

BOTHWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Centre

Fallside Road.

Bothwell

Minutes

15 February 2011

Present: M. McLaughlin, J. McGuire, R. McArthur,
S. Jones, M. Hanif, P. Morgan, R. Purss

In Attendance Cllr. Devlin, Cllr. Mitchell, Cllr. McGuigan,
D. Purss, Hugh Ward

Apologies M Lummi, T Goodsir G. McLean

1. Chair. Welcome M. McLaughlin

2. Police Report.

- Sergeant Muir gave a comprehensive overview of crimes in the Bothwell area. In summary, he reported that year on year April 2010 – January 2011 serious crimes were down 13%, Vandalism down 40%. There was an increase in the detection of drug offences and in the carrying of offensive weapons. Anti-social behaviour remained the prime concern in the Bothwell area although it was hoped that the downward trend would continue. Residents are urged to continue to report concerns as these would be logged and pursued.
- Police & Public Consultation – this open invitation was issued to all residents in Bothwell to meet with Police Officers and voice their concerns /issues/ priorities. Meeting will take place in the Community Centre, Fallside Road, 11 March 2011 7.00pm.
- P.C. Dave Pullan – It was noted that P.C. Pullan has now been seconded to Court Work after 15 years as Community Policeman. Bothwell Community Council thank Con. Pullan for his work over many years, in Bothwell and wish him well in his new appointment.
- D. Purss, member of the Public reported that youths are using Kirklands Hospital grounds as a drinking den resulting in litter cans/ bottles/ noise to the concern of neighbouring residents.

Sgt. Muir said that the Police were aware of the problem and would look into the matter again. He also emphasised that the general public **must** continue to report any concerns, in order that these can be recorded and dealt with.

Chair. M. McL thanked the officer for the report and his attendance.

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes 18 January 2011

Proposed: R. McArthur

Seconded: P. Morgan

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Croftbank Avenue – Request for Road Safety Improvements

MMcL reported back on the site visit with SLC S.Laird / M.McLaughlin, J.McGuire on 4 February, 2011

The following actions were confirmed by SLC email:

- 1) Speed survey will be undertaken on Croftbank Avenue at the location agreed and will be completed by the end of March 2011. You will be advised of the outcome and an action considered.
- 2) Provide additional 20mph road marking roundels and existing markings at the entrance from Hamilton Road. To be completed in March 2011
- 3) Realign existing 20's plenty signing as you enter Croftbank Avenue.

4.2 Bothwell Community Council Web Site

JMcG passed on information to M.Stromboli, who in turn passed it on to Gareth Rees of Straightline Publishing, who originally constructed the website. Gareth attempted to contact Marc and did leave his business card.

MMcL will continue to explore options and will contact G.R before next meeting.

4.3 Committee Vacances

MMcL/ M.Lummi to approach the agreed nominees and report back at next meeting.

4.4 Leaflets – to advertise Bothwell Community Council

MMcL reported back on costs of printing approx. 5000 Leaflets which would raise awareness of the Community Council in Bothwell. Discussion arose as to the 'content' of such leaflets. It was agreed that MMcL would present a draft leaflet for approval at the next meeting.

4.5 Chair. MMcL to contacted Scott Mochar of The Hub

With the following items of interest:

Strathclyde Police Public Consultation Exercise - 7.00pm. 11 March 2011 Community Centre, Fallside Road, Bothwell.

Community Policeman D.Pullan- Move after 15 years Community Policeman in Bothwell.

5. Treasurer's Report – R, McArthur

- 5.1 Association of Scottish Community Councils - Insurance renewal (£60 approx)
Association of Scottish Community Councils - Membership renewal (£15)
RMcA to process these.
- 5.2 Norton Network Security renewal (£44.99).
JMCG to process this.
- 5.3 Bank Mandate ready for signing (4 signatories)
Chair. MMcL/ Vice Chair. ML/ Sec.JMcG/Treas. R.McA
- 5.4 Total Bank Balance to date: £3309.05.

6. Correspondence - JMcGuire

- 6.1 South Lanarkshire Proposed Minerals Local Development Plan.
- 6.2 M74 Road Scheme Orders
- 6.3 M8, M73, M74 (Network Improvements) Road Scheme Orders
- 6.4 Co-op Member Bothwell Evangelical Church
It was agreed to await R.Purss decision before writing to the church for new Representative. SLC M. Armstrong consulted as to procedure for this.
- 6.5 MMcL / M.L.– Invitation to attend meeting of Brighter Bothwell 25.2.11

7. Planning S.Jones

Weekly Planning Applications

- Noted: Application for new 2 storey building in Ferry Road
No further action required.

8. Cllrs. Report

81 Cllr. Mitchell::

- Flooding occurred in many parts of Bothwell – Castle Avenue, Blantyre Road, Hamilton Road were the worst affected and areas will be monitored closely.
- Parish Church Graveyard – SLC in conjunction with Historic Scotland are to ‘clear up’ this old graveyard. Gravestones will be straightened up and undergrowth cleared
- Saints’ Trail – Rev. J.Gibson is involved in this venture. No further details given.

8.2 Cllr. Devlin

- The cost of a perimeter fence which would facilitate junior football games in Woodean Park would be in the region of £67,000.
The football Pavilion would also need to be up-graded and maintained. If CC fund raised for this facility then it may be possible to negotiate the maintenance with SLC. It was agreed that this may be a future project for Community Council and any other interested local groups.
- Wooded area behind Woodlands Gardens - Following a SLC site visit the work has already begun in clearing up this area.

8.3 Cllr. McGuigan:

- Universal Home Insulation is a Scottish Government initiative being rolled out at a cost of £800,000
Two Streets in Bothwell have been selected, namely, Clyde Avenue/ Woodlands Crescent to benefit from this initiative and will receive a Survey letter offering loft insulation.

9. A.O.C.B.

9.1 S.Jones noticed a ‘foul smell’ in the Main Street, near the Cooperative Convenience Store which she subsequently reported to Scottish Water.

9.2 JMcG – Streetscape, Main St. Bothwell.

It was agreed that sec. to write / remind SLC to consider the Bothwell streetscape which was put on hold in 2008 but would be revisited when looking at the Capital Budget 2011

9.3 Parking on pavements – member of the public raised this concern.

It was agreed that this was an issue on main roads in Bothwell and that both pedestrians and other drivers were being put at risk.. Apparently this would be illegal practice in English Law but not in Scottish Law. Therefore advice given was to continue to report incidents of this dangerous practice to Strathclyde Police.

10. Date of next Meeting.

15 March, 2011. 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.