

Minutes

19 April, 2011

Present: M. McLaughlin, J.McGuire, R.McArthur,
S Jones, , M. Hanif, D.Purss, T Goodsir

In Attendance Cllr. Devlin, Cllr Mitchell, L.McVey

Apologies P.Morgan, M Lummi

1. Chair. Welcome

M. McL

2. Police Report.

Officers Moon and Grubb were in attendance and reported a continued trend of positive policing statistics for Bothwell. This included:

- Type 1 offences (i.e serious assaults) are down 55% from last year
- Type 2 offences are down 84% from last year
- Type 3 offences (ie house break-ins, car thefts) are up 20%. This is a typical trend for the year Good weather aids criminals. Grieve Croft has had multiple occurrences at the same address which has a big bearing on this stat
- Type 4 offences (resisting arrest, drugs and knives) up 38%. This is being put down to a more pro-active approach to detect these events
- Type 5 offences (breach of the peace) down 23%
- Type 6 offences (driving) down 10%

A question was asked about Police ability to apply on the spot fines for littering. However the officers were not aware of any such scheme being in place but would ask that question and report back next month.

The problem of parked cars on Fallside Road was also raised. The current position is; no official obstruction is actually being caused in the eyes of the law so Police hands are tied. However on a positive note Office Moon did state that he has spoken with the resident concerning this issue.

The officers also reminded us that Crime Prevention surveys are available to the public. Perhaps something we should promote on our Website?

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes 15 March 2011

Proposed: D.Brown

Seconded: R.McA

4. Matters Arising

4.1 **MMcL Report - Meeting with Scribble Design** Various ideas were discussed on improving the web-site including the suggestion that it would be helpful if our survey questionnaire could be up- loaded onto it. These discussions are on-going.

4.2 Update on Questionnaire – Members met at 6.00pm before the usual monthly meeting (7.30) and agreed as a Pilot Study, to visit and interview residents using the newly created document devised by D.B.

Completed questionnaires would be passed on to MMcL for collation.

MMcL

4.3 Report – Planning Aid Scotland

Key points from the Planning Aid Meeting

S.J.

- Community Councils should be more active in the planning stages of council proposals. Councils' Local Plan is continually being revised and we can be involved at any stage along the way as progress is made. We do need to know what we want as a CC if we wish to be more proactive rather than being reactive to plans.
- Planning Aid Scotland try to involve the younger age groups in the planning processes and do interact with P4s & 5s at school. I am awaiting further information from the group on the work they do to engage younger children.

5. Treasurer's Report – R, McArthur

5.1 Closing Balance to date: £3265.42

5.2 Cheques to be paid out:

Jack Gallacher's Book - £200

Scribble Design Invoice £105.60

Scarecrow Appeal £200

Postage Stamps £8.76

Cllr.Mitchell

JMcG

ML

JMcG

RMcA

5.3 M.Armsrong – Reminder of End of Financial Year Audited Accounts.

Action: RMcA to pass cheques for signing to second signatory

Cllr Mitchell to pass cheque to Jack Gallagher

JMcG to sign and post cheque to Scribble Design

M.L. to pass cheque to Bothwell Community Scarecrow Appeal

6. Correspondence - JMcGuire

- Streetscape update

As agreed JMcG wrote to SLC thanking them for their info and requested further details on the project works, as and when available. Response to this request came in the form of a photograph and a map clarifying SLC intentions for Bothwell Main Street.

- Social Care Alba Ltd. Peter McCabe - It was agreed Sec. to enquire if it would be political correct to invite Mr. McCabe to address the CC.

JMcG

- Local Licensing Forum Membership

RMcA

- Evangelical Church - D.Purss nominated as replacement representative.

- Laurene McVey Bothwell Out of School Care, attended meeting as she had been nominated to fill a vacancy on the Community Council Committee. Chair to follow up nomination.

MMcL

- Noted: Licensing Application – Silverwell Hotel, 1 Old Mill Road, Bothwell.

- Uddingston Community Council Minutes 17March, 2011

7. Planning S.Jones

SLC Planning Officer - invitation to address Bothwell Community Council Committee.

S.J

8. Cllrs. Reports

Cllr. Devlin

- Horse Fouling reported in Kirklands Play area thought to be by horses from Laighlands stables.
- Planning Gains – SLC Officer still costing those Play parks which are to be ‘tidied up’ Committee to be kept informed.
- Uddingston Neighbourhood Watch – Possibility of a similar scheme in Bothwell.
- Path upgrade works have commenced in the Woodlands area.

Cllr. McGuigan Non Attendance - No Report

Cllr Mitchell

- Comprehensive Fire Report for the Bothwell Area.
- Additional new Pharmacy – Main Street, Bothwell.
- Laighlands Stables – Application lodged for Manager’s dwelling house .
This application was fully discussed and it was agreed to request further details / confirmation of Greenbelt status before lodging any objection.
S.J. to follow tis item up by confirmation of Greenbelt status.

S.J.

9. A.O.C.B.

Pilot Doorstep Campaign began tonight using the questionnaire devised by D.Brown.
Feedback from those members who had participated in the doorstep interviews was most positive.
However any deletions/ additions of individual questions should be emailed to D.B.

D.B

10. Date of next Meeting. 17May, 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.