

06 January 2009

1 Present R Greenshields, Chairman
J McGuire, Secretary
S Mowat, Treasurer
T Goodsir
M Lummi
R McArthur
E McGill
G McLean

2 Apologies S Jones
E Pierce

3 Adoption of December 2008 Minutes

Minutes previously distributed were now agreed – S Mowat/G McLean.

4 Matters arising from these Minutes

4.1 Traffic lights at pedestrian crossing/pavements

Chairman confirmed that all work has now been successfully completed. It was agreed to acknowledge our thanks, in writing, to SLC.

4.2 Next major pavement project confirmed

Blantyre Road to Bothwell Castle Golf Club – work will commence April 2009.

4.3 “Lake” at the Co-op/Griqua Terrace

Councillor Devlin has provided details of a contact name who may be able to help with this issue. It was agreed to follow up this line of enquiry.

4.4 Web-site up-date

J McGuire reported that the new printer had been installed.

G McLean – up-date on December news page with request for January news items.

4.5 Historic Scotland

Confirmation of the order to SLC for 3 new information signs to Bothwell Castle.

5 Police Report

No police were in attendance.

In the absence of the police, T Goodsir referred to the following.

5.1 ASCC Conference, Local Policing Plan

Following committee discussion on this subject, it was agreed to contact Inspector Riley of the local constabulary with the intention of inviting him to our March meeting, in order to take part in a question/answer session.

5.2 Nature Trail

There has been a dramatic increase in vandalism and graffiti in this area with the deliberate destruction of the stone wall, near Barbie Place.

It was agreed to continue to report such incidences to the police in order that a dossier can be compiled for evidence.

6 Correspondence/Planning

6.1 Good Practice Briefing Session for Office Bearers

This is to be held on Tuesday 27 January 2009 at 7.00 p.m. in SLC Offices, Hamilton.

6.2 11 Old Mill Road

Revised Planning Application submitted. Councillors Devlin and McGuigan to enquire and report back.

7 Councillors' Report

7.1 Bothwell Primary School up-date

Concerns were voiced as to fears of traffic congestion at pupil uplift/drop off points.

8 Treasurer's Report

S Mowat reported –

Account balance to date £3,060.50

Expenditure –

HP Printer	Invoice	£ 127.80	chq paid J McG
Chair. B Greenshields	Expenses	£ 57.86	chq paid BG
Straightline Publishing	Invoice	£ 189.75	chq paid direct

9 AOCB

9.1 Role of the Community Councillor

The Chairman distributed copies of this document and requested members to peruse and discuss. Chairman then delegated specific areas/tasks to individual members as follows.

T Goodsir	Responsible for Planning Applications (JMcG to e-mail SLC contact details)
S Jones	Green Street outdoor gym
M Lummi	Monthly up-date – concerns of business community.
R McArthur	Monthly report/Appledore (supported by Councillor Devlin)
G McLean	Web-site working group. News page.

9.2 Mr C. Guidi, Sweethope Gardens (Residents' Association)

Mr Guidi brought the following concerns to the committee.

a. Fairyknowe Gardens

Overgrown bushes/shrubs present a danger to pedestrians. Chairman BG to take immediate action on this.

b. Footpath – M74/Bothwell/Strathclyde Country Park

A traffic danger to pedestrians. It was pointed out that this was in North Lanarkshire Council. BG to take immediate action on this.

c. Proposed outdoor gym, Green Street play park

Mr Guidi explained residents had, over the long term, been plagued at all hours, day and night, by noise, disorderly youths in the play park. Neighbours were subjected to deliberate incidents of vandalism, including muck and other items thrown at windows and deliberate destruction of the play park equipment. He felt that the police did not take their complaints seriously enough despite having continuously contacted them about the problem. Therefore residents had decided to form a Residents Association in an attempt to address the issue. It had been suggested to erect a gate which would be locked in hours of darkness and a resident would be responsible for opening/locking the gate.

He concluded by stating that the newly formed Residents Association felt strongly that the proposed outdoor gym would only act as a magnet for the youths, thus making the problem even worse. The committee fully discussed this issue but had reservations about the locked gate being the responsibility of residents. It was agreed that the best course of action initially would be to liaise with both police and residents.

Chairman BG/S Jones to take immediate action on this.

10 Date of next Meeting

Tuesday, 03 February 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, Fallside Road, Bothwell.

J McGuire, Secretary

***All questions/responses/contributions must be directed through the Chair. If you wish to speak, please indicate to the Chair by raising your hand.**