

## AUCHENCAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Murray Hall

#### In Attendance & Apologies

Present: Brian Jones, Chair (BJ), George Makins, Treasurer (GM), David Foreman (DF) and Pamela Vaughan (PV). Rosie McClure (RM) Jayne Burton (JB) Paul Jardine (PJ) Adam Turnbull (AT)

Visitors: Trish Bate, Lee Paton, Shameen Syed, Anne Williams. Dougie Campbell

Apologies: Susan Small (SS)

#### Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes proposed PJ and seconded PV

#### **D & G Council Items**

- Dougie Campbell introduced himself and set out his concerns for rural communities. He explained his role and his availability for anyone who has concerns.
- Budget setting meeting that outlined where funds would be available and where cuts need to be made.
- Council discussions to mothball schools due to falling roles.

#### Planning

##### **Two current planning applications**

1. Pigeon Cote in Balcarry – 2 holiday Pods , soak away and car parking – assessment stage.
2. ACT bikes group- Siting of 2 portacabin containers as workshop – recommended for refusal by SEPA- still under assessment.

ACTION .- PV to check D&G Council Planning Webpage before the monthly meeting and report if any Auchencairn related planning applications are posted.

#### Finances

£924.80 Hall booking charges collected of which £815 is from ACT bookings .

Revised Scottish Power monthly charge is now £213 .11

ACC Bank Accounts

£14 ,721.91 Murray Hall

£8,388.75 – General Account

- Discussions about the number of trustees, this has been left with GM
- GM having quotes for the replacement of five wooden paned windows with UPVC windows. Due to issues with contractors GM is contacting sole proprietors.
- Lintels and pointing needs attention also.
- ACTION BJ to pass on contact details for local joiner.

## Auchencairn Initiative

AW

- Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> March -Discussions about ongoing maintenance of Heuchan House. Applications for grants to maintain the building .
- Defibrillator fund raising -Dalbeattie Lions awarded £350 -Total for defibrillator so far £850. £400 shortfall.
- Shop – Very tight over this period but the shop is now moving into profit.
- Keen to be involved in the Local Place Plan (LPP) potential.
- **CALL OUT – THE INITIATIVE DESPERATELY NEEDS MORE DIRECTORS.** Otherwise, there is the potential that D&G council could ‘repossess’ Heuchan House if the Auchencairn Initiative has to fold.

## **ACT Feedback**

### **Outline of the remit of ACT**

- John Halliday Trust – David Boyne has bought fruit trees and he wants to plant them alongside the allotment but there has been some concerns from current allotment holders.
- Proposed that Pheobe Marshall and Lee Paton will mark out areas where trees can be planted without access or amenities being impacted.

## Village matters.

### **Murray Hall Funding/Refurbishment**

- DC – Emphasis on local communities’ energy efficiency. New fund availability. Coastal communities benefit fund (annual fund) – questioned whether this has been accessed. Concern was raised about distribution of the grants. Contact person Sarah Farm.

### **Current Hall Events Committee – Feedback**

- RM – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April Tea Dance. Next pub night 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- Conversation about hall charges. Proposal being worked by sub group so ongoing.
- Sub groups for hall usage and management are still being established.
- Thank you to Trish for hall maintenance.
- Buy new toilet seats for hall. Invoice to be sent to GM for payment.

### **Traffic Speed Survey**

- PJ – Meeting with John Denerley when 20 mph zone was put in place. Speed survey was carried out end of last year 2023 - Results? Addressed to DC. ACTION DC – Will contact John Denerley and report back.

### **Request for Traffic Visibility Mirror (Church Entrance)**

- Request from a resident. Visibility mirrors near bend at church car park to improve visibility for local children crossing road..
- DC- Contact Tony Topping ACTION PJ

### **Balliol Court Feedback**

- PJ – Working on planting. Garden is coming along slowly. Looking for an official opening date.

- PJ - Clarified the garden is called Balliol Court Community Garden.

### **Local Placement Plan**

- BJ – Emailed- Nicola Hill Happy to sit down at an initial meeting to discuss what a local placement plan is. Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> April.
- Have a look on the council website to look at local place planning options.
- Grants available for local placement plans.
- Anne Williams- Emphasis regarding groups working together. Local input about priorities.
- After meeting finding will be reported back

### **Community Moth Survey**

- David Forman – Part of process of survey natural history and how it's changing. Changes in moth prevalence reflects climate change. Kirkgunzeon - SWISIC Collate this information. Money has been promised from Robin Rigg to do moth survey, Invited interest from the Auchencairn community. 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June. Would the school want to be involved just before the end of term? SWISIC will bring moth traps and will record moth activity.
- Find half a dozen people to host moth traps.
- David will create a poster to canvas interest in the village to host a moth trap

### **AOCB**

- TB – Suggestion of asking church to use their car parking space for Hall event parking. ACTION BJ
- Dog fouling in the village- BJ - Go to council website where you can record fouling or request a warden visit. Suggest that the school be approached to make posters.
- Suggestion of Community Council FB page. ACTION PJ

Date of next meeting – Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 7:00pm