 3rd June 2021 AT 7:00pm via zoom video conferencing.

PRESENT: D. Roan – Chair, S. Pain - Vice Chair, M. Parry - Treasurer, G. Webster - Secretary, S. Gourlay – Secretary, CCs J. Coates, K. Coltart, K. Filer, A. Jack, Cllr I. Blake.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

APOLOGIES: M. Pumphrey, T. Roan, H. Rowe

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Minutes of 6th May 2021

With no amendments the minutes were approved by J. Coates and seconded by S. Pain.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AGENDA

1. DGC Visitor Management Plan - In terms of extra car parking and facilities, not a lot has changed in this area and on the Bank Holiday Monday the Sandyhills car park was so congested cars were queuing on the A710. S. Pain mentioned overnight parking problems reported by Rockcliffe residents. This is believed to be due in part to the Bank Holiday and also because DGC removed the 'A' frame "No Overnight Parking" signs last week. I. Blake suggested that the signs may have been removed because they are advisory only and not enforceable by either DGC or Police Scotland. J. Coates stated that the signs were very effective whilst they were in place and their removal has seen a noticeable increase in overnight campervan parking. DGC have displayed a large banner in the Rockcliffe car park to deter overnight car parking however the additional notice placed on the noticeboard is felt to be too small to be seen by the majority of users. S. Pain has also been given a small number of similar A3 sized signs by DGC which he has displayed in various locations and he has ordered more. One problem he noted with the information on the DGC signage is that although they all have a website on them there is nothing to explain that this link will give authorised camping locations. G. Webster suggested that DGC could print a QR code that will link to the relevant camping availability information and affix to each sign already printed.

Action: I. Blake to take the issues raised back to the appropriate department(s) within DGC.

2. Glass recycling at Colvend - Further to the advice given by DGC that Colvend was too small to qualify for this facility, it was discussed that Kippford had one so why should Colvend not also have one. The environmental effect of having a central glass recycling facility rather than a doorstep collection was raised by J. Coates and responded to by I. Blake in terms of the DGC policy and this was unlikely to change.

Action: I. Blake to raise the issue of an additional glass recycling facility at Colvend with DGC.

POLICE REPORT:

1. No crimes were reported in the area.
2. Summer action plan ongoing from May 1st – August 22nd. During which time high visibility patrols are being carried out by Police focusing on wild camping. Patrols are being carried out

across the Stewartry however a particular focus is on the key spots around Loch Ken. On occasion these patrols are being conducted alongside the community safety team.

3. The lack of a Police Scotland representative at the CSCC meetings was raised by G. Webster and responded to by I. Blake who suggested that perhaps Police Scotland IT security policies restrict internet access to the Zoom platform. This is certainly the case with DGC issued IT equipment and why any D&G councillor attendance is on personal devices.
4. It was agreed to await the outcome of the recent A710 fatal accident investigation before deciding on any further action from the CSCC.

Action: G. Webster to write to Tony Topping to thank him for his comprehensive and extremely well explained response to the perceived safety problems on the A710. The CSCC reserves the right to proceed further if the outcome of the accident investigation does not fully address the expressed concerns of the community.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The balance remains as before - £16445.77p.

There is a cheque to the amount of £850.00 to be paid in from the Galloway Association of Glasgow.

PROJECTS :

1. Borean Crannog Interpretation Board

The National Museum of Scotland has now provided the long awaited photograph and the board design can now be completed and sent to Border Signs & Graphics to produce the board. They will also be requested to supply and fit three riven slabs in front of the board for people to stand on. This additional work is as a result of cost savings elsewhere in the project budget. The DGC Outdoor Access Team will supply and fit a finger sign indicating the distance to the Crannog somewhere along the beginning of the Core Path 20 diversion. Any unused funding has to be returned to SWEAT.

2. Bus Shelter Projects

Southwick

It was noted that the contractor has completed the construction of the new larger wheelchair friendly bus shelter with just some doorway staining needed to complete the job. Thanks were given for the standard of the work. S. Pain has been in contact with SWestrans to provide timetables for both this and the Portling bus shelter, J. Coates will check the timetable at Rockcliffe.

Portling

The viewing pane is the last remaining work to be done here and the CSCC agreed to provide a new pane at an estimated cost of £30.00. P. Reid has volunteered to fit it when available.

Sandyhills

The condition of the shelter was again raised by S. Pain, after having re-stained the shelter both inside and out (with the exception of the inner roof), woodworm infestation was noticed. This has been reported to D&G Roads Dept. and a response is awaited.

It was agreed that a fibreboard sheet will be fitted in each of the three bus shelters to facilitate display of notices.

J. Coates requested that Rockcliffe be considered for a future bus shelter, funds permitting, as there is nothing there currently. S. Gourlay also pointed out that Colvend is without one too.

