

BOTHWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Centre

Fallside Road

Bothwell

16 June, 2009

- 1 Present** . G.McLean, Chairperson
J McGuire, Secretary
S Mowat, Treasurer
M Lummi
S Jones
R.McArthur

In Attendance Cllr. Devlin
Cllr McGuigan
- 2 Apologies** Liz McGill
T Goodsir
P. Morgan
R.Purss
- 3 Adoption of Minutes 19 May, 2009**
Minutes previously distributed were now adopted.
Proposed R.McArthur seconded S.Jones
- 4 Police Report**
No Police in Attendance

 - 4.1 Committee agreed that the non-attendance of Police. is becoming a real issue. There has only been one attendance by officers, over a period of 7 Community Council meetings.
 - 4.2 Cllrs. Devlin and McGuigan informed members that a new Police Inspector, Gillian Scott, has been appointed to the area. Also 1 additional Community Policeman bringing the total Com. Police up to 4.
Cllrs. are to attend a meeting with Police on 18June,09. They will voice our concerns re-non attendance and report back to Community Council next meeting.
- 5. Matters arising from last Minutes**

 11. Web-site Revenue.up-date
A meeting took place with Scribble Design Ltd./JMcG/G.McL to assess the feasibility of adding a hyperlink to the existing businesses listed on our Web-site The meeting had been most productive and the task appeared to be quite straight-forward.

It was agreed that C.C. would begin by carrying out detailed visits to shop and business premises while making the offer of adding the link for a small fee.

Members were requested to volunteer for this task. S.Mowat, S.Jones, M.Lummi expressed interest. The visits would take place over 1 day, during the school holidays. G. McLean to arrange.

6. Treasurer Report (S.Mowat)

- 6.1 Auditor Liz Montgomery fee for auditing 2008/9 Accounts £46
- 6.2 Audited Accounts have been submitted to SLC M.Armstrong in order to process Annual Admin. Grant.
- 6.3 Clarification on the purchase of the lap-top computer and printer was requested as it had taken up a large part of the Annual Admin. Grant. Committee agreed that M.Armstrong, SLC had not only agreed, but advised this purchase in November,08.
- 6.4 Treasurer - Audit expenses : Mileage/Photocopying £29.00

7. Correspondence (J McGuire)

- 7.1 Silvertrees Hotel Site – Letter of C.C. Observations sent. cc SLC Cllrs.
- 7.2 Tesco Planning Application– Request CC Observations ‘to vary hours of opening’
Sec. to respond before 18 June,09.
- 7.3 SLC Annual Garden Competition – Poster and Information leaflets distributed. Sec. to put leaflets in Bothwell Library.
- 7.4 Assoc. of Scottish Community Councils – Regional Meeting, SLC Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton, Sat. 3 October,09 Indicate attendance by 20 September,09

8. Committee Reports

R.McArthur

- 8.1 Anti-Social Behaviour: Youths are congregating in a vacant house in Appledore Crescent and using it as a drinking den. The house has also been badly vandalised.
- 8.2 Concern about Fly-tipping in the area was raised. Police have been most helpful. However these concerns were not passed on to SLC.

S.Jones.

- 8.3 Requested discussion one of the major causes of neighbourhood dispute. ie. Lack of Control of Garden Greenery. An article from The Mail on Sunday ‘Hedge Bullies to be Cut Down to Size’ stated that the Scottish Executive is to introduce ‘Leylandii law’ to curb overgrown hedges. Householders could

face fines of up to £1000 per day. Photographs re- lack of control of garden greenery around Bothwell were also produced.

Cllrs. agreed that such lack of control may indeed present a hazard for drivers in restricting their view of the road and also for pedestrians having to 'dodge' the hazard and being forced to walk onto the roadway. Advice given was, the problem ought to be pursued initially neighbour with neighbour. If no solution found, then by Police intervention. As a last resort, providing there is evidence SLC may cut down the offending greenery but it was emphasised this is **not** a SLC responsibility.

M.Lummi

- 8.4 Reported an elderly lady has sustained bad facial injuries after falling on the pavement at the gates of the Parish Church. This raised the question 'What influence can the Community Council have with SLC Roads Dept. to prevent further incidents of this nature?'

Cllr. McGuigan explained that Bob Greenshields had worked closely with SLC re- the poor condition of the pavements in Main Street. He had taken several photographs as evidence and had highlighted the problem to Health and Safety Officers. He had secured an agreement with SLC to 'patch' up the potholes until the promised 'streetscape' could be completed from the 2011 budget.

It was agreed that it was SLC responsibility to repair potholes.

S.Mowat put forward the proposal:

at the next Com. Council meeting there should be a full discussion on the subject with a view to setting up clearly defined procedures in the monitoring of the condition of the roads and pavements.

Fostering of connections with the Local Authority should be pursued.

M.Lummi seconded the proposal.

- 8.5 Credit Union to be set up in Bothwell. It was requested that SLC be sympathetic re- business put the way of Bothwell Post Office.

G.McLean

- 8.6 Problems of vibration on properties due to volume of traffic on Fallside Road. S.L.C. has agreed to repair 100sq.m. and fill in potholes. Work due to be completed end of June, 09.

9 Councillors Report

- 9.1 There will be a massive, on-going Roads/Footpaths project undertaken which will involve the complete closure of Bothwell Road, Bothwell Bridge, Hamilton Road. 18th July-20th July. Repairs will be carried out over 4 phases Strathclyde Public Transport will organise diversions via M73 to accommodate drivers.

- 9.2 SLC is to introduce a Credit Union for the benefit of Bothwell Community.

9.3 'How to Object to Planning Applications' This document is no longer available from SLC.

10. A.O.C.B.

10.1 It was agreed that during our recess, July/ August G.McLean would check Hamilton Advertiser re-Planning Applications and e-mail members of any concerns which may require Committee approval.

11. Date of next meeting 15th September 2009, 7.30pm

JMcGuire Secretary

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