

BOTHWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Community Centre
Fallside Road
Bothwell**

03 February 2009

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

2 Apologies E Pierce
R McArthur
Police Constable Pullan

3 Adoption of January 2009 Minutes

Minutes previously distributed were now amended as follows –

- 1 Sederunt to include Councillors Devlin and McGuigan
- 6.2 Should read 16 Old Mill Road and not 11 Old Mill Road
- 8 HP Printer invoice to read £127.87 and not £127.80

Proposed M Lummi, seconded G McLean

4 Police Report

There were no police in attendance.

The committee expressed disappointment at the non attendance of police representation at the meeting as several members wished to bring various concerns to police attention.

4.1 G McLean

St Bride's Primary School – several serious incidents of vandalism reported.

4.2 S Jones

Hamilton Road – speeding traffic despite 20/20 signs.

Langside Road – local residents are regularly disregarding the “one way” signs i.e. going against the traffic flow.

B Greenshields to report all concerns to police immediately.

5 Matters arising from these Minutes

5.1 Mr C Guidi, Sweethope Gardens

Chair. B Greenshields reported that police were contacted and all concerns reported re noise, disturbance and vandalism. Police will visit residents in the vicinity and will further investigate allegations.

Fairyknowe Gardens – owner was contacted and agreed to cut back offending shrubbery.

Footpath, M74/Strathclyde Country Park – North Lanarkshire Council was contacted and agreed to take action.

5.2 ASCC Conference, Local Policing Plan

T Goodsir to contact John Neilson, Strathclyde Police to set up appointment at BCC monthly meeting.

6 Committee Reports

6.1 T Goodsir

Nothing further to report.

6.2 S Jones

Green Street Play Park – SJ gave a comprehensive account of the survey of residents in the area regarding the proposals for the play park. Overall comments were very positive especially for the type and potential users of the proposed equipment. She has also identified one of the residents who is a SLA employee and who has offered his support to the project.

It was agreed to pursue the project to the next stages.

6.3 R McArthur

Apologies submitted

6.4 M Lummi

Main Street business – ML commented that most local businesses appear fairly stable post Christmas sales but, like all other, are fearful for the future in the current economic downturn. The problem of the lack of parking outside small shops was raised. Committee posed the following questions.

Ought there be a greater variety of businesses in the Main Street?
Are there too many food shops/restaurants in the village?

It was agreed that the law of supply and demand is the criteria for all small businesses to either succeed or fail.

6.5 G McLean

Web site news page – news items to come from the committee and ought to be up-dated on a regular basis. It was agreed to continue this page for one further monthly only. In order to advertise the Community Council to the general public, it was suggested to put posters in shop windows stating, where, date and time of the meetings.

It was agreed to contact Hamilton Advertiser reporter Alistair McNeil with up to date items of interest as soon after the monthly meeting as possible.

6.6 L McGill

Nothing further to report.

6.7 E Pierce

Apologies submitted

7 Treasurer's Report – S Mowat

7.1	Account balance to date	£2,687.59
	Expenditure	Nil

8 Correspondence (J McGuire)

8.1 Letter of acknowledgement to SLC of work done re traffic lights/pavements.

8.2 Cultural Strategy Consultation Event 05 March 2009.

8.3 Historic Scotland letter of confirmation of information signs.

9 Planning (T Goodsir)

9.1 16 Mill Road has outline planning permission granted under delegated Powers and agreed in principle. TG to monitor this application.

9.2 Number 1 Dunlop Crescent – planning application lodged for granny flat extension in rear garden. Several objections had been lodged therefore application will come to the Area Committee 11 February 2009.

It was agreed TG to use own discretion as to which planning issues would demand urgent attention or to hold till next monthly meeting.

Councillors will support TG with extra information at their disposal.

10 Councillors' Report

10.1 Bothwell Primary School up-date

Leave/drop off points for pupils – St Bride's Church car park – 4 buses. During Lent, Kirklands Hospital to be used. Blantyre Road, 3 buses plus 1 after school care mini bus.

Councillors are working with police to ensure area is free of cars to allow the safe drop off/pick up of pupils. They are also investigating the possibility of off street parking at school to take the cars off the surrounding roads.

Discussions/negotiations with all concerned are on-going.

11 AOCB

11.1 Using Time Effectively

Chair BG distributed copies to committee for perusal.

At this point, there ensued a lively discussion re- the introduction of item 11.2, Silverwells Crescent – Petition – traffic congestion problem.

The committee felt that Chair. B Greenshields, in his enthusiasm for having projects completed quickly, was in fact undermining member confidence by not allowing prior consultation at committee level and presenting projects as fait accompli.

Chair B Greenshields did accept the criticism levelled at him and offered his sincere apologies to members. However, due to lack of time, he stated that he would welcome the opportunity at the next meeting to give a detailed reason as to why and when such actions, in his opinion, were necessary.

Due to lack of time the following items of business were held over to be fully discussed at our March meeting.

11.2 Silverwells – Petition – traffic congestion problem

11.3 Bothwell Community Council/Covenanters' Association meeting

At this meeting JMcG, secretary, took Minutes in order to present Covenanters' proposals to the Committee.

11.4 Proposals for Station Road/Blantyre Mill Road

12 Date of next meeting

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

J McGuire
Secretary

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