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## PORTPATRICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

#### 1. Present and Apologies

**Present:** June Hoad, Carlyn McDougall, Cathie Buchanan, Margaret Nixon, Alick Rintoul

**Apologies:** Wilma Hoad, Louise Rintoul, Simon Smith, Cllr Ros Surtees, Jill Murchie, Billy McDougall

5 members of the public were also present

#### 2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October and Minutes of Meeting of previous community council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Proposed for approval by CMcD and seconded by AR, proposed for approval by MN and seconded by CMcD

#### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

CMcD reported that application for Discretionary Grant had been completed and sent away.

Portree Terrace playground – CMcD met with DGC representative and decided on placement of new equipment – this equipment is to be sited in Spring.

#### 4. Police Report

Please see separate report

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

Portpatrick Community Council Accounts provided for meeting: Dec 2019

Date	Group	Bank deposit	Bank withdrawal	Cash deposit	Cash withdraw	Bank balance	Cash balance
	Opening balance					£9415.70	£203.25
	PCC Bank Open(£1218.32) Donation PP School Secretary ink Close(£975.84)		£200.00 £042.48			£9173.22	
	PCC Cash Open (£120.03)						
	Festivities group Bank Open(£1376.29) Xmas fayre 2019 Costs Donations Xmas fayre 2019 Total raised Transfer to senior citizens Close (£2482.80)	£2689.90	£288.00	£745.39 £550.00		£10279.73	
	Festivities group Cash (£83.02)						
	Village hall fund Bank(£100.35)						
	Village hall fund Cash (£0.00)						
	Village xmas lights grant D&G Open(£322.72) H&G Lights Close(£72.72)		£250.00			£10029.73	

Nov 19	Senior citizens Group Bank Open (£1186.56) Lunch gifts 2019 Transfer in from xmas fayre 2019 Close (£1174.56)	£288.00	£300.00			£10017.73	
Dec19	Senior citizens group £0.00 cash Donations xmas lunch 2019 Close (£140.00 )			£140.00			£343.25

	Foundation Scotland grant 2016 Open(£117.38) De-Fib maintenance						
	Foundation Scotland grant 2017 Open(£817.69) Planter group £506.89 Dog foul bags £10.08 Community cinema blinds £300.00						
	Foundation Scotland grant 2018 All spent						

	Foundation Scotland grant 2019 Open (£4276.00) Planter group £385.00 Portree terrace playpark £3891.00						

## 6. Working Group Reports

### a) Festivities Group

This is now Year 4 – There is a lot of Christmas spirit around and CMcD offered thanks to all individuals and groups who take part. Portpatrick should be proud and any ideas for the Festivities are welcomed, either at PCC meetings or by contacting any member of PCC. A Total of £2,689.90 was raised at our Christmas Fair. Portpatrick Primary School raised over £600 between the café and other activities.

CMcD received a letter of thanks from Portpatrick Church re £100 donation for lights.

### b) Senior Citizens Lunch

Senior Citizens lunch had 75 attendees. A delivery service was provided by the Crown for people who couldn't attend. Gifts and prizes were gratefully received for the raffle and Alec Gault provided transport in his taxi. £140 was donated on the day and a card was received from Rosemary Ritchie thanking everyone for the day.

### c) Hall Working Group

Discussion ensued re the supposed division in the community. All groups in the village could come to our events and meetings and it is shameful that DGC are making a supposed fractured community a point of our village. How do we get the point across that there is no fracture – just a very small group of people who do not participate in village events/meetings PCC are continuing to run the hall to ensure it is available for our community

SA from the floor – suggested writing to two parties asking them to meet and resolve the problem. CMcD stated that this has been done previously – with no response to PCC from either DGC or PCDT. CB stated that DGC had indicated that they would like mediation to take place with a national agency. As stated before DGC are stating that our community is fractured which is very much disputed by PCC. PCC plan to meet with DGC to ask what their plans for the hall are.

AR suggested looking at membership of PCDT as a percentage of community.

From the floor – Harbour Group have proven themselves to be worthwhile and doing their job as stated. DGC have put onus on business plans which are mainly speculation and wish lists.

PCDT do not have their meetings in the hall which could well be a good thing for them as the community would be made more aware of them if they did.

## **7. Repairs and Maintenance Report**

443927 - Broken Gate at top of Graveyard – dealt with on 28 October 2019

443947 - Moss on path to Graveyard – dealt with 28 October 2019

Light out at Old Mill across from Gate

Stones out of wall next to MUGA/Bowling Green

Tree hanging over at church

Wall at Blackburn Bank fallen away near Basket Weavers Cottage

Pothole near monument on Heugh Road

Request for salt bin

Pot Hole – Dean Place front of Mansewood

Requested – ramp at 2 St Ninians Place

AG from the floor - Going up to the Graveyard, the path between Portree and Merrick Terrace is very green and slippery. This needs attended to. There is also a large pothole at the roadend between the junction and cemetery house.

## **8. Planning**

No planning applications

## **9. Correspondence**

Re Village Hall

From Karen Brownlie on Sept 19  
Good Afternoon,

Further to my email below and Communities Committee on Tuesday 17 September, I can confirm that it was agreed that "Option 1 to implement a new Service Level Agreement with Portpatrick Community Council in relation to the operational management of Portpatrick Village Hall (paragraphs 3.23 to 3.29)." As detailed within the report this will also include the increase of fees and charges and the prioritisation of expenditure.

