

Castletown and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 27th May 2021 at 7.30pm.
Meeting held via Zoom.

Present:

B. Dunbar, L. Geddes, J. Calder, C. Hossack, B. Magee.

Co-opted Members:

D. Bertram, L. Ryan.

Others in Attendance:

Stephanie Remers. (C.V.G.).

Apologies:

G. Sutherland, Jamie Farquhar (Police).

2/MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THEM:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed as a true record.

Proposed: C. Hossack. Seconded: J. Calder.

The minutes of the AGM were Proposed by J. Calder, Seconded by B. Magee.

3/FINANCIAL REPORT

At the moment balance in the bank is £4,207.44.

Grass cutting equipment received at a cost of £1,800.30. Additional grant of £500.00 received for Village Officer from the Highland Council.

New street lighting cable was laid at the West end of the village last year and the ground has been left in a right mess. On behalf of Andrew who is having difficulty cutting in this area the Treasurer sent an email to the street lighting people and is still waiting for feedback from them.

4/POLICE REPORT

Police report sent by email.

In the past 4 weeks there have been 9 calls - 8 crimes and 1 non-crime - of these crime calls, six are detected, two are still under investigation and zero are undetected.

Graffiti in Murrayfield area - patrol plan in place for Castletown.

Poor response to drug related crimes.

Jamie Farquhar our Police Person and Donnie Mackay our designated Councillor to be notified of all future meeting dates.

5/COUNCIL REPORT

There was no Council report.

Stephanie Remers a Project Officer spoke of her work with the Youth Club and obtaining funding for the purchase of a greenhouse. The ground below the Youth Club was discussed and possible ways of making contact with Russells. Stephanie was keen to help with other parts of the village needing attention.

6/CORRESPONDENCE

Caithness Resilience Updates.

Halsary Wind Farm Information.

Slickly Wind Farm.

George Ewing - development officer, rural connections.

Highland Council - Peter Wheelan - erection of grid stability facility at Thurso Sub Station, Geiselittle, Thurso. Members had no objections to this application.

7/ AOCB

The Brocks have received preliminary permission with conditions for the caravan site at Castlehill.

A film crew have been at the harbour, the programme being filmed is called "most scenic rail journeys". The owner of the harbour has still to be established and there has been some erosion which needs attention.

The owner of the mill has applied for permission for a new build at the back of the mill and is happy for the council to decide on where the road should go.

It is hoped that in the Spring a crossing at the old Post Office will be installed through the "Safer Routes to School" also dips in the pavements for mobility scooters.

Hopefully will go ahead fairly shortly. No further forward.

Members wondered if the Community Wardens still visited the village.

The state of the trees in the lower end of Calder Square was brought up, also the walls at the car park and Pentland Place.

Pleased to hear that the new garage owners intend to sell fuel. The owners have bought the ground opposite the garage belonging to Norscot.

Extra bins required for the Sandend Car Park. Bins are in place.

A concerned member brought up the wall as you head towards the harbour which is giving concern. This has already been brought to the attention of the Brocks.

The plantation road has not been repaired as promised, therefore water is lying at the side of the road. Report to Kevin MacKay.

Being no further business the date for the next meeting was set for Thursday 24th June 2021 at 7.30pm held via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 20:30 hrs.