

Minute
Borgue Community Council, 22nd January 2019, Borgue Village Hall, 7pm

Present: John Shields, John Enos, Carol Ryall, Laura Moodie, Adam Gray, Nicola Sanderson, Janette Watson, M Heywood, D Heywood, William McCarthy, Nicola Sanderson, Councillor Pauline Drysdale

Apologies: Susan Finlay, Mary Wishart

1. Welcome and apologies

John Shields welcomed all to the meeting, in particular our new Councillor, Pauline, and prospective community councillors Will and Nicola.

2. Minutes and matters arising

Who	Action	Status
JS/JE/CR	To install community council noticeboard	Done
IG	To provide 50 paper copies of Council budget consultation to share with members of the community via pub.	Done
LM	To send signed constitution to Council.	Done
LM	To draft poster seeking new Community Councillors.	Done
LM	To work with PTC to request a 20mph zone within the centre of the village at the school.	Done
LM	To find out what has happened to the bus pilot project	M/A

ACTION: John Enos to remind the Council to make sure we get a regular ‘turn’ with the temporary speed monitor sign and don’t have to chase it up; to ask how long it is in-situ for and how often we’ll get it; and to ask how much it would be to install a permanent one.

ACTION: PD: Will raise these issues, and concerns about a 20mph limit at the school, at a meeting on Friday 25th January Milk lorries to be speed tracked from later this year.

ACTION: JE: Write to MSPs, supporting school in 20mph zone for Borgue village.

The January meeting minutes were proposed by CR, seconded by JE and approved unchanged.

2a. Bus Pilot Project

There will be a follow-up community consultation meeting on 29/1/19 at 7:30pm in the Hall.

2b. Defibrillator

A new battery was installed in late December at a cost to the community council of £150. This is 37% of our annual budget and absorbed all the funds raised at the Christmas Fair. We need to look at long-term maintenance costs / replacement costs for such items.

3. Secretary's Report (circulated prior to meeting)

There had been no response from CCES on the remainder of the fallen tree at Blackriggs. The bulk of the tree was cleared by the community, however the rest can't be safely felled without closing the road and therefore needs the Council to take it on.

ACTION: JS to forward existing CCES query and map to PD

ACTION: PD to raise issue with Roads team.

4. Treasurer's Report

At the start of the month the Community Council had £1,000 in the bank, however the invoice is due for hall hire for the last year and we have spent £127.58 on the new multi-purpose banner. The banner is available for community use and can display up to 6 laminated landscape sheets.

4a. Film nights.

A full cinema report will be prepared for the March meeting, at which point there will be then be enough information to work out costs for next year.

4b. Sustrans bench and sign

We are awaiting a response from Ingrid Gemmell re: public liability insurance as the CC insurance info online doesn't answer the question but otherwise the bench is ready to install.

ACTION: CR to chase IG re: insurance

5. Stewartry Community Council Network (SCCN) and SCVS update

JE updated those present on the SCCN come which meets four times a year to discuss issues affecting all Stewartry Community Councils. The SCCN had been in limbo while SCVS's future was in doubt. SCVS now shares office space with KBT Dev. Trust. A meeting is planned for 30th January.

6. Community Issues

6a. Roads

Recent meetings have seen considerable concern about the state of the roads across Borgue. Some improvements have been made since meeting with Cllr Campbell and the roads department,

however the situation is now as bad as it was, if not worse. Roads to Ross Bay and coast road at Ingleston particularly bad. Tourism is important to area, and a lot of visitors are cyclists, for whom potholes can be extremely dangerous. There have been several reports of serious injuries and accidents involving cyclists as a result of the poor road surface. This issue is important to the local economy as well as residents.

The CC has carried out regular pothole reporting via CCES and another site visit has been requested. The Roads manager will meet with JS & JE on Monday 28th January at 2pm. All our local councilors are welcome to attend, though PD is unable to make it.

It was felt that the Council needs to review its road maintenance policy. These roads now take huge farm machinery and trucks and the substrate was simply not designed for the weight of traffic. BCC is keen to see the council prioritise where the local community want to have improvements, perhaps developing a five-year improvement plan, rather than the current reactive patching work.

6b. Recycling

Residents in Borgue have made significant efforts to be environmentally conscious, including litter picking, beach cleans and conservation-related activities. It is therefore frustrating to see that D&G Council has one of the worst performances in terms of recycling and there has been no satisfactory response from officers or councilors on improving this. The Council has been granted a derogation from the Waste (Scotland) Act for more than two years but this will not be indefinite and the Council is in effect breaching the law.

If the Council is developing plans, it has been poor in consulting with CCs. BCC is keen that the Council improves its engagement with community councils and that this would be an excellent area in which to get their input on the solutions that would work best in their communities.

The school has just been informed, without consultation, that their blue bin collection will be cut from once a week to once a fortnight. Not only will this increase waste going to landfill (their bin is full every week and if it can't fit in, it will go in with the general waste) but indicates a wider waste of resources – if a vehicle is coming weekly to collect a single blue bin from the school, why can't all households and businesses in the village have a blue bin that is collected at the same time?

6c. Dog fouling.

This has been a major issue since the start of the year, including in the school field, residential gardens and school garden and on verges on the Borness Road.

ACTION: LM to draft poster and info for Facebook page

ACTION: LM to contact Community Safety team to ask for a dog waste bin and bags to be provided in the village

7. Potential new Community Councillors

Due to a change in the scheme of establishment, Borgue Community Council can co-opt additional community councillors. Two of those attending this meeting (Nicola Sanderson & Will McCarthy) have expressed an interest in standing and will be co-opted at the next meeting.

8. AOCB & DONM

Following lobbying by the Community Council a new postbox has been installed at Kirkandrews. It is not fully commissioned yet but is expected to be soon.

JE will attend the Third Sector D&G Roadshow on 29th January in New Galloway to enquire about sources of funding for CCs, particularly for developing community plans.

On 28th February there will be a talk in Borgue Hotel about local place names and their history as part of the PLACE Project. PLACE are also seeking one-minute movies to edit into a professional film the community can use for promotion. There is further information online and on the noticeboard.

PD shared that Business Gateway offers free online courses offering useful training on making short films for social media.

Nicola Sanderson wished to thank the CC for work on organizing this year's Christmas Fair. It was very well received and raised significantly more than the previous year, despite the poor weather.

Dates for 2019-2020 meetings

Tuesday 19th March 2019

Tuesday 16th April 2019 (AGM)

Tuesday 18th June 2019

Tuesday 17th September 2019

Tuesday 19th November 2019

Tuesday 21st January 2020

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Tuesday 21st April 2020