Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council

Minutes of PPCC Business Meeting held on Thursday 20 July 2017 in Pinwherry Community Hall

Agenda	Action
1. Sederunt	
Community Councillors Mike Chamberlain (MC) Hal Maxwell (HM) Veronica Norman (VN) John McAlley (JMcA) Ian Yellowlees (IY)	
In Attendance South Ayrshire Council (SAC) Elected Member – Ian Fitzsimmons (IF) South Ayrshire Council (SAC) Link Officer - Chris Campbell (CC)	
Public in attendance Hugh Armour (HA) Linda Boyd (LB) Ann Derry (AD) Harvey Johnson (HJ) Peter Walker (PW)	
Minutes: Irene Climie (IC)	
2. Apologies	
HM had received an apology from David Logan.	
3. Declaration of interest	
No declaration of interest was received.	
4. Open Forum:	
LB intimated that Pinwherry School was in a deplorable state with the memorial overgrown.	
HM answered this comment saying that PPCDA had plans for the future use of the school building since it had been closed by South Ayrshire Council (SAC).	
LB asked if this was not SAC's responsibility.	
HM confirmed that there were three different groups working in the locality:	
PPCC who was the official liaison between SAC and the community	
2Pins Community Association – looking at the establishment	

• PPCDA – dealing with more widespread infrastructure within the community.

JMcA added that the school came in under SAC's health and safety rules; therefore it did come under SAC's responsibility.

HA asked whether a strimmer could be used to clear around the memorial?

PW stated that it was planned for the school to be taken over as a community asset, but this had to wait until PPCDA became a SCIO. Once this happened, PPCDA could apply to take over the building which it had been offered at a cost of £1. PW invited HA and LB along to a PPCDA meeting.

CC pointed out that the school was not going to be maintained by SAC and that a barrier had been put up for public safety. He added that, if the community requested a tidy-up, they could apply to the Community Service team.

IF confirmed that SAC would not spend any money.

CC explained that if the SAC suggested the work to the Community service team it might say no but if the request came from the public it was likely to succeed.

PW reminded the meeting that the community could litter-pick within the 30 mph limit.

- 5. Minutes of:
- a. Meeting of 15 June 2017

The minute of the meeting of 15.06.17 was proposed by JMcA, seconded by IY.

b. Meetings of any sub-committees

There are no sub-committees at present.

- 6. Matters arising:
- a. Roads Issues (see draft letter to KB)

HM referred to a letter which had been sent to Kevin Braidwood (KB) of Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA).

HM reminded the meeting that certain roles had been agreed for Community Councillors at the recent AGM and that IY had been given the lead role for roads issues. If there were any issues about roads, IY would collate them.

7. Presentations

There were no presentations arranged for this meeting.

8. Correspondence

- a. HM had received a letter from a local resident expressing their thanks for the Hospital Transport Scheme, which they had appreciated greatly.
- b. Information had been received from the Merchant Navy regarding a Fly the Red ensign appeal, which gave details of how to take part in their fundraising scheme.
- c. A flyer had been received from Ayr Jazz Club advertising their Fridays evenings in Alloway.
- d. There was a letter from Ayrshire CND regarding the transportation of nuclear waste by road.
- e. There was a letter from Andy Hines, an agent of Scottish Woodlands Ltd regarding woodland creation proposals at Pinmore Mains Farm. IY had replied to this pointing out the lack of parking provision and the short time for consultation. This item was discussed in full under AOCB.
- f. Claire Monaghan of SAC had contacted PPCC regarding the election of SA Community Councils 2017 by-election there had been no nominations last month so VN was welcomed as the latest PPCC Councillor.

9. Reports

a. Police Report

There was no representation at the meeting from Police Scotland. IF said that he would speak to Susan Marshall Regarding future attendance.

b. Treasurer's Report

MC gave his report to the meeting, stating that the CC had a total of £71886.21 in the bank made up as follows:

Community Council	2087.53
Carrick Futures Small Grants Fund	6808.48
Hadyard Hill Small Grants Fund	7453.91
Minute Secretary	878.44
Kilgallioch Benefit Fund	54657.85
Layby Maintenance	0
Total	71886.21

MC reported that £5000 had been received from both the Hadyard Hill and Carrick Futures Funds in order to top up the Small Grants Fund.

