

BOTHWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Centre

Fallside Road

Bothwell

15 September, 2009

1 Present S Mowat, Acting Chair
J.McGuire, Secretary
M Lummi
S Jones
R.McArthur
T Goodsir
P. Morgan
R.Purss

In Attendance Cllr. Devlin
Cllr McGuigan
Cllr.Mitchell
3 Residents of Castle Court

2 Apologies G.McLean Chairperson
Liz McGill

3 Police Report

3.1 Recently appointed Police Insp. Gillian Scott and Sergeant Scott Muir introduced themselves and gave an up date on the progress of the consultation doc. Bothwell/Uddingston Area Policing Plan the aim of which is to target the issues of Anti-Social Behaviour; Drug Abuse and Violent Crime.

In a concentrated attempt to tackle these issues, which affect the day to day quality of life in the community, the following measures are being deployed:

- The continuity of visible presence of Police Officers in the area will allow trust of the Public, to be built up over the longer term. Poster are to be put up in Post Office/Post cards distributed in the community.
- Regular meetings/ discussions with local councillors and partner agencies are already established in an attempt to engage with local youth. 'Beat the Goalpost' initiative has been successful in other 'difficult' areas but is very costly. Therefore, a bid to secure funding for Bothwell will be part of the plan.
- Police Officers emphasised the need to continually report any incidents, in an attempt to see any emerging patterns. The constant collaboration and consultation with the community in general will make the area more attractive for all to live in.

- Bothwell/ Uddingston Community Policing Plan – The consultation process is to be completed by October,2009 and should be ready to start at the beginning of the Financial year (April 2010 – 2011)

3.2 Reports of Vandalism:

- Pinwherry Place/Nature Walk - Vandals have made a large hole in the sandstone wall which backs on to a property in Manse Ave.
- Castle Court/ Medical Centre - Vandalism reported.

These reports were noted by Police Officers who in turn, re-iterated the need to constantly report all incidents which would provide a bigger picture of the problems.

3.3. Community Council Minutes - It was agreed that the Secretary will e-mail the Minutes and also any Committee policing concerns to Inspector Scott.

3.4 Officers gave the assurance of a monthly presence at the Community Council Committee meetings, if at all possible.

3.5 Acting Chair.S.Mowat thanked the officers for their comprehensive explanation of the Area Policing Plan and assured the officers of continuing support from Bothwell Community Council.

4. Adoption of Minutes 16 June, 2009

Minutes previously distributed were now agreed and adopted.
Proposed by R.Purss and seconded by S.Jones

5. Matters arising from last Minutes

5.1 Web-Site Up-Date

Local businesses which were listed on our web-site had been visited and asked whether, for a small annual fee, they would be interested in having a link to their own web-site included in their entry.

Due to the high level of business at this meeting, it was agreed to hold-over this item for further discussion until the next meeting on 20 October 09.

6. Editors of 'The Hub' Newspaper

The editors of the Hub newspaper had been invited to come along to our meeting to talk about their new venture and their involvement in the community.

Based up in Birkenshaw in Elismere House, they explained that they are totally self financing, dependent only on local advertising to support the 28,000 copy distribution. They gave a comprehensive over-view of their work by comparing their new free newspaper to the widely distributed, 'Metro News' with which many of us are familiar. The main difference being, that 'The Hub' focus' is on local news and an attempt to report only positive and 'feel good' matters

There is something for everyone in the pages of The Hub including a Financial Column, Sport, Computing page and news of developments in the Bothwell, Uddingston and Birkenshaw areas.

Acting Chair. S.Mowat thanked 'The Hub' editor for an interesting talk and wished them every success in their exciting new venture. He also extended an invitation to future Community Council meetings.

7. Local Minerals Plan

S.Mowat / S.Jones attended a Community Consultation Event in the Strathaven Hotel on 31 August,09 which represented the first stage in the review of the Minerals Local development Plan. The mining of minerals is extremely important for economic and employment reasons and the present plan has been in place for nine years. Several meetings would be held throughout South Lanarkshire to allow local communities to identify any issues of concern.

