

NEW CUMNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 31st January, 2018 in the Town Hall. New Cumnock.

Present:

Apologies:

Cllr's Todd & Young (EAC),

In attendance: Cllr's Crawford & McMahon (EAC), Const.'s Sanderson & Henry (Police Scotland) and 12 members of the public.

1. The members of the Community Council expressed their condolences to the Chair on her sad loss and asked (and others) to pass on best wishes.
2. It was noted that the speaker for the Ashmark Wind Farm Development had been held up by the inclement weather. Should they wish to do so an invitation was to be extended to the developer to attend a meeting of the Business Group.
3. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th November, 2018 were moved as correct by and seconded by .
4. **Matters Arising:** It was noted that the application on behalf of the Glens had been submitted on time to the REF Fund.
5. **Application by Keir Mining for extension: No comment.** It was however decided that a request would be made to Keir Mining to ask what arrangements were being put in place to make the site available to the public and to request that the road be opened to traffic before 2019.
6. Concern was expressed that local members of East Ayrshire Council were having to declare an interest and remove themselves from the planning committee when as members of the Minerals Trust there was deemed to be a clash of interests. This had resulted in decisions being taken by councillors who were not local to this area. It was agreed that the secretary would write to the Chief Executive expressing our concern.

Action:

to write to EAC Chief Exec.

7. It was agreed that _____ would also write to the Chief Executive, EAC, listing numerous matters that were of local concern. A draft of the letter would be circulated and members were encouraged to read this and reply with any comments as soon as possible.

Action: _____ **to write letter and all members to comment if appropriate.**

8. _____ asked if it was possible to use wind farm money to employ people to clear the pavements. It seemed that this was possible and would be looked at as a future project but a service level agreement with EAC would have to be put in place.
9. Members expressed concern at the ‘non-repair’ of the roads. Members were urged to e-mail Cllr. McMahon with any specifics.
10. **Police Report:** The Police officers reported that there had been 22 incidents since the last meeting and that 12 of these had been detected.
11. A verbal report was given on the situation with Scottish Power.
12. It was noted that there would be a further round of Participatory budgeting awards aimed at Young Persons who were urged to apply.
13. **Social Care Partnership:** _____ gave a report on the paper that had been circulated and how it might effect New Cumnock.
14. On the request from _____ asking for details of the new rail timetable it was agreed that _____ would compose a suitable reply.
15. **Community Councillors Foundation Course:** Anyone interested in taking up this offer was encouraged to do so and to inform the secretary.
16. **Ward 8 Members comments:** Cllrs. Crawford expressed concern at the state of the roads. Cllr. McMahon was concerned also about the timetable for completing the flood prevention works (2020/21).
17. A report was given by Cllr. Crawford and _____ on the situation with the Coalfields Federation.
18. **Correspondence:** The secretary reported that he had distributed 24 items since the last meeting. One of the items from the Galloway National Park Association was discussed and an invitation to attend a future meeting of the Community Council would be extended.

Action: **Secretary to write to Galloway National Park Association.**

19. **Financial Report:** The written report was noted.
20. **Business Group:** The written report was noted.
21. **New Cumnock Development Trust:** The Written report was noted.
22. **Complaints Procedures:** agreed to review the complaints procedures and report to a future meeting.
23. **Confidential Item:** A resolution regularising the financial arrangements between the Community Council and the New Cumnock Development Trust was discussed and **unanimously agreed.**
24. A vote of thanks to the chair was made and unanimously agreed.

The date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 28th February, 2018 at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Treasurer

28th February, 2018.