

BOTHWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Centre, Fallside Road, Bothwell

Minutes **21 September 2010**

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

- 2. In Attendance**
Cllr McGuigan
Cllr. Mitchell
Cllr. Devlin
P.C. D. Pullan
W.P.C.. A. Hind
D.Walker (Brighter Bothwell)
S. Currie (Mobile Phone Mast)
J. Hanif (BCC Web Site)
H.Ward
E. Denton (Covenanters' Field)

- 3. Apologies**
R.Purss
C.Dickie

- 4. Police Report**
 - April-August 2009 – April- August 2010 Con. Pullan quoted Statistics for the period Serious Crime is down 30% and Minor Crime is down by 28%
 - 23 August – 21 September 2010 a total of 38 offences were committed which included Assaults, House Break-ins, Fraud and Vandalism (Especially in the Bothwell Castle area).
 - Main issue of concern was that of the escalation in Youth Disorder in the Appledore area, with serious incidents reported of youths armed with weapons. This had led to incidents of serious assault and violence. It was noted that such crimes generally take place at weekends.
 - R.McArthur confirmed the Police Report of Youth Disorder in and around the Appledore area and stated that the youths involved were not only from Bothwell but also from Blantyre and the Glasgow area.
 - Meeting has been arranged with Residents of the Appledore area, Police, Local Councillors and SLC Housing Officers at 6.00pm, 28 September 2010 in the Pastoral Centre in an attempt to alleviate this growing problem and to reassure the Public.
 - Residents, as previously advised, must make complaints at the time of the disturbance so that resources can be brought in to deal with the problems as they occur.
 - Police Force cutbacks. It was thought that Police presence, currently numbering 4 in the area, will probably be cutback and so manpower will be spread even more thinly.

G. McLean (Chair) thanked the officers for their attendance and also their report.

5. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Proposed: T.Goodsir
Seconded: R.McArthur

6. Matters Arising

Merlewood Avenue – It was reported that the demolition of this building had already taken place. T.G. to contact SLC Planning to find out what is being built on this site.

Bothwell Services – it was agreed that the explanation given by the Manager for the closure of the rear exit on to Fallside Road be accepted and no further action by BCC would be necessary.

7. Treasurer Report R.McA.

- Accounts had been duly audited by E.M.Cubed Ltd.
- SLC Admin Grant has been lodged in BCC bank account.
- Bank Balance to date £3308.82
- Copy of year ended 31 March 2010 Income and expenditure Account was distributed

8. Correspondence JMcG (Sec).

- Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2010- . Feedback from Members.
- Cala and the Scottish Covenanters - SLC notification of appeal forwarded to the Scottish Government Ministers
- No Need for Nuclear – Circular was discussed.
- S.M.P. Playgrounds - Newsletter was noted
- Application for New Grant of Premises Licence
Londis, 63 Main Street, Bothwell
Jade Inn, Chinese Restaurant , Main Street, Bothwell
New Applications for both premises were granted at meeting 20 September, 2010.
- Proposed Planning Application 7a/7b Fyfe Cresc. / Mrs R Warrilow, 6 Dunlop Cres.
Seeking support from Community Council/ see Sec. reply.
- Relocation of Bothwell Medical Centre
D. Walker of Brighter Bothwell email – Sequence of events.
Sec. to email to all members.
- Uddingston C.C. Minutes August, 2010.

9. Planning (T.Goodsir)

- There were no items of immediate interest appearing on the Weekly Planning Lists.
- S. Jones gave information re- Bothwellpark House.
Planning permission had been granted approx. 5 years ago for a number of holiday chalets to be built within the grounds of the house. It was thought that the work had now been started given the number of heavy lorries/excavator machinery etc. that had been seen accessing the property.
It was questioned if the property was situated in SLC or NLC but believed it was SLC
It was agreed that there was no need for further action on this item.

10. Relocation of Bothwell Medical Centre.

D. Walker of Brighter Bothwell addressed CC. seeking support in halting the proposed Bothwell surgery re-location.

Brighter Bothwell wish to put a stop to the Bothwell Surgery move as:

- they are unhappy with both how the lease was granted by SLC and to whom.
- they believe flats will be built on the current site of the surgery by the same developer A.Braidwood
- Doctors have indicated that they have no wish to relocate.

Cllr. McGuigan reminded the forum that the way to prevent this would be through the judicial system.

This item was fully discussed:

The CC agreed unanimously that this was not a path that we would choose to go down due to the expense involved. Also, there is no evidence that the Doctors surgery will move in the near future.

Therefore the CC was unable to take a vote on whether to support the proposed relocation or not.

It was agreed Sec. JMcG to forward D.W. email document re- Sequence of Events, to all members in order that CC make an informed decision before committing support.

This Item would be put on CC October Agenda for further consultation.

11. Councillors' Reports

- Planning Gains – Silverwell Hotel site
£36, 000 has been now been lodged with SLC.
It was previously agreed that each of the Bothwell Primary Schools would receive £5,000 each from this total, leaving a sum of £26, 000 to be spent in the community.
It was suggested that the ground behind St. Bride's Primary school be reinstated as a Childrens' playpark.
Cllr. Devlin to follow this up.
- Roads – It was noted that £100.000 has been allocated to upgrade roads in Bothwell
- Croftbank Avenue – It was reported that a Speed Survey is to be carried out by SLC.
It was agreed Sec. to have a progress up date at BCC October Meeting.

- Cllr. McGuigan gave an update on the following:
Homehappening,
Silverwells House,
- D.Walker informed BCC of £100,000 for a new cycle route between Bothwell Bridge / Uddingston Grammar School.
- R.McArthur suggested a Zebra Crossing on Blantyre Road, situated near Bothwell Primary School.
It was agreed that RMcA would take this up with Parent Council of Bothwell Primary School.

12. A.O.C.B.

- Stephen Currie – Mobile Phone Mast, Jubilee Gardens, Bothwell.
BCC was made aware that notice of a proposed Mobile phone mast to be erected near the Jubilee Gardens area, was spotted on lamp posts along Hamilton Road.
Following a detailed investigation, S.C has notified residents in the immediate area, has set up a website and invited any interested parties' comments. He had come to CC Committee meeting to ask for support in opposing the mast because of the potential health hazards it could pose to the community at large.
CC voted 6 – 1 in support of opposing the erection of the mobile phone mast.
Sec. to forward to members, all correspondence from S.Currie.
Sec.to send letter opposing the erection of the mast to O2 / Vodafone
- E. Denton –
Bothwell Community Council web site
It was reported that BCC Contact tab remains disabled.
It was agreed:
J.Hanif would lend support to find a solution to this concern
BCC Web site to be further discussed at next month's meeting.
Covenanters' Field
CC help in funding a memorial on this site was requested. E.D. did submit a diagram to this aim, but due to limitations of time item was not discussed.
It was agreed that this item be put on the Agenda for the October Meeting.

13. Date of next Meeting.

7.30pm, 19 October, 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.