Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council

Minutes of PPCC Business Meeting held on Thursday 17 January 2019 in Pinwherry Community Hall

Agenda		Action
1. Sederunt		
Community Councillors Mike Chamberlain (MC) Veronica Norman (VN) Mike Gallaghan (Co-opted) (MCal) Ian Yellowlees (IY)	South Ayrshire Council (SAC) Peter Henderson (Councillor)	
<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Police</u>	
None	Sgt Alan McDowall	
PPCDA/2Pins Rep Peter Walker (PW) Minutes: Irene Climie (IC)	Members of Public J MacDonald (JM) PPCDA James Stewart (JS), PPCDA David Walker (DW), PPCDA	
2. Apologies: Ann Berry (AB), Chris Campbell (CC) and Hal Maxwell (HM). 3. Declaration of interest: None.		`
4. Police Report: Sgt McDowall reported that there had been one report of two lost sheep from a garden. Two 999 calls had been received, both pertaining to a police vehicle having crashed. There had also been twelve planned shoots. Sgt McDowall advised everyone to be aware that this was a time of year when stocks of tanks containing heating oil or diesel were reported to having been stolen from them. PH reported reports of sheep worrying and said that there were posters available to making ramblers and dog walkers aware of the need to keep control of dogs. Sgt McDowall agreed and said that sheep were having lambs over a longer period than in years gone by.		
5. Presentations: There was no presentation this month.		
6. Minutes of Meeting on 20/12/18 The minutes of this meeting were approved by MC and MCal.		
7. Matters arising There were no items under this.		

8. Correspondence

a) Brunston Castle – IY stated that, following the ceasing of trading by Brunston, Castle the assets were now back in community hands and shared by Barr, Dailly & Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Councils. This required decisions to be taken on controlling the assets, keeping the building secure, maintaining the integrity of the fixtures and fittings, deciding how the assets were handled e.g. by selling the Clubhouse or by donating the equipment to the community.

IY revealed that the Brunston Castle was a Charity Transfer from Hadyard Hill (HH) and was then given to the Golf Club by Foundation Scotland (FS). It had been that a condition of sale that if it ceased trading the Assets should revert to Community ownership.

IY stated that Dailly CC was prepared to take the lead in any forward move and had said it would need approval to do this from the other two CCs. After a short discussion, it was decided that PPCC would support this by Dailly CC.

- b) IY stated that the application by Breedon for the extension of Barbrae Quarry had been submitted to South Ayrshire Council (SAC).
- c) IY had a poster regarding future timetable of the Mobile Library.
- d) IY had a note of the next Participatory Budgeting Event being on Sat 02 March 2019.
- e) IY had received a reply from Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) stating that it would monitor Little Pinmore Bridge and ensure it was maintained.

9. Reports

a) Link officer

The Link Officer was not present at the meeting.

b) PPCDA / 2Pins

PW reported that there was still interest in obtaining the former Pinwherry School by Community Transfer. PW stated that there would be a public meeting in the near future to move forward.

PW said that there would be a meeting with FS around the bid for a Community Development Officer and that he would be contacted for an assessment.

c) Elected members report

PH stated that the main Council work revolved around the budget, which needed a cut of £17.2m and also said that £5.2m required to be kept for emergencies. A meeting had been held on Mon 14 Jan but the Health Board had said they could not help.

PH said that £1.2 had to be cut from education but stated that the falling roll meant that this should not create major difficulties.

On hearing appreciation from those present regarding the state of the main road, PH said that £2m had been diverted to the roads budget for South Carrick.

PH informed the meeting of two new initiatives for the employees of SAC. One was a new ten days leave assigned to help SAC victims of domestic abuse have time to

make arrangements related to their individual circumstances. The second was that, following an unfortunate experience, maternity leave would be deemed to start from when a baby was discharged from hospital to ensure that a mother's maternity leave would not run out before the baby was discharged.

PH responded to a VN concern by stated that both Hillcrest Care Facility and Nursery Court in Girvan would not be at risk of closing.

10. Planning Matters

IY said no new applications at present but that there would be a new travel plan for consultation and that a new Planning Act would be coming to Scotland.

11. Roads

There was nothing to report under this.

12. Open Forum

VN reported that she had been informed that there would be rail maintenance being carried out from 10 p.m. - 6 a.m.

13. AOCB

There were no other items.

14. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21st February 2019 at 19:30.

The next part of the meeting was a private session.

15. Private Session

1. Treasurer's Report

HM had submitted a spreadsheet detailing the current balance and expenditure as he was not going to be present at this meeting. This was distributed to all.

2. Brunston

Following discussion it was decided that those present fully supported the sale of this property. Concerns were raised regarding the isolation of Brunston, being close to Maybole and a question of the possibility of vandalism.

IY expressed his worries over bad weather, the possibility of flooding and the state of equipment inside the Clubhouse. He informed the meeting that there was a balance between limited heating and the possibility of pipes freezing as this would not be covered by insurance if pipes were allowed to freeze. In addition, any alarms should be linked back to the police.

IY asked if those present were happy to let Dailly take the lead and this was agreed.

IY said that PPCC had been asked if they would be willing to give then name of someone who would act as contact. Someone would put their name forward from each CC. IY said that he was happy for his name to go forward if this was agreed by the meeting, which it was.

IY said that he had received an email from HM relating to the previous meeting in which it had been suggested that he work with Grant applicatants in an advisory

capacity, this interpretation was not correct.

IY then said that the community meeting on the way forward did not agree a changed process; the previous agreed changes would stand until the next meeting.

IY reminded the meeting that at the previous meeting, they had approved the Grant Application for a Community Development Officer post at an estimated cost of £45,000 (without contingency). This person was largely to encourage and develope community activities, but there would be no building to put them in. Approving a bid that had a number of errors did not help our longer term objective of moving the balance of decision making from FS to the CC.

IY said that he was unhappy at the lack of a strategic plan to deliver the "School Project" and outlined a two option way forward – Asset Transfer or Discounted Purchase.

IY suggested that, if the Asset Transfer did not work, PPCDA should be going for a discounted sale. The price placed on the school in 2013/14 was £130,000 less deterioration and there could be a cost of c£50,000 to SAC to bring it up to scratch so a potential offset cost leaving a potential c£80,000 acquisition. Spending on all major projects should be paused until the "School" was secured for the Community; this approach was approved by all.

IY to meet with PW and outline together with agreed changes in process.

MCal expected that the building, if renovated and properly maintained, would go up in value.

VN questioned why there had to be a building on the 2Pins field?

IY said that the loan given to purchase the field had conditions on them. He thought that PPCDA should ask for clarification before starting planning work. HH had said that it had to be for a community centre. CF had put restrictions on it.

IY pointed out that the danger was that the funders could ask for their money back if a community centre was not what they considered as stipulated.

MC reminded all that HH had also said that they had to start building by Dec 2015.

IY said that the transfer to a SCIO had been approved by HH. HH had said that the loan must be to used to provide a community centre as there had to be an incentive for individuals to come out of Girvan and provide classes for the local community.

IY asked that the remuneration to the Minute Secretary be amended to include 60mins for travel and an additional 30mins for sundry elements of administration – all agreed.

This concluded the meeting.