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c. Secretary's Report

HM reported that there was no official Secretary to PPCC but that he had nothing to add to the correspondence dealt with earlier.

d. Link Officer's Report

CC reported that he had spoken to some young people who had been complaining about the disruption to public transport on the A714 recently. CC said that the young people stated they had needed to stay in Girvan the night before in order to get to work in the morning.

e. Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Development Association Report

PW reported that seven community members of PPCDA were working to turn it into a SCIO. Once this was achieved, PW said they would be able to get money from Assel Valley (AV) to employ a Community Development Worker.

PW said they did not get enough funding for the summer youth programme they wanted to run but they had managed to get two one-day events from ACE (Adventure Centre for Education) funded.

At the recent meeting there had been several comments regarding the public footpath leading up to the bus stop in the village from Colmonell. PW said that SAC had been down and quoted £7000 to produce a footpath but had stated that there was no money left in this year's budget.

PW said that KB had offered to look at the money in next year's budget.

IF said that he would see what KB said.

PW said that people who want the Colmonell bus use the footpath. He cited the case of two older residents who were not able to walk up to the bus stop any more.

CC stated that there was an issue in public safety if even one person was unable to access public transport.

PW then asked if the CCTV cameras which had been requested would be considered a safety issue by SAC.

AD thought this must be a justified expense.

PW reported that they had gained one quote for the notice-boards / milestones work and were waiting for a second quote.

PW also reported that the phone box at Pinmore was able to have electricity supplied to it and therefore could be used to house a defibrillator.

f. 2 Pins Company Report

HM reported that the Community association would be coming with a bid for tables as their last event required them to borrow some from Pinwherry Hall.

HM also confirmed that SWRI wanted to bid for a grant for curtains, which needed to be replaced in fire-resistant material.

PW said that 2Pins was also looking at getting a water-supply onto the site. He

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stated that the last supply had been cut off to the fire hydrant. Discussion around this suggested that this had now been sorted.

g. Girvan & South Carrick Locality Planning Group Report

HM reported that this group was chaired by PW and that they were trying to tie locals in with H&SCP.

HM stated that he attended meetings as rep of PPCC and had appended papers for information.

HM felt it was worth considering the PB (Participatory Budgeting) event in Girvan in October as this had little funding pots + this time there were larger pots.

PW said that there was money for each of the villages - £2500 for something that enhances the village.

HM reported that there was useful work going on with the Open Doors proposal, which would signpost individuals to the right area they needed support from. This project was to be piloted in Ballantrae and Girvan for which there was a lot of enthusiasm.

h. Elected Member's Report

IF asked if vegetation had been cut back at the bridge, which had been reported at an earlier meeting.

AD said that this had not been done.

IY said the situation was very dangerous now at Pinmore Bridge.

HM said that the bridge at Barr, which had been badly damaged, had been repaired but had not been damaged again.

IF pointed out that SAC was still in recess.

JMcA asked IF if the wall in Pinwherry as the lamppost was being dealt with as it kept being hit by artics. SAC had been informed and had taken some bricks out of the wall and moved the lamppost back but there were still bricks around.

JMcA also stated that, if a driver was coming to go to Newton Stewart, the give way sign was hidden by the trees.

IF said that he would have a look at this.

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10. Planning matters

HM said that there were no planning matters relating to the locality at present.

PW left at this point.

- 11. Any Other Competent Business
- a. First Responder scheme

HM reported that training was about to start. It was intended to set up a First Responder Committee which could then apply for funding in its own right.

HM said that he was happy to join the committee and had offered to act as mentor / on-going support as well as helping with training.

