

MACHARS ACTION

Board Meeting held on Monday 25th April 2022

MINUTES

1. In Attendance

Robin Richmond (Chair), Carol Lochrie (Machars Action), Meta Maltman (Glentroll and Bargrennan Community Trust), Richard Kay (Cree Valley CC), Kirsty Currie (Whithorn CC), Kevin Dean (Kirkcowan CC), Jennifer Harkes (Sorbie CC), Jim McColm (D&G Council).

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jen Hendry (Port William CC)

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Proposed by Meta, Seconded by Jennifer

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

5. Office Report

Carol reported the following:

The support officer for KCDT is now in post and working one day per week in Machars Action Office

Machars Action has appointed Phil Hall for one day per week to manage the Marketing Strategy for us. There will be a brain storming session within the next few weeks and thereafter an Action Plan will be presented to the Board. Machars Action is currently working with D&G Council to develop a new Constitution for the Wildfowling Management Committee which would include Machars Action as the administrative arm of the Committee.

Carol reported that she is working with Tom Ingles and the Community shop with regard to a Memorial Bench for Willie McCartney, former Chair of Machars Action.

Carol reported that she had received an email from a Passport/ Driving License equipment supplier. The Board felt that this was not a necessary spend due to the fact that photographs may now be taken on mobile phones.

6. Financial Report

Members of the Board reported that they had not received a copy of the March financial report. Carol agreed to resend this and gave the Board an overview of income and expenditure for March 2022.

7. Community Matters

Kirkcowan;

Kevin reported that Tree planting is taking place at the Rest Garden.

There is a Jubilee Event organised for the weekend to include a Garden Party in the park, races, picnic, Fancy Dress etc. Carol asked for a Poster to be placed in Machars Action window.

A Litter pick has been organised.

The Kirkcowan Community Council AGM will take place on 16th May.

Cree Valley;

Richard reported that plans are progressing for the Jubilee weekend events at Minnigaff Park. There will be a Tea Dance on the Sunday and afternoon teas over the weekend.

The number of objectors to the preliminary mining exploration is increasing with 2 anti-mining groups having been set up recently.

Whithorn;

Kirsty reported that plans are well advanced for the Jubilee weekend. There will be teas, games, tree planting and a Silver Band.

Whithorn CC has complained again to D&G Council about the pot holes in the area.

Glentroot;

Meta reported that the Hive is essentially complete. There is an issue with buying furniture as the bank is still in the process of changing signatories for the account, so there is no access to the account at this time.

The Hive will be utilised as the official polling station for the May elections.

There will be an official opening of the Hive with the oldest and youngest member of the community being invited to open the building.

Work is continuing on the three houses with interior renovations taking place at the moment.

There are no official plans for a Jubilee event.

Sorbie;

The Sorbie Community Council AGM has been held.

4 trees are due for delivery to be planted in the cemetery.

The redundant telephone box is no longer going to be used to house a deliberator.

Sorbie is not planning an event to mark the Jubilee, however a picnic table and bench will be placed at the village hall with information about the history

Jennifer reported that the Council have been made aware of the poor state of the pavements in Sorbie.

Wigtown;

Robin reported that he was unable to attend the previous Wigtown Community Council meeting and will provide a report at the next meeting.

8. Any other Business

Richard reported that a gate leading to a core path at Wigtown Harbour Road has been padlocked. Robin agreed to investigate the matter.

The Machars Action Board would like to thank Jim McColm for all his hard work over the years. Jim will not be standing again for re election

**in the forthcoming elections. It is hoped that Jim will continue to be a constant presence both in the local community and in Machars Action.
"Thank you, Jim,"**

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 23rd May at 7.30pm.

