

BOTHWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Centre

Fallside Road.

Bothwell

Minutes

20 September 2011

Present: M.McLaughlin, J.McGuire, M Lummi, R.McArthur, P. Morgan,
, T Goodsir, D.Brown

In Attendance Cllr. Devlin, Cllr. Mitchell, ASCC. National Development Officer,
Member of the Public, M. Coia.

Apologies S Jones, M. Hanif, , D.Purss, Cllr McGuigan ,

Action

1. Welcome

Chair M. McLaughlin

2. Police Report.

No Police in attendance

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes 16 August 2011

Proposed: M.Lummi Seconded: T.Goodsir.

4. Matters Arising

- Update on response to Leaflet/Questionnaires

MMcL

Concern was expressed at the poor response to 5000 Leaflets which were delivered.

Chair to confirm if leaflets were undelivered or simply a poor response from the community.

Any remaining leaflets to be given into Post Office for distribution.

M.L.

The responses received were analysed, summarised and a report distributed to committee.

D.B.

B CC web site -Mail box was closely monitored. Scribble Design to check stats

JMcG

- Future Project Discussion – re- Woodean Park

Cllr. Devlin – Woodean Park is recognised as a sports facility and is wholly owned by SLC

ASCC Dev. Officer C.McNally – First steps would necessarily be a Feasibility Study/Plan of Action.

She suggested applying to various sources for funding to commission this study.

She also recommended contacting SLC Technical Group for support.

D.Brown agreed to do some research on this major project and report progress at next meeting.

D.B.

BCC member(s) to attend Brighter Bothwell meeting 30thSeptember to seek support for project.

M.L.

Sec. emailed all committee members previous to meeting re- Woodean Park Project and will keep all members informed of any progress.

JMcG

5. Treasurer's Report – R, McArthur

End of year A/cs – Still with Auditor despite several attempts to have accounts returned. SLC M.Armstrong has been alerted. She confirmed that several other CC's having same problem with same auditor.

Question raised if it is necessary to have a C.A. to sign off accounts or can eg. a retired bank manager carry out this task. **ASCC Dev. Officer** to check out.

As a result of cheque book still at auditor's, several outstanding bills have accumulated

Closing balance: £2521.90p

6. Correspondence - JMcGuire

- Kilbride Hospice Newsletter and request for volunteers to carry out Can Collection.
- Email from Vikki Trim -Active Travel to Uddingston Grammar – Focus group meeting 20.9.2011.
- S.L. Local Development Plan – Thurs. 29thSeptember 6 -8, Council Offices, Evening Workshops, to focus on Policy Issues and not on individual sites or planning applications. Interest to Sec. asap.
- Croftbank Ave Update – SLC email.
- Main Street – Parking problems - SLC advice is to contact Police.
- Mrs.J McDougall, Old Station Court- Request support for Strathclyde Public Transport bus route. Sec. to respond.
- Tri Annual Election Update – Nomination Forms - Sec. to send to all current members.

Signed and completed nomination forms (which should include post codes) must be returned in the first instance to Returning Officer Liz McQuade (10 October) in order that she pass them to M.Armstrong for validation before Tuesday 11 October 2011 at 4.pm.

7 Planning S.Jones – Apologies Received

- Email Weekly Planning List - Nothing of note to report.

8. Cllrs. Reports

Cllr. McGuigan - Apologies Received.

- Email re- Uplifted Tarmac.

Cllr. Devlin

- Newly formed Churchill Residents Assoc. almost up and running. Meeting with Housing Officers to be held in the Community Centre in Fallside Road, 7.00pm, 21Sep. Residents Assoc. of Appledore has had much success since its initiation and is invited to the above meeting
- Committee request for scale plan of Woodean Park.

Cllr Mitchell -

- Environmental Health /Scottish Water - Flooding/raw sewage on Fallside Road. Work is ongoing and is estimated to continue for 200 days.
- Scarecrow Festival_- Unanimous thanks for successfully bringing the whole community of Bothwell together. It was a weekend for all to remember. Congratulations for all involved.
- Blairston Ave. footpaths have been renewed.
- Confirmed that there is no plans for any Parking Meters on Main St. Bothwell
- Planning Application for house on Clydebrae Drive has been rejected and has gone to Appeal.
- Pharmacy Application for 29 Main Street has been rejected. Applicants have put in an Appeal. The owners agreed to-tarmac and lighting on Ferry Road, from Riva to the Pharmacy, which would give better access to Ferry Road. However this has been held back pending the Appeal.
- Email E.Denton, Historical Society – Request links to Bothwell Community Council web site for other Bothwell organisations..
It was agreed Sec. to contact Scribble Design and get their thoughts on this re- cost/practicalities. JMcG

9. A.O.C.B.

ASCC National Development Officer. Christine McNally

In her opening remarks, Christine began by congratulating Bothwell Community Council Committee for their enthusiasm, their team work and for being so proactive in the community and added, that Bothwell CC was seen as a benchmark for other C.C.s.

She was most interested in our discussion re- Woodean Park as a future project and offered invaluable practical information regarding, First steps, Funding and involving the community at large.

Christine continued her talk:

Training Courses /On-line Learning There are 4 modules which anyone can use, in the “Introduction to Community Councils’ as well as several downloadable ‘Toolkits’ For members only Training Modules can be spread over 2 months/2 evenings per month. Any interest see Sec.

Resilient Community Plan - 24 October, 2011 “Getting Ready for Winter” A copy of Yetholm C.C. plan was left for BCC perusal and promised support re- Bothwell Resilient Community Plan.

ASCC National Development Officer, Christine McNally left her card with the Sec. and confirmed her continuing support.

Chair. M.M.cL thanked Christine for a most interesting and practical talk.

Fallside Road -- M.McL raised the issue of the footpath from Appledore down to St. Bride’s Church car park. It was felt that this footpath, recognised as a safe walk to school for many young children, was extremely narrow with the added danger of the increase in traffic from the NHS Kirklands Hospital. He addressed the councillors present if there was any way possible that this footpath could be widened.

While both councillors agreed that there was an issue here it was felt that there was little that could be done.

However, the councillors would contact SLC Alan Cunningham about the problem.

Mr. M. Coia – Local resident addressed the Committee with the following concerns.

- SLC Policy on Grass Cutting in public areas. Particularly in Castle Wynd.

It was agreed that a meeting with SLC Ian Stewart, Land Services would be the way forward. Meeting would include Cllrs Mitchell, Devlin, M.Coia and T. Goodsir.

- Anti Socaill Behaviour - Meadow Lane. Bins being left out front of houses. Gardens not attended to and general untidiness, especially of two houses.

It was felt that the newly formed Churchill Residents Assoc. may help in this issue and SLC Housing Officers would also be informed.

10. Date of next Meeting. 18 October 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.