

Present: R.Greenshields, J.McGuire., G.McLean, K.Chisholm;E.McGill.

In Attendance: Con. Pullan, Con.Meadows, Con..McKeough, S. Jones;. T.Goodsir;
E.Carty, R McArthur. E.Denton,

Apologies. Cllr. Devlin, Cllr. McGuigan.

Previous Minutes Distributed and Agreed: K. Chisholm.

Police Report

Con. Pullan introduced 2 new Community Police Officers, Con.Meadows, Con.Mc and continued to report as follows:

- 36 crimes were reported over the last month, mainly made up of Breach of the Peace/Vandalism. There were no serious crimes reported.
He indicated there would be major but positive changes ahead for the Police Force.
- As from 1st November, there will be 4 Police officers instead of 2 to cover the area. This will be from 7 days per week, 8am – 10pm.
- A web-site has been set up for Public input.
- Nature Trail – Concerns from public.
T.Goodsir reported: Nature Trail at end of Viaduct has become a drinking den for local youths. Police Officers are aware of this concern.
- Olifard Avenue – Green area is to be landscaped in an attempt to prevent youths playing football and causing damage to cars and gardens.
- Parking in Fallside Road – Chairman reported cars parking on pavements and was of the opinion that this practice might be illegal as it is a danger to pedestrians and other vehicles. Police are aware of this on-going issue and emphasised the need to make our complaints official in order that the matter may be dealt with.
- E.Carty reported residents complaints about cars speeding along Appledore and also the noise made by this practice. Police to monitor the situation.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- Pavement Progress - It was agreed that South Lanarkshire Council be congratulated on the on-going repair/renewal of pavements in the village.
- Traffic Lights at Pedestrian crossing - Scottish Power to replace electric cable after which S.L.C. will replace the post. Date stated 15 October, 08.
- Historic Scotland negotiations – Chair. has been given the green light for a further 2 tourist directional signs to Bothwell Castle. As suggested, Blantyre Road/ Uddingston Cross.

Web-site Working Group Report

- Web-site is now up and running! www.bothwellcommunitycouncil.org.uk
- Home Page was passed around to be admired and J.McGuire directed members through the various pages.
- Suggestions for inclusion were invited.
- E.McGill requested a page for the Covenanters' Field.
J.McGuire explained that the information leaflet, currently being developed by Brighter Bothwell could be included as this would give the historic view of Bothwell.
However, if Liz wished to write up a piece on the Covenanters. Field, then it would be included.

Memorial to Peter Baxter

It appeared that there were 2 separate parties who wished to remember Peter Baxter, a former member of the Community Council.

- by a plaque on one of the benches in front of the Jubilee Walled Garden
- by a bench at the top of Fallside Road./ Uddingston Road

It was agreed by the committee to await the outcome of the letter sent by Chair. Bob Greenshields on behalf of Peter Baxter's wife requesting the plaque, before any further correspondence with S.L.C.

Correspondence / Planning

- Croftbank Avenue - S. Jones reported that it came to her knowledge that Planning Consent had been sought for 12 flats at entrance to Croftbank Avenue. After further investigation on her part, it appeared that the Planning Application had been withdrawn.
Committee agreed to closely monitor the situation.
- 34/36 Blairston Avenue - E.McGill reported a neighbour complaint;
the house next door was granted planning approval for an extension and builders erected scaffolding in the neighbours garden in order to carry out the necessary work.
Cllr. Devlin is aware of this issue.
- Planning Application has been withdrawn for the following;
China Cottage extension.
14 flats at Bellshill Road/Hamilton Road.

Councillors' Report

There were no councillors present at this meeting.

Chairman's comments on Cllr. Mitchell written Report. 2 Sep.

Copies of this report were distributed to all present.

Bob Greenshields gave a comprehensive reply to this report (which numbered 12 items in total), with specific reference to the opening paragraph.

He continued, that the bickering and point scoring referred to by Cllr. Mitchell was entirely due to the councillor's insistence that he was a member of the Community Council, when in actual fact,

he was ex-officio and as such, he could have no say in the work of the committee. This had been pointed out quite clearly at previous meetings.

Therefore, with reference to item 12, the suggestion from him that ‘the time is right to create a small sub-committee, perhaps in conjunction with Brighter Bothwell’ was inappropriate in his position and would not be taken up.

Report on the Book-keeping Records and Accounts of Bothwell Community Council for the years to 31st March, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008.

Liz Montgomery C.A. of E.M. Cubed Ltd. addressed the Community Council by introducing herself and stating that she was in attendance at the meeting in order to present her findings on the above Report.

Introduction to the Report

Copies of the following appendices were distributed to all present:

1. Interview transcript between treasurer John Gilmour and Bob Greenshields.
2. Letter of resignation from Treasurer John Gilmour (stating reason for his resignation)
E-mail and letter from Simon McBain C.A. (stating forgery of his signature)
3. Extract of financial information.
4. Bothwell Village Christmas Parade.

Main body of the Report

Conclusion - It was concluded that “ there was a total lack of financial control within Bothwell Community Council”

*see Conclusion section of Report.

Recommendations were made as to the future conduct of the Community Council.

*see recommendations section of the Report.

M/s Montgomery advised that any member of the Community Council wishing a full copy of the Report to forward an e-mail address.

Meeting closed It was agreed that Chair. Bob Greenshields be given “ a vote of thanks” for his attention to detail and timely intervention in bringing this matter to the attention of all Bothwell Community Council Members.

Jeanette McGuire