

# **BOTHWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Community Centre**

### **Fallside Road**

### **Bothwell**

**18 May, 2010**

**1. Present** G.McLean Chair. J.McGuire Sec. R. McArthur Treas.  
S Jones, T.Goodsir, P.Morgan, R.Purss, M.Lummi. C.Dickie.

**2. In Attendance**  
Cllr McGuigan, Cllr. Devlin, Cllr. Mitchell  
Scott Mochur (The Hub)

**3. Apologies** Police Sgt. Scott Muir

#### **4. Police Report**

- At start of the meeting there was no Police presence. An email Report was sent, by Sergeant Scott Muir, which was read out to Committee (GMCL) See attached email.
- M.Lummi reported evidence of drivers of a white van were entering residential properties and taking items. There were examples of these drivers going into back gardens to remove such items.
- T.Goodsir reported that the graffiti which had been reported several times previously had yet to be removed from the Nature Walk between Main St. and Barbrae Place. As agreed, T.G. will contact Police, personally, on this issue.
- Later two Police Officers from Blantyre division attended the meeting and led a 'question and answer' session on the completed consultation exercise 'Community Policing Plan 2010/11' which can be viewed on Strathclyde Police website Bothwell/Uddinston Community area.

Chair. G.McL thanked the officers for their attendance.

#### **5.. Adoption of Previous Minutes**

Proposed: T.Goodsir  
Seconded: M.Lummi

#### **6. Matters Arising**

None.

#### **7. Treasurer Report R.McA.**

- Bank Balance to date £3051.75
- Accounts have been passed to Liz Montgomery CA for annual audit.
- Liz Montgomery has agreed to complete the SLC Admin Grant Application.

## **8. Correspondence JMcG (Sec).**

- Uddingston Community Council- Minutes 15 April, 2010
- Stonehouse Community Council – Community Petition Against SLC Hall Charges. This matter was discussed. Some members felt that the increase in hall charges was ‘controversial and petty’ and could be seen as ‘penalising childrens /other groups for very little gain’. Cllrs. explained that as the groups are profit making organisations then, in the present climate, ought to pay a reasonable rental for hall lets. Some members signed this petition which will be sent back to Stonehouse CC.
- SLC Licensing and Registration – Dated 6 May, 2010 - Acknowledgement of CC Objection re-Premises License 63, Main Street, Bothwell
- SLC Licensing and Registration Dated 13 May 2010 – This application has been withdrawn. SLC to inform CC of a new date for considering the above Premises License application. (63 Main Street, Bothwell.)
- Email letter from A.Orr, Indigo, Edinburgh on behalf of Cala Homes and Scottish Covenanters Association re- Erection of Covenanters’ Memorial and Residential Development of 12 units, 2A Hamilton Road, Bothwell . Mr. Orr requested a meeting with Community Council/ M. McMahon MSP / SCA in order to discuss proposals. This proposed meeting was discussed fully and the Committee agreed unanimously that CC would decline this invitation. Secretary to contact Mr. Orr to this effect.
- SLC Planning and Building Services – Plans / Notification of Withdrawal and Resubmission of Planning Application – Erection of Covenanters’ memorial and Residential Development (12 units) at land adjacent to 2A Hamilton Road.. C.C. observations of the plans of the proposed development were invited. As there appeared to be no changes in these plans, it was agreed that sec. resubmit the original objections.

## **9. Bothwell Services, Fallside Road, Bothwell.**

- G.McLean reported that the rear entrance/exit gate of Bothwell Services had been closed up. Members had heard of Police booking car drivers who were attempting to go through onto the Motorway. However it was pointed out that this was private property and it was questioned if Police had any authority in this matter. Councillors were asked if there was an explanation for this closure and their response was that the area had become a Health and Safety issue – drivers were using the area as a speed track and so the area had become a danger to other vehicles/pedestrians in the parking area. The gate would remain closed for the foreseeable future. It was agreed that Sec. write to Bothwell Services requesting explanation of why Exit/Egress onto Fallside Road has been cordoned off and if a permanent decision.

## **10. Planning (T.Goodsir)**

- Clydebrae Drive –Demolition of existing house.
- SLC Local Biodiversity – Draft Action Plan (Discussed)
- Hamilton Advertiser –Application approved for Clyde Side development ( 10 houses)

There were no other items of immediate interest appearing on the Weekly Planning Lists.

## **11. Councillors Reports**

- Universal Connections will open on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 in Uddingston Grammar school. To date a Fundraising committee of 8 persons has been identified to support this youth venture. The official opening will be on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2010
- St. Bride's church in Fallside Road will celebrate their 100 years in the Parish of Bothwell. A Centenary Civic Reception will be held in South Lanarkshire Council Buildings in late August 2010.
- Silverwells House Hotel – concerns that Silverwells private road had been blocked by builders which is a Contravention of the Planning Application. SLC will closely monitor the situation.
- Covenanters' Field – SLC/Brighter Bothwell currently considering alternative plan for this area.
- Clyde side development – It was agreed that the Community Planning Gain (£6000) for this development was unacceptable in view of the value of the proposed houses. All 3 councillors to investigate this and report back to Committee.
- Waverley Court – The 'No Parking' signs are to be removed by SLC
- There will be a Community Consultation Road Show of the area held in Blantyre July 1, 2010, 2.00 – 6.30pm and Hamilton Shopping Precinct July 6, 2010 12.00 – 4.00pm
- Economic Crisis 2010 – 2014 - Scottish Government has declared a shortfall for of £28M for 2011/12. Roads/ Refurbishments / town centres probably be worst hit.
- Hard Times Ahead – This was the unanimous view of all 3 Councillors and that the Community of Bothwell will be no different from any others.

## **12. A.O.C.B.**

C.Dickie - Residents of Castle Court :

- Stock Pile of Rock Salt was requested as Blantyre Road/Uddingston Road was not salted last winter.  
Councillors agreed that next winter the newly built Bothwell Primary School will be open and this area will be a designated 'Routes to School'. As such road will be gritted/salted.

M.Lummi – requested

- Waste Bin at Green Street Play area.  
Cllrs. responded that there had been a bin(s) but had become a fire hazard from youths congregating in the area. However the possibility of replacing bin(s) will be investigated.
- Dog Fouling Bin(s) – Gilchrist Gardens area.  
Cllr. Mitchell agreed to obtain more of these bins.

## **13. Date of next Meeting.**

7.30pm, **15 June**, 2010 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.**