

Proposed STEVE O'BRIEN Seconded Emily Pike.

CROSSHILL, STRAITON & KIRKMICHAEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Minutes of meeting held in McCandlish Hall, Straiton on 28th May 2024

- 1. In Attendance:** Patrick Lorimer (chair), Emily Pike (vice chair), John Haston (secretary), Gordon Ferrie (treasurer), Steve O'Brien, Margo O'Brien, Marnie Watson, Martin Dunlop, Ryan Douglas (SAC Link Officer), Audrey Gatt (SAC), Stuart Lindsay (NCCBC)

Pat Lorimer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 2. Apologies:** David Stokes, Steven Dunlop, Councillor Brian Connolly, the Police

- 3. Register of Interests:**

No changes to the register of interests declared, and no conflict of interest declared.

- 4. Visit from Audrey Gatt and Stuart Lindsay**

Audrey discussed the Scottish Government consultation process, and whether it could be done separately for the three villages, or as one combined plan. Audrey suggested a survey instead of or as well as public meetings, as a way of getting more community involvement. A sample survey form was presented, as used in Ayr East. This could be adjusted to suit the needs of our three villages, with input from community groups. There was no set deadline, except that survey results would need to be in by September to be included in the SAC Development Plan in October.

- 5. AGM Matters - see separate minutes.**

- 6. Police matters:**

The police were not present, but a report had been submitted by email for May 2024.

There was 1 planned shoot, 4 road traffic crashes, 3 calls to assist member of the public, 4 dropped/silent 999 calls, 1 alarm activation, 1 external agency request, 1 report of a suspect person, 1 fraud report, 2 concern for a person, 1 neighbour dispute, 1 call about animals, 3 abandoned vehicles, and 2 assaults. No crimes were reported for this period.

Pat Lorimer is to write to the police about the road traffic accidents.

- 7. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 30th April were accepted, proposed by Margo O'Brien and seconded by Steve O'Brien.

- 8. Matters arising from the minutes:**

Nothing that was not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

- 9. Village concerns**

Straiton: The path by Fowlers Croft is getting very overgrown. Gordon has contacted Rachel Shipley to get this cut back. The community skip arrived last Friday, and was taken away on Monday. No hazardous material was observed. It was noted that one delivery had been missed in March. Gordon attended a public exhibition about woodland creation at Knockgardner. This appeared to be well planned with a variety of mixed woodland. The Straiton Show is on Saturday 8th June.

Kirkmichael: The village gala last Saturday went very well, with good weather on the day. There are still drainage issues with the playing field. Pat will take this up with SAC. The grating was put back in place, and the tree across the burn was removed before the gala. Thanks to SAC for doing this. The container has also been moved, now in the corner that was allocated for wild flowers. A drain is blocked outside 26 Bolestyle Crescent. The bus stop beside the park has no sign. There is no update on the requested lay-by by the school. Bolestyle Road is in a poor state from the old bridge to Dyrock Road, and the road to Patna is also getting bad.

Crosshill: The defibrillator pads are due to expire soon. Pat advised to contact Claire Bryan of NCCBC for replacement pads. There has been no response from SAC regarding permission to install the second defibrillator on the community centre. The £6000 community project fund has been allocated, but the funds have not yet been received from NCCBC. Pat said this needs to be signed off by Mark Fletcher. The Crosshill gala is on 15th June, in the football field. Overhanging trees by the park have now been cut back. Still outstanding are the war memorial base, the road surface at Milton Street and Bruce Square, and the pavement and adjacent car park. Road lining paint is still to be reinstated by the bus stop. Kids were reported driving a farm buggy up and down the Dalrymple road by Ballycoach. There is no response yet from ARA regarding the speeding survey,

10. Treasurer's report

Gordon Ferrie presented the monthly report. The bank balance was £540.28, with no income this month. Cheques were issued £34.16 for printer ink and £40 for McCosh Hall rent,

11. North Carrick Community Benefit Co. (NCCBC)

The charity shop is due to get its completion certificate soon. Grants were issued for a disabled boat for the fishing club, and for a large TV screen for the McCosh Hall users. A meeting held a few years ago discussed what could be done with the funds. Revenue funding is being considered, Funding applications are welcome. Difficulties were noted in getting applications in, and with getting matched funding.

12. Wind farms

Gordon attended the Back Fell public event in Straiton. There was a big turnout, but many people in Straiton are disillusioned with this coming back again, and so close to the village. The proposed wind farm is similar in location and layout to that previously rejected, but now with larger turbines and a different applicant. Steve and Margo attended the 1st Crosshill Public Consultation event at the Community Centre,

13. Correspondence

All email correspondence to the secretary were forwarded to the rest of the council, so these are not repeated here. One items of note is a recent email from CAG asking for quick win suggestions in our area: The cemetery path had been suggested, but they only seem to consider wide multi-use paths, for both cyclists and pedestrians.

14. Planning applications

Steve O'Brien gave a planning report, with two new planning applications:

- **24/00320** – New dwelling house at Dalhowan Farm, Crosshill, basically an extension to Dalhowan Street
- **24/00258** – New dwelling house at Roaston Farm, Kirkmichael.

No objections were made to the above, but there was discussion whether the new house in Dalhowan Street would have listed building status.

Two planning decisions were also reported, both approved:

- **23/00596** – 8 Main Street, Straiton, heat pump and 9 solar panels
- **24/00006** – Palmullan bridge, Straiton, erection of telecommunications mast.

15. Social media

Margo gave an update: n the last 28 days our Facebook page reached 631 people, with 150 post engagements. We have 3 new page likes and 6 new followers. There are not so many X (Twitter) and no statistics on that. Margo suggested including links to planning, galas, etc.

16. Any other competent business

- None noted.

17. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 25th June 2024, at 7:30 pm in the Crosshill Community Centre.
The meeting closed at 9:45 pm.