

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH NOVEMBER 2017

Present

Lynda Findlay Chair, Isobel Gibb, William Findlay, Callum Gough,

James McKelvey, Stew Lee, Steven Morrison, Katie Nairn from Foundation Scotland, Jim Dempster Councillor.

Apologies

Alanna Rogerson, Androulla Richford, Anne Arrigoni

The minutes were agreed and proposed by William Findlay and Seconded by Isobel Gibb

In the absence of our Secretary IG agreed to take the minutes

It was agreed that we let Katie Nairn, from Foundation Scotland, address the meeting as there was no requirement for her to be present during the full meeting.

Katie announced that she was leaving Foundation Scotland and that Cara would be taking things forward and would be our new contact. She advised that there was going to be changes to how the Clyde Funding would run as this had been transferred and a company called Greencoat could probably be the new Management team. There was a choice of course to stay as we are with Foundation Scotland, and pursue changes through them and their charge is 8% or go with the new people whose charge is 5% We have asked Katie to arrange to let us see the other party's proposal before making our final choice. Katie put forward the case for Staying with the Status Quo.

James asked why Foundation Scotland never acknowledge his emails or letters and Katie was going to make enquiries. Katie advised that she would ask Jane to look into this.

JD advised that the Upper Nithsdale Area Committee have up to 30k for Community Projects. He also advised JMCK that the Economic Development Department help businesses.

KN was asked if the funding could be wiped out by any organisation putting in a huge grant and advised that there was strict governance, but took on board the VC concerns that we are not aware of applications coming from other parties but were assured that the village rep has a say as to whether these are acceptable. All grants must be used for the purpose on which they were granted. She also confirmed that grant was a charitable award and not for private gain and must benefit the community and that it was not in Foundation Scotland to change the legislation.

Dallies Dyke

JD will check to see, that the estate had applied for and received Council authorisation to close the road, and that the current arrangement of a wooden fence meets current health and safety requirements and provides a satisfactory Crash Barrier.

Discussions took place regarding the Dyke removal and JD could not understand why if we felt so strongly about the Dyke that we did not fix it ourselves. He was advised that this was not possible because of the Public Liability Insurance. The VC thought that there were still a discussion to be had prior to it being removed but BEL removed it before this could be arranged.

LF mentioned that as we were a Conservation Area, surely this would have had some bearing on the matter.

JD mentioned that the Grit Bins should be filled shortly and the Gritters

Outdoor Gym

Discussion took place regarding the Outdoor gym and concerns were raised about the practicalities, however as this has been discussed and sufficient time allowed for objections to be received from the community that this would stand as approved as per our previous proposals and the cost would be under £12k

Remembrance Sunday

11th Nov was remembrance Sunday, JD asked if someone could pick up the Councils Wreath from the Butcher in Sanquhar and JMcK agreed to do this.

Bus Stop

JD said that he would check this again but could not understand why we could not undertake this with a grant from the WF. Again public liability comes to the fore.

Old Grave Yard

SL advised that there were several Grave Stones in a Dangerous state and LF had already phoned Caroline McLennon who advised that they would be made safe.

Fly Tipping

SL advised that this has now been removed.

Light Up

IG advised that subject to the Council being able to complete the works we were on schedule for the 2nd December.

The meeting adjourned at 8.35 and the next meeting will be ?????? Lynda sorry I cannot remember if we arranged this?