

Minutes

15 March, 2011

Present: M. McLaughlin, J. McGuire, R. McArthur, S Jones, M. Hanif, P. Morgan, R. Purss, M Lummi, T Goodsir, G. McLean

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

Apologies Cllr. McGuigan, Cllr. Mitchell,

1. Chair. Welcome M. McLaughlin

2. Police Report.

- Sergeant Muir gave a comprehensive overview of crimes in the Bothwell area, He reported that year on year April 2010 – March 2011 serious crimes were down 10%, Crimes of dishonesty numbered 118 and included common thefts and housebreak-ins. Crimes of vandalism were highlighted (89) and were included in the figure. Overall, crime rate in the Bothwell area was down 15% Residents are urged to continue to report concerns as these would be logged and also pursued.

- Police & Public Consultation – Community Centre, Fallside Road, 11 March 2011
An open invitation was issued to all residents in Bothwell to meet with Police Officers and voice their concerns /issues/ priorities. Turnout at this meeting was disappointing as only 3 members of the public turned up. Nevertheless it was felt that the consultation exercise had been worthwhile and any member of the general public unable to attend, should email Strathclyde Police with concerns.

- R, McArthur reported concern at car parking at Bothwell Primary School on Castle Avenue where pupils are being dropped off and picked up at the school gates Police agreed that this is a long standing problem despite several attempts to persuade parents of the dangers and to walk or cycle using the ‘Safe Routes to School’ but to no avail. It was suggested that the use of SLC . ‘Blue Meanies’ may be a deterrent. Cllr. Devlin will check out if this might be possible. It was agreed to write to Head Teacher / PTA informing the school that this concern had been brought to Community Council attention and to find out if there was any action in place by the school, designed to address this issue.

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

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes 15 February 2011

Proposed: P. Morgan

Seconded: R. Purss

4. Matters Arising

Chair. introduced and welcomed new co-opted member Douglas Brown. Douglas has agreed to take on the rôle of ‘project manager’ for the Community Council in any future ventures.

Bothwell Community Council Web Site - Meeting has been arranged with MMcL/ Scribble Design Gareth Rees, Mario Stromboli.

Leaflets -- Bothwell Community Council Awareness Raising Draft leaflet for approval - work in progress. MMcL

Chair. MMcL - Scott Mochar of The Hub

Scott at the HUB has agreed to provide us with space to publish news/notes. He is working towards offering a half page to local Comm Councils and having that as a feature item in the paper (e.g. Uddingston & Bellshill)

5. Treasurer's Report – R, McArthur

Bank Balance to date: £3310.16

6. Correspondence - JMcGuire

Planning Aid for Scotland Training Day – Lanark 16 March 2011 S.Jones will attend.

Streetscape update - Response to BCC request - SLC Gordon Mackay is unable to fund any future streetscape projects. However he proposes to:

- Improve visual impact and amenity of Bothwell Main Street. Work will start July / August 2011 to cause least disruption.
- Resurface the carriageway 2012/2013

It was agreed to write to SLC thanking them for their info and to ask for further details on the project works as and when available

Bothwell Scarecrow Festival - Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September 2011

Resignation from Committee - R.Purss Sec to write - Evangelical Church for replacement representative.

Letter sent to Douglas Brown / Laurene McVey - invitation to fill co-opted members vacancies on the Community Council committee.

7. Planning S.Jones

Noted: Silverwells Hotel - Application for side extension and new entrance gate.

8. Cllrs. Report

Cllr. Devlin

Suggested Future Projects:

- Woodean Park upgraded/ move existing football pitch to lower land/ drain land / upgrade changing pavilion. Cost of £250K (approx)

- Kirklands Park upgraded/ refurbishment of Pavilion. Cost of £100K (approx)

D.Brown will draft a questionnaire asking residents opinion on future projects in Bothwell.

It was agreed to start the ball rolling with an awareness raising leaflet and test the questionnaire.

Therefore members would meet 6.00pm before our next meeting of the Community Council 19 April 2011.

8.2 Cllr. McGuigan Non Attendance - No Report

8.3 Cllr Mitchell Non Attendance - No Report

9. A.O.C.B.

Covenanters' Field Plan – MMcL to speak with E.Denton

Scarecrow Festival 9.10.11 - M.Lummi requested members help in this event. This was agreed.

Thanks go to Ross and Roslyn for organising coffee and cake.

10. Date of next Meeting. 19 April, 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.