3. Coastal Path Visitor Interpretation Boards

RWE Renewables have said they are very keen to provide sponsorship for this project to the amount of £791.10 which will be paid on submission of an invoice. The project now has funding available to the amount of £4641.10. The subcommittee has continued to progress board designs and two are almost complete with the 'Flora and Fauna' due for completion in approx. 10 days' time. RWE Renewables will supply content and photographs but do not wish to be involved in the design of the board, however they would like to approve the design when completed. It is expected by the time of the next CSCC meeting in July we will be in a position to place the order to supply and fit the boards. The exact board locations are still to be finalised and a paper proof of one of the boards will assist in the determination. It was raised if perhaps there would be enough in this fund to refurbish the lettering on the bell on the Monument.

4. Litter Campaign

The campaign has received a very positive response from the school and they are keen to start work on designing signs right away even though funding is not yet in place. K. Filer expressed the view that, in her opinion, the most important element of the signage should be a short and concise message with any picture a secondary feature. The CSCC will make a Leica Lumix camera available to any of the children to use in the design of their anti-litter poster.

The Tablet computer was officially donated and it is believed an item will be included in the next edition of the Galloway News.

5. Meikle Richorn dyking repairs

This work is still outstanding.

6. Colvend Hall Emergency Generator Switchgear

The subject of which level of supply (lighting and basic power or lighting, heating and full power) was again raised, the cost difference being £852.00 for the first and £1986.00 for the second both inclusive of VAT. It has been suggested that the cheaper option may prove to be a false economy in the event of a significant length power outage especially during the colder months. The difficult question is how to justify the more substantial spend if there were to be very few or even no power outages that would trigger the use of the hall. S. Pain pointed out that there were three planned power outages during the previous nine months which resulted in hardship for some of the local residents affected. Funding for the difference could be applied for from the National Lottery and a positive result is expected due to the relatively low amount involved. If the National

Lottery were to be contacted then a 12 week lead time would be normal. Seeking other and perhaps more competitive quotes for the electrical installation will be considered.

Action: S. Pain to make an application to the National Lottery for funding.

D. Roan asked the CSCC to consider prospective future local projects for evaluation.

Action: G. Webster to add an agenda item for July to discuss suggested projects for the final Robin Rigg fund application.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1. Gala Day

J. Coates advised the subgroup has now been formed and includes members of the school PTA, the Hall and the CSCC. Funding to cover the estimated cost of approx. £1200.00 has been applied for and any shortfall will be reviewed. It is likely to be over a weekend in August and held in the school playing field with activities for both children and adults. Entertainment and refreshments will also be laid on. Colvend Hall will host some sort of exhibition and children's drawings or perhaps photographs taken over the first lockdown are amongst some of the ideas being considered. Entries will be judged and prizes awarded. Discussions have been held with the local market organiser to see if the two events could complement each other or whether they would be best separated. Another consideration is the August Bank holiday weekend and whether it would be best to hold the event the following weekend to allow more local involvement. If the event proves successful then an annual event could be organised going forwards.

2. Sandyhills Beach clean-up

A beach clean-up is being arranged for Monday 7th June 14:00 - 16:00, car parking for participants will be provided free of charge on the overflow area. Suitable PPE will be provided.

S. Gourlay suggested asking Barend if they could let guests know of the beach clean-up and likewise J.Coates mentioned asking Sandyhills if they could do the same.

S. Pain announced that applications for funding had been submitted to two organisations for the Walking Football and Carpet Bowls activities.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we now have only one full size table tennis table.

PLANNING:

1. 21/0893/FUL & 21/0894/LBC - Barnhourie Mill Colvend Dalbeattie DG5 4PU - ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSIONS TO DWELLINGHOUSE INCLUDING FORMATION OF FIVE DORMER WINDOWS AND ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING MILL BUILDING TO FORM ANCILLARY ACCOMMODATION TO EXISTING DWELLINGHOUSE.

Action: G. Webster to review the planning application and see if the original water wheel was to be retained.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence has been duly forwarded.

AOCB

K. Filer asked if anything had been heard back from the DGC survey regarding the RoW and if everything had been concluded. D. Roan responded by saying that Richard Masters was, for the moment, unwilling to make the results of the survey public due to possible future legal action.

G. Webster advised that the DGC decision was still to be made and that the responsible committee (Economy & Resources Committee) are next due to meet on the 15th June. It is unlikely however that the RoW would be on the agenda for this meeting therefore the most likely decision date is the next meeting scheduled for 14th September. The report will be available online a week before the meeting and any concerns should be addressed to our three local D&G councillors. Rob Davidson is the Chairman of the E&R committee.

Action: G. Webster to monitor the situation and advise.

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

OUR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY 1ST OF JULY 2021 VIA ZOOM

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