

# **BOTHWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Community Centre, Fallside Road, Bothwell**

### **Minutes**            **19 October, 2010**

- 1. Present**            G.McLean Chair.  
                              J.McGuire Sec.  
                              R. McArthur Treas.  
                              T.Goodsir,  
                              R Purss  
                              S.Jones
- 2. In Attendance**    Cllr. Devlin
- 3. Apologies**        M.Lummi  
                              C.Dickie  
                              P.Morgan  
                              Cllr McGuigan  
                              Cllr. Mitchell
- 4. Police Report**

Con.D.Moon quoted Statistics for the period April-September 2009 – April- September  
Crimes were broken down into the following categories:

- House break ins in Bothwell up by 32% and was the main concern, with crimes committed both during the day and at night. Committee were told that opportunists know where car keys/house keys are usually kept and so may be in the house and out again before residents realise items of value have been taken. Residents were advised to keep doors locked at all times, even when at home. Culprits have been arrested.  
Fire Raising/ Vandalism crimes were down by 44% Drug offences were up 26%  
Breach of the peace were down 23% Road traffic offences were down 18%
- Police Force Changes – There will be nine Police Officers employed in the area which will allow all 4 shifts to be covered..
- R.McArthur reported on the meeting with residents of the Appledore area, Police, Local Councillors and SLC Housing Officers 28 September 2010. SLC Housing officials had spoken privately to the individuals concerned and stated that their tenancy was in jeopardy if behaviour did not improve. He confirmed that the area had indeed ‘calmed down’ although there were still concerns about one individual household. It was stressed, 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. Cllr Devlin had received an anonymous complaint which had turned out, on investigation, to be false. She however praised the police response of 48 seconds from reporting complaint to arriving at Appledore Crescent and confirmed that the situation continued to be monitored.

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

**5.. Adoption of Previous Minutes**

Proposed: R.McArthur.      Seconded: S.Jones

**6. Matters Arising**

Merlewood Avenue –T.G. to follow up this item with SLC Planning Department.

Planning Gains – Cllr. Devlin has contacted SLC Community Resources Officer who will survey the proposed play park area to ascertain if planning application is necessary.

Mobile phone mast – BCC Letter sent to Vodaphone/ O2 Tom Powell.

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

Bank Balance to date £3308.82

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

South Lanarkshire Trades Union Council

‘There is a better Way – Conference Saturday 6 November. 10.00am – 1.00pm

Association of Community Councils

Annual National Conference- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov .10.30am- 16.00 Glasgow University 1, University Avenue, Glasgow, G12 8QQ

SLC Community Council Annual Event

18<sup>th</sup> November 2010, Committee Room 1, Registration 6.45, Conclude approx.9.00

Information Poster – Hugh O’Donnell MSP . - To be displayed on C.C.Notice Board.

External Funding

Email from SLC M.Armstrong – List of Funding Contacts

R.P representative of Bothwell Evangelical Church made a request for financial support for new Church Youth Club.

Cllr. Devlin advised of several funding avenues which would support this venture.

27/29 Silverwell Crescent Planning Application

Application Granted– 60 Flats (2 blocks 4and 5 storey high)

Covenanters’ Field – FJK Denton

Letter from Brighter Bothwell – Request CC to take outline Planning Application.to SLC This appears to be alternative plan to that of the Cala and SCMA Application.

Sec. to contact Mr. Denton to clarify what level of support he wished from BCC.

Email from Cllr McGuigan- Building Warrant had been lodged with SLC. which apparently refers to demolition of 2a Hamilton Road.

Croftbank Avenue – Request for Road Safety Improvements

Results of Speed Survey carried out 1 – 17 September..

Sec. to follow this up with letter to SLC Nicola Bell/Stuart Laird

S.J. as resident to follow up with phone call.

Bothwell Park House – Cllr Devlin Report.

The following information was brought to the attention of CC:

An objection to a Planning Application for the above property, in the name of BCC was received by SLC. The objection was evidenced by map from Google Earth..

Sec. to write SLC denying any part in this objection.

Mobile phone mast, Jubilee Gardens, Bothwell. - Letter of objection to T. Powell, O2

## **9. Relocation of Bothwell Medical Centre.**

This Item is on the Agenda for further consultation in order that CC make an informed decision, after taking into account the email information sent by Brighter Bothwell D.W.

In the absence of D.Walker, who had spoken at the September meeting, T.G. reiterated Brighter Bothwell case. In summary: BB requested the support of BCC to enable the withdrawal of the lease granted by SLC Enterprise Resources to A.Braidwood to build a new surgery and relocate the current Bothwell Medical Centre.

Chair.G.McLean reminded the Committee that support for Brighter Bothwell proposal would necessarily, be through the judicial system and to be aware of the consequences of any decision made. After further discussion, taking into account the correspondence from D.Walker, it was unanimously agreed to restate the CC stance, namely, "that this was not a path that BCC would choose to go down due to the expense involved. Furthermore, there is no evidence that the Doctors surgery will move in the near future."

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

- There were no items of immediate interest appearing on the Weekly Planning Lists.
- S. Jones questioned progress of Planning Application of 12flats 1, Croftbank Crescent Cllr. Devlin will investigate this application and report back to Committee..

## **11. Councillors' Reports**

### **Councillor Devlin reported**

#### Winter Gritting

Preparations/priorities currently being discussed. These include Routes to Schools, Main Roads, Access to Hospitals.

Cover shifts will begin 4.30am.

Costs 2008 £2.9m / 2009 £4.6m

Preparations for 2010 include increase store of salt for all Primary Roads.

Requests to SLC for Salt Buckets. Committee to email ideas to Secretary where salt buckets should be placed. Also Sec. to place info. notice in Library re-Salt Buckets..

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

AGM - meeting to be advertised in Library/Local Press/ Churches/Post Office/ Community Council. 2 vacancies available. Sec to contact organizations to ascertain if nominated member wish to continue as representative.

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

AGM. - 7.30pm, November, 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.**