

Bothwell Community Council

**Community Centre,
Fallside Road,
Bothwell**

Monthly Meeting - Minutes: 18 November 2014

Present: N O Neil, J. McGuire, I Buntin, Douglas Brown, Sandra Jones, A.M. Mulder
AM Cusick, M. McLaughlin, E. Speedie.

In Attendance Cllr. Devlin, Police Officers Alexander, Summers. Mr. J. Campbell (resident)

Apologies Cllr McGuigan, Cllr. Keggs

1. **Chair. N.O'Neil** Welcome and Introductions
2. **Conflict of Interest** None
3. **Police report.**

Main problem, in and around Bothwell area, is the increase in house break-ins. by "sneak-in" thieves. Be aware there may be a further increase in these crimes in the run up to the Christmas Season. The Silverwells area had been specifically targeted and D.B. confirmed that recently every door in a street in Castle Policies had been tried by such thieves but when challenged had a glib excuse for being there/their actions. Building sites too in the Bothwell area had been the target of opportunist thieves. Officers emphasise the need to be extra vigilant by locking all doors/windows and being acutely aware of the problem.

In future, S.J. would make a Minor Incident Report to the Police before BCC monthly meeting. The purpose of this report was questioned by Cllr Devlin who was uncomfortable that BCC may be misconstrued as a Vigilante group. It was explained that such a Report may be helpful to Police in making them aware of incidents that have not been brought to their notice.

Chair. N.O'Neil thanked the Officers for their attendance/Report.

- 4 **Adoption of Previous Minutes** 28 October 2014 Proposed I.B. Seconded S.J.
5. **Matters Arising** (Not covered by Agenda) None.
6. **Treasurers' Report** I. Buntin

Bank Balance 15 September 14 **£12,444.74**

Bank Mandate - Change of signatories – Meeting with B.O.S. 19 Nov. 14

Outstanding Invoices: Scribble Design £105.65, JMcG Stamps £13+ Remembrance Day Wreath £20

Community Grant Application for Wooddean Project- Outing . Form filled in and passed to Treasurer for completion.

Ink Cartridges/Print Paper request agreed.

Wooddean Project Contingency Plan – Agreed £1000 to be ring fenced for this purpose.

7. Correspondence - JMcGuire

Bothwell Library – E.Denton Historical Soc. “ Best use of the upper floor facilities” Meeting has been arranged between all interested parties / S.L.C. G.Campbell. Thursday 11 December14, 6.30pm Bothwell Library.

E.Speedie/ M.McLaughlin to attend.

Lanarkshire Valuation Board – Appeal Hearing 17th Dec.14 –Assessor to send Small Business Relief Form – List of subjects as a comparison at the hearing has been received. JMcG/I.B.

CALA Homes Bothwellbank Farm Planning Application- BCC Objection submitted re-Traffic/Access issues.

Seniors Together – Forum in Banqueting Hall, Almada Street Hamilton – 22January15 (tabled)

C.C. Annual Forum- 2December14 (Chair/ Sec/ Treasurer) Cancelled

BCC Member Welcome/Remits - Discussed and agreed_ NON.

Brighter Bothwell Minutes 31October14. emailed to Comm.Liaison Group

Uddingston Community Council Minute “ “ “ E.S./ MMcL

8. Cllrs. Reports

Cllr. Devlin.

- Appledore footpaths have now all been resurfaced.
- Footpaths currently being resurfaced in Sweethope Farm Estate.

Cllr.McGuigan (Telephone Report)

- Covenanters’ Field - _MSP Richard Lyle in talks with Historic Scotland requesting that the site be”ringfenced” as a historical battlefield.
- CALA Homes Panning Application HM/13/0296 to build 15 dwellinghouses on Covenanters’ Field has been withdrawn.

9. Projects/Activities Update

9.1 Planning: S.Jones / M.McLaughlin

CALA Homes, Bothwell Bank Farm Report

Summary of 20 Objections –All without exception included the issue of Traffic/ Access (changes made from original Plan)

The following objections also included a issue of transparency re- Area 3

J.Campbell (Resident in attendance) – Future Development (Area3).- CALA ought to include Area 3, 60 houses or take Area 3 out of Plan.Application altogether. Application should be addressed as a whole.

NON BCC - Full Traffic Impact Assessment necessary which would include Area 3 and Parking issues in Clyde Avenue / Transparency Area 3. It was agreed that this Planning Application cannot be agreed on the basis of information shown. BCC to seek meeting with SLC Planners NON/ DB .

Dry Cleaners, Bothwell Main Street - Illuminated Signage -BCC to lodge letter of Objection re- the following issues:Timescale of illumination /size of illumination.Closing Date 28November14 DB/JMcG

9.2 Wooddean Park Project D.Brown

- Update on Interviews (Consultants Feasibility Study) – Monday 10 November14.
Prior to the monthly meeting a detailed report of the interviews was circulated to members. It was now unanimously agreed to appoint P.Lochhead PRM Consultants. Confirmation of appointment and letter of regret to the other applicant. R.Blair. **D.B./JMcG**
- Press release – Bellshill Speaker /Hamilton Advertiser – To be discussed further.

9.3 Roads and Pavements NONeil

- M74 works are intensifying around Whistleberry Road and Raith Interchange.
Clearance of vegetation in progress behind Wordsworth Way. Residents in Wordsworth Way have received response from contractor Scottish Roads Partnership (SRP) on various points which had been raised. Limited correspondence from individual residents - ongoing with SRP. BCC copied in. No updates provided to BCC/NON from contractor, as promised at meeting with SRP/BCC.
- SRP contractor staff using lay by which is intended for short stops. SRP to be contacted and request made that this stops.
- Whistleberry Road Roundabout currently being re-aligned.
- Intended SLC Loading & Accessibility study – no further update.

9.4 Community Notice Board.

Copy of guidance rules for entries on Notice Board to be sent to all new members for information.
Key Holders: Librarian / NONeil / D.Brown / JMcGuire **JMcG**

9.5 BCC Website - A.M. Mulder

Overall view of current website pages was given.
Committee agreed to leave until new year before making a decision on “next steps”.

9.6 Community Liaison – E.Speedie / M.McLaughlin

- Official VASLAN List of organisation in Bothwell . (No email addresses included)
 - Minutes of other organisations in Bothwell including Uddingston Community Council.
emailed to E.S. /MMcL **JMcG**
- It was agreed that this would be a “gathering of information exercise” until after new year.

10. A.O.C.B.

Christmas Lights – Bothwell Main Street

After some discussion it was agreed that it was now too late to resurrect this subject. However it would be included on the Agenda as a future project.

11.Date of next Meeting. 7.30pm 9th December14 Venue: Bothwell Bridge Hotel

Meeting closed 9.15pm

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.

