

# Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council

## Minutes of PPCC Business Meeting held on Thursday 25 January 2018 in Pinwherry Community Hall

Agenda	Action
<p>1. Sederunt</p> <p><u>Community Councillors</u>            Anne Berry (AB)            Mike Chamberlain (MC)            David Logan (DL)            Hal Maxwell (HM)            Veronica Norman (VN)            John McAlley (JMCA)            Ian Yellowlees (IY)</p> <p><u>PPCDA/2Pins Rep</u>            Peter Walker (PW)</p> <p>Minutes: Irene Climie (IC)</p> <p><u>South Ayrshire Council (SAC)</u>             Alec Clark (AC), Councillor            Chris Campbell (CC), Link Officer</p> <p><u>Members of Public</u>            Linda Boyd (LB)            James Stewart (JS)            Ian Terry (IT)            K Terry (KT)</p>	
<p>2. Apologies:            No apologies had been received for the meeting.</p>	
<p>3. Declaration of interest:            No declaration of interest was received.</p>	
<p>4. Police Report:            The Police were not represented at this meeting.</p>	
<p>5. Presentations:            There were no presentations at this meeting.</p>	
<p>6. Minutes of Meeting on 16/11/17            The minutes of this meeting were not available and will be circulated as soon as received.</p>	
<p>7. Matters arising            Due to no minutes being produced, there were no matters arising.</p>	
<p>8. Correspondence:            a) Victoria Boyle had sent an email to HM raising an issue about tree-felling and the potential negative impact on the protected colony of red squirrels. HM confirmed that questions had been raised with the Forestry Commission (FC), three / four years ago. AC felt that the FC would stop if there was a</p>	

<p>red squirrel colony and stated that Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) would know about the extraction routes. JS said that no specific route had been set out when the wood was started. HM confirmed that he would write to the FC. AC said that he would take the matter up with Kevin Braidwood (KB)</p> <p>b) SAC Consultation "Balancing the Budget" – HM had received a survey regarding changes to public services and potential Council budgetary cuts. He reported that there had been several public events to highlight the difficulties which the Council were facing.</p> <p>c) Galloway National Park – HM had received an email from Heather O'Hare of Colmonell and Lendalfoot Community Council inviting members of PPCC to an open meeting on 23 Jan 2018 at which there would be a speaker detailing proposals for development of the Park.</p> <p>d) SAC re: Licensing Policy Consultation Event – to be held on Friday 02 Feb 2018 at County Hall, Ayr. HM stated that he was unable to go but PW agreed to attend.</p> <p>e) SAC Leadership Panel Agenda – HM had received notification of meeting for information.</p> <p>f) ACE – HM had received a letter of thanks for funding to enable the Fascinating Forest Christmas event to go ahead.</p> <p>g) HM reported that an invitation had been received for two members of PPCC to attend the Kilgallioch Launch event on 08 Feb 2018 at the North West Castle, Stranraer. HM wondered if anyone was interested in becoming a Director. IY pointed out that anyone interested would need to apply to Foundation Scotland (FS).</p>	<p>HM AC</p> <p>PW</p>
<p>9. Reports</p> <p>a) <u>Link officer</u>  CC informed the meeting that by-elections for Community Council members were being held at present. HM said that the current co-optees could only remain until 31 March then they would have the opportunity to stand as a member of PPCC. HM noted that there was an SAC advert on the website for the by-election . HM also asked JMCA to put notices on the notice-boards. CC noted that many Community Councils put vacancies on permanently.</p> <p>CC discussed the topic of whether the path at the station house was a public right-of-way as there was felt to be a need for a skip. HM remarked that it had been used as a right-of-way for over twenty years. CC thought that it might have been a right-of-way to the station but was not now – he said that Rachel Shipley (RS) could be contacted as Right of Access Officer. PW wondered if the person who lived in the station house had the right-of-way in their title deeds they might have removed it. HM said that he would contact RS.</p> <p>HM wondered where people would like a skip to be placed, pointing out that other villages got it provided by the Council. CC said that they should not put white goods in it. IY suggested that the skip might go in the layby in front of the old school as there was car parking available there. HM thought that the skip sat for one day a month in other villages. However CC advised that if the skip was too near to the main highway, then fly-tippers might strike.</p> <p>b) <u>PPCDA / 2Pins</u>  PW gave a report on the current situation of PPCDA and 2 Pins Community Company. He started by reporting that the Association had held a very successful Seniors Christmas dinner and a party which 21 local children attended.</p>	<p>JMCA</p> <p>HM</p>

Joint events planned include a proposed village challenge between Barrhill and Colmonell, which has been postponed until early March, a summer Craft Fair with vintage farm equipment and cars, an inter-village 'fun and games challenge' followed by a community Bar-B-Q and cream teas on Pinmore Green.

PPCDA has now become a SCIO and will hold an AGM to wind up the Association and then transfer assets and contracts to the new organisation. A Community development person can then be engaged to work on community projects and programmes.

Defibrillators in the two telephone boxes – funding of £7,875 has been received from Assel wind farm. The red phone box situated on private land has now been removed and the electricity supply disconnected.

