

BOTHWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Community Centre
Fallside Road
Bothwell**

15 December, 2009

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

2. In Attendance Cllr. Devlin
Cllr. Mitchell

3. Apologies

Cllr McGuigan
M Lummi

4. Police Report

4.1 November Report:

Police officers Dave and Nicola gave an up date on crimes which were reported during the month of November. There was a total of 24 crimes recorded which included the following crimes. 4 Assaults: 3 Breach of the peace: 3 Motor vehicle offences: 1 Fire Raising: 1 Drugs offence: 1 Robbery (J.McKenna) The remainder of the crimes were Road Traffic offences.

4.2 Increase in Police 'walking the beat'.

There had been an increase in the number of police walking the beat especially in the Appledore area where there have been some low- level incidents reported. However there have been no real instances of group disorder in the area apart from a small group of youths who are now congregating around the St. Brides Way area and also in Kirklands Hospital site.

4.3 Bogus Workmen

Officers informed the committee that there had been several reports of bogus workman targeting residents in the area. Police liaison between North Lanarkshire /South Lanarkshire had proven to be most effective by e-mailing local Neighbourhood Watches; visiting various Senior Citizens' complexes to warn residents to be on guard, showing local residents what official workers badges look like and by putting up posters and signs.

4.4 T.G. reported that there had been lots of litter / cans left along the Nature Walk. These had been left by groups of youths drinking, mostly during the hours of darkness Police said that they were aware of this concern and would monitor the situation. However in comparison to previous years it was felt that the problem was fairly minor

4.5 Chairperson thanked the Police officers for their Report to the Committee..

5. Adoption of Minutes November, 2009

Minutes previously distributed were now agreed and adopted.

Proposed by S.Jones and seconded by R.McArthur

6. Matters arising from last Minutes

6.1 Police Alarms

GMcL reported that early in the morning of 28November a security alarm was heard and continued to go off and on intermittently through out the day. On reporting to the Police she was directed to David Duffy of the Noise Enforcement/ Environmental Health in East Kilbride. Mr. Duffy gave the following phone numbers to contact when reporting similar problems with alarm systems.

Between the hours;	Tele. No.
9am – 5pm	01355 806195
6pm - 3am	0800 242 024
3am – 9am	Police

6.2 Potholes in road outside Co-op

SM. Reported that he had contacted a senior member of the co-operative and enquired about the responsibility of repairing the potholes. He was informed that SLC would be repairing the road in January 2010 and that Cllr. Mitchell and Dr.Gemmell of Brighter Bothwell had already dealt with this concern.

Cllr. Devlin doubted that SLC would repair this private road as it was the responsibility of the residents in the street to bear this cost.

Councillor Mitchell said there was no truth in the fact he was involved and that Marco owner of The Grapevine had offered to pay for the repairs to the road as a gesture of goodwill and that it will cost £6000. Cllr.Mitchell will follow this up with Marco

It was agreed to wait until the February committee meeting to review the situation.

7. Treasurer Report (S.Mowat)

7.1 Balance to 15 December, 2009 £3262.50p

7.2 Secretary to forward receipts for year for the following expenses; Ink cartridges, stamps, Norton (anti-virus guard)

These expenses were agreed on production of the said receipts to Treasurer.

8. Correspondence (J.McGuire)

8.1 Silverwells Hotel Drawings – Committee observations required on this planning application. Closing date 17 December,2009. The drawings were laid out and discussed. It was agreed Sec. to write detailing our observations on potential Access/Parking problems.

8.2 Community Garden with raised beds/polytunnels/potting shed
Notification received of final decision – Application Granted.

8.3 5 Old Mill Road, Bothwell – Planning Application
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 16 flats.
Plans were discussed and noted.

8.4 Green Street Carpark –Lighting Columns
Notification of final decision was received – Application Granted.

9. Committee Reports.

9.1 S.J. expressed concern over the Planning Application lodged by Boots for an illuminated sign.
Discussion led on to general debate as to what constitutes a Conservation village Main Street re- illuminated signs which were felt in- appropriate in the village setting.
Cllr. Devlin directed the committee to SLC Morag Little of enterprise Resources who would clarify the situation.
S.J. take up this concern with SLC and report back to the Committee.

9.2 R.McA
There was a distinctive increase in Police visibility in the Appledore area which appeared to be successfully curbing youth disorder.. However it was felt that the groups of youths had now moved over to Kirklands Hospital where they were drinking and causing concern to the Security Guards.
It was also reported that there is a white van going round village streets picking up items put out on the pavement meant for the official SLC up-lift.

10. Planning (T.Goodsir)

10.1 Sec. confirmed that the weekly planning lists are to be sent to T.Goodsir who is responsible for reporting these to the Committee, if deemed necessary.
It was also stated that these lists are available on the SLC website by going into Enterprise Resources> Planning>

10.2 - Planning Application 71 Olifard Avenue
It was agreed that TG would contact SLC M.Monagle re- Tree Preservation Order for the above Planning application.

11. Councillors' Report

Cllr Devlin and Cllr.Mitchell informed us of a Kirklands Hospital site visit. There is a 12 bedded respite unit for 12 service users, with 4 residents in each corridor. The unit will be community based and a 'change of name' is being proposed.

Routes for schools roads and pathways are a priority to be salted during the winter weather.

Cllr Mitchell voiced concern of 7 satellite dishes at the front of the Green Street flats and also the stainless steel ramp at the front door of Riva, deeming these to be inappropriate to a conservation village main street.

12. A.O.C.B.

Brief discussion of Bothwell Medical Centre.

To be further discussed at next Council meeting.

13. Date of next meeting

19th January, 2010. 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.