It was reported, while the meeting was useful it did appear that there would be no impact on our community.

8. Planning Aid Seminar

JMcGuire/ S.Jones attended this seminar which was specifically targeted at the 'Rôle of Community Councillors' in planning issues consisting of:

- Scottish Government presentation on new planning policy for the Local Plan.
- SLC M.McGlynn presentation of how this policy will be implemented.
- Working group session.

It was agreed that Planning Aid could prove most useful to Community Councils in helping them deal with Planning Applications in the local area. The advice would be free of charge but Community Councils have charity status, therefore the possibility of a donation may be investigated.

SLC. M.McGlynn presentation was most explicit and the Sec. was requested to email the document to all members for their attention in order to consult when dealing with future planning concerns.

9. Correspondence (J McGuire)

9.1 Copy of South Lanarkshire Local Plan (Adopted)

9.2 ASCC Regional Meeting, Saturday 3 October,09 Council offices, Almada Street, Hamilton. Invitation issued to all Members. Sec to give numbers who wish to attend.

9.3 NHS. Bowel Screening Presentation - request that a speaker from NHS Lanarkshire address Bothwell Community Council on this subject.

Committee agreed that while the importance of such an initiative is without doubt, the invitation would be declined.

9.4 Kirklands Hospital Plann. Application - SLC advised that the Application had been granted.

9.5 Covenanters' Field - Community Council Letter of Objection was hand delivered to SLC on 9 Sept,09

9.6 ASCC Conference 2009 - Sat.14 November,09 at The Scottish Parliament Edinburgh.

10 Treasurer Report (S.Mowat)

10.1 Balance of the Bank of Scotland Account to 28th August is £3,276.69.

10.2 Annual Grant £750 from South Lanarkshire Council has now been received.

10.3 A.S.C.C. Renewal of Membership was agreed. The annual subscription is £15

11. Committee Reports

R.McArthur

11.1 Fly-tipping is a recurring problem in the Appledore area. SLC. Environmental Officers are now involved.

S.Jones.

11.2 Lack of Control of Garden Greenery – A discussion took place on what is becoming a major cause of concern in some areas of the village. Instances of overgrown shrubbery which is impeding the public walkways are to be reported to SLC Land Services. This department would be given the opportunity to reply within a reasonable time scale. If there is no satisfactory resolution thereafter, then local Councillors will be requested to expediate matters. It was agreed that the Sec. would be kept informed by members who report any such concerns to SLC.

T.Goodsir

11.3 In the area known as the Shuttle, overhanging trees and shrubbery makes it difficult for pedestrians. SLC. Land Services is to be informed and requested to cut back the greenery. Fly tipping is also reported in this area.

12. Councillors Report

- Puffin Crossing is now operational at Hamilton Road/Silverwells Crescent
- Green Street carpark has 40 spaces and 2 disabled spaces
SLC has landscaped this area and lighting is to be installed.
- Home Happening- The renovation of kitchens/ Bathrooms/ Electrical re-wiring in the Appledore /Churchill/
This initiative in the Woodlands areas is now underway and the improvements are receiving a positive reception from residents.
- New Housing development at start of Bellshill Road/Hamilton Road to be named BridgeView.
- Bothwell Streetscape - The Scottish Government has made available £20m to local authorities. A bid has been made by SLC / Bothwell Community Council which will landscape both sides of Bothwell Main Street.
- Recycling – there are no recycling facilities available in any of the SLC flats. However there are some areas where pilot schemes are currently in progress.
- McCarthy/ Stone residents have requested a bus stop shelter at Blantyre Road.
- New Area Policing Plan which involves other agencies is being positively welcomed by the community.
- Current building work being carried out on the Kirklands Hospital site is part of the original planning application.
- Bothwell Primary School - completion date is still on target for early 2010

13. A.O.C.B.

Puffin Crossing at Hamilton Road.

Committee agreed a vote of thanks to SLC for the installation of this crossing.

14. Date of next meeting 20 October 2009, 7.30pm

JMcGuire 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.