I am on annual leave from tonight until Wednesday but anticipate being able to send you an updated draft as soon as possible thereafter. Therefore, could we please set aside a date to meet to sign the agreement? The signing of the agreement will only need be completed by 3 of the Committee, myself and a witness so it will not necessarily need to be within your fixed Community Council meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

### Notes

We have no agreement in place for running the hall

We have had no update from DGC re outcome of meetings re CAT – DGC do not have full title to the hall.

It is illegal under the terms of the Community Empowerment Act for us to have any agreement with DGC

The voice of this community is again being ignored, why?

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### Playpark

PCC sent email to KB and HH re alterations planned to the playpark which include the removal of the picnic bench and seating sited in the gravel areas at the entrance to the park. We only found out about this by accident.

The playpark trust intend to remove these items and replace the ground surface with slabs. This has been approved by DGC but PCC have had no notification of this. We queried why these items were put in place as had we known this work was to take place we would have delayed installation. This is mis-management of funding given to both PCC and the playground trust. This job is now being done twice. We were informed that upgrading was planned but given no details.

We have asked for details of the agreement between DGC and the playpark trust. No response received so far.

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From Rod Edgar, NHS, D&G.

A WAY of making greater use of resources within Galloway Community Hospital is to be trialled over the next three to six months.

An expansion of the ambulatory service and the creation of a 24/7 Emergency Department observation unit is set to be trialled as part of the Transforming Wigtownshire programme workstream 'Making most of the Galloway Community Campus'.

The workstream within Transforming Wigtownshire is looking to ensure that the resources at Galloway Community Hospital are being used to maximum benefit. Currently, not all the inpatient bed space within the hospital is always being used, and yet must always be staffed and maintained. The twofold test of change will adopt a more dynamic model of working, using two beds to enhance and expand the ambulatory service which currently runs Monday to Friday, 8 am to 3.30 pm.

This expansion will not only include the extra space but it will expand the staffing capacity so that the unit can operate from 8 am to 8 pm, Monday to Friday. This will give people the opportunity to have treatment after work or be able to get intravenous medication two to three times a day without the need for admission.

The second element of the test of change is utilising a further two beds to provide an Emergency Department observation unit which will be open 24/7, 365 days a year.

This will provide a safe and effective area to observe those individuals who are either waiting to be transferred to a more specialised facility for further care or those individuals who need short term treatment of less than 24 hours, thus avoiding the need for a hospital admission.

There is built-in capacity for this test of change, with the flexibility to revert any of those four beds back to inpatient beds should they be needed. The outcomes from this test of change will be evaluated and measured – and the results made publicly available.

**NOTE:**

Any enquiries should go to Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership Communication and Engagement Manager Rod Edgar, by calling 01387 241061 (internal ext 33061) or emailing [rod.edgar@nhs.net](mailto:rod.edgar@nhs.net)

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**McCoy, Shona** <[Shona.McCoy@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Shona.McCoy@dumgal.gov.uk)>

Mon, Oct 7, 12:54 PM

**OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE**

We are contacting you to advise you that the Council adopted their second Local Development Plan (LDP2) on **3 October 2019**.

The adopted Plan can be viewed at:

- Council libraries;
- Council planning offices (Kirkbank House, English Street Dumfries and Ashwood House, Sun Street, Stranraer); and
- online at [www.dumgal.gov.uk/LDP2](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/LDP2)

Shona McCoy - Team Leader, Local Development Plan  
Development Planning  
Economy and Development  
Kirkbank House, Dumfries, DG1 2HS

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From Emma Harper's Office MSP

I am letting you know that the above EU Citizen Event that Emma was planning on holding jointly with Citizens Advice this coming Friday (08/11/2019) is now rescheduled due to Parliamentary Purdah Rules which come into force after the dissolution of the UK Parliament on Wednesday of this week.

The rescheduled date is 10 January 2020 at 5pm in Ernespie House Hotel, Castle Douglas.

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John Ross and Linda McKie are involved in this. Email from Ingrid Gemmell

Good afternoon,

I have been asked to pass on the above letter from the Transforming Wigtownshire Leadership Team. The Transforming Wigtownshire Leadership Team would like to re-visit Wigtownshire Community Councils to provide an update on the work of the Transforming Wigtownshire Programme (TWP) and discuss continuing to work together to achieve the aims of the programme.

If you would be willing to host the team at a future Community Council meeting can you let me know and provide some dates when you have availability on your agenda?

Ingrid

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Letter from the Hub, Dumfries in connection with funding cuts for the Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme. Asking PCC to sign their campaign against this as it would impact particularly on rural communities where there is a scarcity of social housing. At [www.thehub.org.uk](http://www.thehub.org.uk) - we can support this campaign online.

JH read out correspondence received.

CB to deal with correspondence

## **10. AOCB**

Sylvia Armour, Chair of Previous PCC– received email from visitor who gave donation for removal of trees blocking the views – just to say thank you for the work being done.

SA went to ask about waste disposal situation – SA spoke to council employee re this and was told it was not viable because of under use.

From the floor - Alec Gault – Asked PCC to send letter to council re the food collection bins being stopped. CB to do this. Decision to remove this service was made and implemented before there was discussion.

AR – there seems to be no national strategy for the benefit of the population. Recycling is very important and AR spoke about recycling in other countries.

Next Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> February