HM stated that the local H&SCP Locality Planning Group wondered if community councils wanted to have someone on the first Responder Committee.

b. Woodlands Proposal

Previously discussed under correspondence, IY said that he had received the letter from Chris Saunders (previous Chair) on 27.06.17, requesting a reply by 10.07.17. The basis of the proposals were:

- Timber and fuelwood production
- Harvesting on a sustainable basis
- Management would be via existing farm access routes
- Public access would be permitted but no seating would be provided
- No car parking was proposed

IY said that he felt there were insufficient details on various points.

CC pointed out that planting now would mean 20+ years before harvesting began.

HM commented that it was not just the planting and harvesting that would be of concern but the fact that access / egress would be onto the A734 to Barr. He felt there would be considerable disruption and that it was important to have access at all times if the public want to access the woodlands including walkers + dogs.

IY said that it was a condition of future Forestry Commission development work that the public had to be allowed access.

HM said that he and IY would draft a letter and send it off to the applicant.

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c. Open Doors

HM confirmed that he would respond to the contact regarding this proposal.

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a. Footpath

MC queried whether the footpath was the responsibility of SAC in terms of safety issues.

HM asked if IF would feedback to them once he had discussed the issue with SAC.

IF confirmed that he would have a look at this.

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HJ said that he was having to get off the bus in the dark and the lack of a good footpath was a problem late at night.

e. Women's Aid

JMcA

JMcA agreed to put up an advertising poster.

HM confirmed that there was an increase in clients accessing Women's Aid in South Ayrshire and that Peter Henderson (PH) was involved heavily in this.

f. Invitation to Public Sector Show, Manchester

There was some discussion regarding the letter received and whether the show would be a valuable use of time. No decisions were taken.

g. Research in engaging community councillors.

HM said there had been a delay in getting this but that he was interested in keeping in touch.

IY said this was part of the new SNP proposals – to take some power from SAC and give it to communities.

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HM said that he would email to say PPCC wanted to be involved.

h. Approval of draft documents from Foundation Scotland

HM informed the meeting of the Hadyard Hill (HH) Community Fund and the Terms of Reference of its Community Advisory Panel.

MC stated that he was still a Director of HH.

Discussion followed regarding the terms and they were formally approved.

i. Hadyard Hill (HH) Panel meetings

IY said that the Panel was down to two members from PPCC. He reported that last night the panel had decided that the third member should be asked to withdraw because they had not turned up for three consecutive meetings.

CC confirmed that some groups gave warning but that missing three meetings without apology put being quorate at risk.

HJ stated that the individual wished to apologise.

HM said this was not a criticism but it had been reported to PPCC that he situation exists.

HM said that under the rules that HH works to did not preclude the individual from coming back.

IY said that PPCC did not need to know this only the HH Panel.

HM asked whether the meeting should consider a third member for the HH Panel.

IY said that three places were allocated to each community.

JMcA felt that the roles of responsibility on HH could be removed – such as not living in the area, or failing to attend three meetings where an apology was received or two meetings without an apology. These terms were laid down by Foundation Scotland (FS).

CC asked if the individual could appeal on personal grounds.

IY said that FS would appoint an independent assessor and understood that FS had been informed this afternoon.

JMcA felt that a third volunteer on the HH Panel was needed.	
IY pointed out that there would be a funding round in the next few weeks and that some applications were quite large.	
IY said that he would ask {PW if anyone was interested from PPCDA.	IY
There was further discussion over the Panel and terms of reference.	
At this point of the meeting, the rest of the members of the public left.	
12. Funding Bids	
MC said that there were two funding applications:	
a. Club Diamonds - £500 was allocated to enable the group to hold further exercise classes.	
 b. 3rd Ayrshire 1st Girvan Scout Group – £500 had been requested towards two separate funding requirements, which amounted to £516.87. MC suggested that the application could be split into two so that the whole amount could be granted. This was agreed and MC said that he would contact the applicant. 	МС
c. There was discussion regarding a previous application by OIR for £400 for a music system. This was not agreed.	
13. Date of next meeting	
HM thanked all for attending and confirmed the date of the next meeting would be Thursday 21 September at 7.30 p.m., there being no August meeting due to that month being a holiday.	
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The meeting finished at 21:30.