The SWRI is growing in strength and increasing membership with a wide range of programmes.

The 2 Pins Board are now looking at a new proposed community facility by using a pre-build system that will meet the community's needs. There-designed smaller facility will not have the cafe and large sports hall. The new facility would now be a community hall larger than the present hall, a multi-purpose meeting room, toilets, kitchen and storage/plant room. The new facility is achievable at a rough cost of £300,000 within the next 18months/2 years. Funding for this smaller project will still require partnership funding from Community council wind farm funds, Carrick Futures, Hadyard Hill CBF and Trust Funders.

c) Elected Member's Report

AC reported that SAC was currently in the process of a Management restructuring as it had to make financial savings and inject dynamism into the operation.

This meant that Eileen Howatt would be the new Chief Executive, with Valerie Andrews and Lesley Bloomer leaving, and Clare Monaghan and Matt Baker not retaining their posts. Douglas Hutchison will now be responsible for Community, Sports and Leisure and Outdoor Education. Donald Gillies will now be responsible for the Asset Transfers capital programme, housing and building control.

AC stated that there was still a consultation on-going regarding the South Ayrshire budget as a 10% saving needed to be made. The take-up on the public say had been very good and the decision would be in March about the same time as the Scottish budget.

AC confirmed that there would be no compulsory redundancies this year but there had to be flexibility of the workforce with much more in the future. AC pointed out that there was even more difficulty in austerity.

AC reported that he had been at a meeting in October of the Galloway and South Ayrshire Biosphere. AC spoke of the great potential for tourism with up to Maybole / Dalmellington as the buffer-zone. Lorna Blackie of Girvan Primary School was keen to bring the biosphere into the curriculum and promote the potential for communities.

PW asked if Rural Panels were coming back and AC confirmed this, with rural members.

IY asked, if there were to be no compulsory redundancies, how did South Ayrshire Council get rid of people? Might there be "exit packages"?

AC said that SAC would be looking to communities and family public sector for service provision and to the private sector for profit to re-invest. Jobs still had to be retained on the ground.

HM reported that the NHS was in a similar position where posts were made redundant but the personnel had the opportunity for redeployment



- page linked to another organisation. If they had a page it would need an administrator to look at it every day and that someone could be co-opted to do this role.
- (ii) JMCA requested that Councillor Clark investigate the Council Litter Bins at Pinmore which are never emptied! One is on the steps to the Bus Stop and the other is on a Lamp Post between the Pottery and the Telephone box. Both have been damaged in the past and replaced.
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AC

14. Finance

MC produced a note of the balances as of January 2018:

Community Council	2506.35
Carrick Futures Small Grants Fund	4668.31
Hadyard Hill Small Grants Fund	4958.91
Minute Secretary	878.44
Kilgallioch Benefit Fund	75229.28
Layby Maintenance	0
Total in bank	88241.20
Assel Valley Benefit Fund	29633.57
Grand Total	117874.86

Website

Following discussion, it was decided that the 2Pins website would be paid.

Drainage Works 2 Pins site

The 2Pins drainage overrun had been refused as retrospective.

JMCA pointed out that FS had not been involved in many construction bids. HM felt that the CC had learned a lesson about the need for contingencies in bids for funding.

A vote was taken with a unanimous decision in favour of the payment being made on this occasion. HM agreed and that he would contact Cara Gillespie.

Small Grants

HM reported a request for £500 towards a Kit Bag (£1700). This was approved.

Winter fuel Payments

HM said that in October they had agree an outline funding process to allow PPCC to look at current, medium-term and long-term funding.

HM advised that under the MOU with windfarms that payments should not be for personal benefit and he felt that winter fuel payments could be seen as this.

IY said he had looked at the forms and felt they were full of ambiguities. He said he would like to take legal opinion.

HM said that whilst payment could be made it would set a precedent and we should focus on what offers greater benefit to the community as a whole. Many families did not need a winter fuel payment and money could be used to rebuild the hall.

HM said that we had already agreed to fund a Community Development Officer via the PPCDA and that this is likely to offer greater benefit to the community.

A veye was taken with the majority supporting not making the payment.

HM

<p><u>Future Funding Priorities</u></p> <p>HM said that they had now got money from Kilgallioch which showed a good reserve.</p> <p>IY wondered how the community could support the new community facility over three years. He thought that £58,000 could be raised through grants and other funds could be ring-fenced.</p> <p>JMcA pointed out that it had been more than ten years that the public had been asking for a new facility.</p> <p>IY responded by saying that by 2020 they would be able to put in over £190,000.</p> <p>It was decided to ask PW to speak to the architect about the original plans. IY felt that by employing a Community Development Officer would take a lot of strain of people who do the donkey-work. All it needed was everyone pulling together.</p> <p><u>Treasurer Resignation</u></p> <p>MC intimated that he would not be continuing as Treasurer following the end of the financial year.</p> <p>This was met by disappointment expressed by those present, although MC said that he would be happy to remain on the Community Council.</p>	
<p>15. The next meeting will be held on Thurs 15 Feb at 19:30.</p>	

The meeting finished at 21:45.