

Bothwell Community Council

Community Centre

Fallside Road,

Bothwell

Minutes: 23 September, 2014

Present: J.McGuire, I Buntin, L.Coia, A.M.Mulder
N.O'Neil, D.Purss, AM Cusick, M.McLaughlin

In Attendance Cllr. Devlin, P.C. W.Speirs

Apologies Cllr McGuigan, Cllr. Kegg, S.Jones, D.Brown

1. Chair. In the absence of M.Lummi, N.O'Neil chaired the meeting:
Welcome and Introductions

2. Conflict of Interest None

3. Police report.

Police Officer Speirs in attendance and reported the crime statistics for August – Sept. as follows:

- Vandalism in and around Gilchrist Gardens and groups of youths are gathering at the bottom of Green Street, next to the recently refurbished Childrens' Play Park.
Police officers are paying extra attention to both these areas.
- There were no problems reported during the 5 days of the Scarecrow Festival. However there does appear to be a general increase in incidents of disorderly conduct/breach of the peace offences in the village.
- 2 incidents of House break-ins in Royal Gardens – police line of inquiry is on-going.
- P.C.Speirs also reported that the individual charged last month for breaking into residential properties/businesses and rumoured to be doing 3weeks Community Service, is in fact on remand until 14October2014.
- Bonfire Night –Partnership to be organised between Fire Service and Police on this night.
- N.O.N had reported a fire on land at Craighead, Blantyre and the issue of quad bikes was raised again. PC Speirs explained that the owners had fenced off the area but the bikers could still gain access. Apparently the general public had difficulty in describing the exact location when reporting to Police but local officers were aware of the problem and were out and about in the area with a C.C.T.V. van. It was thought that a building development would start on this land, late 2014 /early 2015 which may solve the problem.

4 Adoption of Previous Minutes 17 June 2014

Proposed L.C.. Seconded I.B.

5. Matters Arising (Not covered by Agenda)

None.

6. **Treasurers' Report** I.Buntin

Bank Balance 15 September 14 **£12,581.40**

Cheque received from W.Paterson included in balance to date. (Contribution towards Feasibility Study, Wooddean Project) £3,300.00

7. **Correspondence - JMcGuire**

Land to the south of Kirklands Hospital – Robertson Homes Ltd/NHS Lanarkshire

Public Consultation Event on Tues. 14 Oct. (TBC)

SLC Consultation – Industrial/Commercial Development Supplementary Guidance. **tabled.**

Civic Reception Bothwell Library 25 Sept. – Kirsty Gilmore, Badminton Silver Medalist, Commonwealth Games.

Pharmacy proposal, 34 Main Street, Bothwell --- Letter of Support to NHS Lanarkshire **JMcG**

Letter of Congratulation to: **Brighter Bothwell / Scarecrow Festival** for recent success. **JMcG**

Letter of thanks to **A.Braidwood** - Installation of replacement Notice Board **JMcG**

8. **Cllrs. Reports**

Cllr. Devlin reported:

Letter of congratulations sent to: Brighter Bothwell/Uddingston Pride/Scarecrow Festival

Letter of Thanks to South Lanarkshire Council re- effort and time in support of all of the above organisations.

Received complaint from residents re- Horses fouling along the Clyde pedestrian pathways. Environmental Health contacted, however this practice is not illegal (old equestrian bye law).

9. **Projects/Activities Update**

9.1 **Planning: S.Jones** (Apologies lodged)

Provided Secretary with list of Planning applications to date (lodged/approved) but nothing of particular note.

Cllr. Devlin understands that CALA Homes Bothwell Bank Farm planning application is imminent.

9.2 **Wooddean Park Project D.Brown** (Apologies lodged)

The necessary monies are now in bank account (£10,000) and Douglas will update on the progress of appointing a consultant for the Feasibility Study.

It was reported that Bothwellbank Farmhouse has been demolished.

In expectation of CALA Homes Planning Application being lodged, NON reiterated concerns re- traffic /roads issues and will be in close contact with SLC. Planning/Roads Dept

It was also suggested that a courtesy e-mail be sent to SLC Liz Dunlop/Steven Kelly with update on progress so far re- Wooddean Project.. This will be proposed to D.Brown, Project Manager

9.3 **Roads and Pavements NOneil**

Castle Avenue street lighting – SLC reported that lights will come on 1 hour later/off 1 hour earlier due to essential cutbacks in budget. However the proposed new technology – Intelligent Lighting by Sensors – may prove more cost effective. It was noted that BCC is receptive to financial cuts being made but must not be at the expense of Health/Safety.

M8 Raith Interchange - Works Update. Correspondence between Resident P. Collins, Wordsworth Way/Transport Scotland/BCC regarding residents' concerns due to the Raith Interchange works which are on-going. Residents in Wordsworth Way have put forward complaints of vibration dangers /environmental problems/intrusive noise, especially at night and have suggested that a canopy be considered to alleviate noise and a meeting arranged to address residents concerns. Cllr. Devlin has also been consulted on this matter.

Bothwell Community Council (BCC) agreed to assess the response from Transport Scotland and take a unbiased professional stance which would be fed back to P.Collins, spokesperson for residents. Meanwhile BCC would attempt to arrange a meeting with Pamela Ward (Transport Scotland)/South Lanarkshire Council /Bothwell Community Council.

On further investigation BCC found that the Motorway pre-dates Sweethope Farm Estate houses, which were built circa early 1970's and that there has been a public consultation event some months ago and it is only now that residents are airing their concerns. This item was fully discussed and it was agreed there was some doubt that the representation Mr. Collins expected from BCC was outwith BCC Constitution. BCC are not unwilling but unable to give any further help. A Letter of regret regarding any further involvement would be sent to Mr. Collins. (Copy to all members.) NON

9.4 Scarecrow Festival.

It was agreed that the recent Scarecrow Festival was an outstanding success, once again! Yorkhill Childrens' Hospital received £4000 thanks to the sterling efforts of M. Robertson who sold raffle tickets around the village. The Evangelical Church made almost £2000 in their "All day Café" which was handed over to benefit the hospital. There was only one complaint which was that the cost of the rides at Bothwell Primary School was prohibitive to families and was seen to be a M&D takeover!

9.5 St. Bride's Primary School AM Cusick

Comments on the proposed development of 53 houses at Kirkland hospital: It was felt that there could be problems in both Primary schools where accommodation at present, is at a premium. Accommodation at Bothwell Medical Centre too, could prove problematic as it is already a very busy practice.

9.6 Community Notice Board.

The replacement Notice Board from Signconex agreed has now been professionally installed thanks to the support of Andrew Braidwood Builders. Letter of thanks to be sent. Librarian will continue to maintain the board and has 2 sets of keys, one of which will be held by BCC. JMcG

9.7 Community Council Election Update

It was agreed that Henry Mitchell, Fairfield Place Bothwell, be appointed as Interim Chairperson and in consultation with M.Armstrong SLC Community Council Liaison Officer, will invite successful candidates to attend the Inaugural Meeting on 28 October 2014. 7.30 in the Evangelical Church Hall, Bothwell when he will oversee proceedings until the formal appointment of a Chairperson.

10. A.O.C.B.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mario Lummi our out-going Chairperson, for all his time and effort given over the years, voluntarily, to Bothwell Community Council. JMcG

12. Date of next Meeting.

A.G.M. /Inaugural Meeting of Bothwell Community Council
28th October 2014, 7.30pm Evangelical Church Hall, 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.

