

BOTHWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Centre

Fallside Road

Bothwell

20 October, 2009

1. Present G.McLean Chairperson
S Mowat, Treasurer
J.McGuire, Secretary
M Lummi
S Jones
T Goodsir
P. Morgan
R.Purss

2. In Attendance Cllr. Devlin

3. Apologies Cllr.Mitchell
Cllr McGuigan
R.McArthur
Liz McGill

4. Police Report

4.1 July – September Review:

Police officers Speirs and Scott gave an up date on crimes reported during the last three month period. There was a total of 186 complaints recorded which included youth crimes. The usual hotspot areas for young people congregating around Bothwell were identified as Bothwell Castle / Strathclyde Park/ Clyde River walkway.. Additional external agencies were also being deployed to target local schools in an attempt to engage with young people.

4.2 Car Crime - Although there had been an increase in car crimes in the area which the local press had highlighted in order to raise public awareness, the total number of complaints was down from the previous quarter which was seen as an encouraging sign.

4.3 .Bothwell/Uddingston Area Policing Plan - This initiative is to target the issues of Anti-Social Behaviour; Drug Abuse and Violent Crime. Plan will be completed by the end of October.

4.4 Public Consultation Document: in conjunction with the Area Plan above, this consultative paper was distributed and completed by individual Community Councillors.

4.5 Safer South Lanarkshire – Licensed premises for the sale of Fireworks would be closely monitored over October/November.

5. Adoption of Minutes 16 June, 2009

Minutes previously distributed were now agreed and adopted.

Proposed by M.Lummi and seconded by R.Purss

6. Matters arising from last Minutes

11.2 Overgrown Garden Greenery.

Due to the number of complaints made by various members of the Community Council to SLC re-the above, it was proposed to nominate a co-ordinator, to liaise with both Community Councillors / SLC and bring all concerns pertaining to overgrown garden greenery to the Community Council meeting for authorisation before approaching SLC. S.Jones agreed to accept this responsibility on behalf of the Community Council.

7. Web-Site Up-Date

S.Mowar/G.McLean will bring this item to the next meeting 17 November,09. for discussion.

8. Treasurer Report (S.Mowat)

8.1 Balance to 19thOctober, 09 £3,261.99.

8.2 Cheque Book signatories – Chair.G.McLean to be added and R.Greenshields deleted which will allow bank statements to be addressed to Treasurer S.Mowat in future. Bank Mandate to this effect was completed.

9. Correspondence (J.McGuire)

9.1 National Conversation Debate – A debate on options for Scotland’s Future including Independence. 19th Octobet,09. 7.00pm – 8.00pm SLC. Hamilton.

9.2 M.S.P. A.Neill Newsletter

9.3 A.S.C.C. Executive Ballot – Closing Date extended to 5November,09.

9.4 Co-op Community Fund – Email from M.Armstrong SLC. Application on line. Email forwarded to G.McLean / S.Mowat for information.

9.5 Rebuilding Collective Prosperity - An attempt to bring together civic, community and campaigning organisations to discuss way forward with the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations.

9.6 Scottish Government Newsletter – Bothwell Community Council is now registered to receive this.

9.7 SLC Community Council Annual Event – Tues. 10Nov.09. 7.00pm – 8.30pm.in council offices, Almada Street Hamilton. Names to Secretary if you wish to attend.

- 9.8 SLC Letter of Acknowledgement. - Demolition of Residential dwelling, 2a Hamilton Road, Bothwell.
- 9.9 Planning Aid – re-Covenanters’ Field. Criteria to consider in any future Planning Applications.

10. Planning (T.Goodsir)

Organic Growers of Bothwell having been awarded £195,000.00 grant, are hoping to create 54 raised beds, polytunnels and a potting shed in the field, which was originally designated as a football pitch, adjacent to Bothwell Primary School. A Planning Application has been lodged with S.L.C. for ‘change of use’ consent. However as the proposal results in the loss of an area of land previously used as a sports pitch and SportScotland have objected, the application requires to be referred to Scottish Ministers for determination. The application for Planning Consent will go before SLC Planning Committee 3 November, 09 and then will proceed to the Scottish Office for a decision to legislate which may take up to 28 days. As the grant must be allocated by 28 March 2010 time is limited.

11. Councillors Report

Cllr. Devlin reported on SLC ‘Roads Show’- a seminar looking at South Lanarkshire road priorities in each area.

Sec. to email on behalf of Community Council for information on this.

12. A.O.C.B.

12.1 Farmers’ Market – S.Jones reported on this event:

- It will take place on the 3rd Sunday of each month in the Cricklewood carpark.
- A total of 6 Stalls and there was not much space for many more.
- There appeared to be a lack of parking spaces but no other suitable venue in Bothwell could be identified.
- Overall opinion was, that this is a positive event for the village.

12.2 S.Mowat reported: Potholes in the road Co-op / Griqua Terrace Committee was referred back to BCC Minutes 6th January, 09. when this matter was previously discussed. This is a private road and as such, SLC has no responsibility. The matter had been taken up by the previous Chairperson who persuaded SLC to do a ‘fill in’ temporary job. It was agreed that responsibility for the poor condition of the road, lay with the Co-op’s large, delivery container lorries and the next step is to act on information given in January by Cllr. Devlin to contact Tom Copland, Co-operative Society. take this concern up with the Cooperative Society.

SM agreed to

14. Date of next meeting

17 November, 2009. 7.30pm Community Centre, Fallside Road, Bothwell.

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.