

Minutes of meeting held on February 28th 2013 in the Johnstone Village Hall

Members present Tony Thompson Deputy Chairman, Sharon Bell, Sylvia Harper, George Muirhead, Marion Bell, Jim Bell, Margaret Currie and Jacky Taylor.

Apologies from Fred Dale, John Graham, Peter Diggle from D&G Council and PC John Cowan from Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary. Not in attendance Tom Halliday and Richard Mann.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

The Highways Department has been contacted with the road to the rear of MacLean Drive being promptly repaired and the shrubs at the pathway near the bus stop have started to be cleared. It was agreed that the hedges along the footpath at the rear of MacLean Drive be removed and a fence erected in its place and the footpath would be repaired at the same time. The salt bin is now in situ outside the Village Hall. The Electricity contract has now been renegotiated with a new supplier at a competitive rate. The planters have been moved as requested. The weight limit on the bridge close to the Village Hall is to go ahead. The extra tables for social events are at present out of stock but will be purchased as soon as available. The petitions for a speed limit on the B7076 have been sent to Peter Diggle. The Kirkhill residents are arranging a communal meeting to discuss the situation further.

Previous minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 31st January 2013 were approved by Jim Bell and seconded by Marion Bell.

Councillors Report

There was no Councillors report .

Police Report

There were reports of shots heard between Griegsland and Williamson farms around 22.00 on 21st January. No suspicious vehicles or people were traced. A road traffic collision involving an HGV and a car on the B7076 at the junction of Annandale Water services occurred on 22nd January. No injuries reported. Detection rate for groups 1-5 to end of January 2013 was 73.06%. There have been reports of Irish males selling power tools from a Transit type van door to door in the area. These males have been checked by the police and no offences have been identified
THERE IS NOW A NEW NATIONAL NON EMERGENCY NUMBER TO CONTACT THE POLICE. **101** HAS BEEN INTRODUCED TO EVENTUALLY REPLACE THE 08456005701 PRESENTLY IN USE. THIS **101** NUMBER WILL DIRECT YOU TO THE NEAREST POLICE CALL CENTRE.

Treasures Reports

Sharon Bell reported the balance in the Hall account as £1608.20 including £433 reserved as remaining Micro Grant monies. The Community Council balance was £3407.85 with £1000 ring fenced for Muga/Play area funds. There was a bill yet to be paid for electricity costs as £151 83. Sylvia Harper presented the Fund raising account balance as £3170.

Muga Charges

There was some discussion regarding the charging policy and opening times for the MUGA. It was unanimously agreed that there would be a sign erected showing opening times, key holders, emergency contacts, correct footwear and various other details. In accordance with Health and Safety considerations, tick check lists for key holders will be issued. Once these requirements are completed then, for a trial period the Muga would be left open for general use by the community residents from the time the school closed until 21.00 during the week and from 09.00-21.00 during the weekends. Opening times outside term times to be confirmed. Charges for Groups outwith the Community would be at D&G Council rates. Local Community Groups would be charged 50% of D&G Council rates. The local children would have free use of the MUGA with the Primary School having free use for their PE Timetable during term time. Bookings will be undertaken by The Primary School Secretary between 11.00 and 12.00 during term times. Bookings outside term time to be arranged. All bookings to be prepaid at time of reservation.

Play Area

After Community consultation Wicksteed Playscapes have been chosen as the preferred supplier of equipment. Funding for pieces of equipment has been made to the Clyde and Minsca Windfarms.

Upcoming Events

Sylvia Harper presented the upcoming events list for 2013

March 15 th	Pop up Restaurant
April 12 th	Quiz Night
May 24 th	Prize Bingo Night
June 29 th	Fun Day Tentathlon
	Candle party
July	Car Treasure Hunt
August 17 th	Johnstonebridge Show
September	Race Night
	Pop up Restaurant
October	Halloween Night
	11 th Country 60/70/80s Dance Night
November 16 th	Christmas Craft Fair/Coffee morning /Draw
December 21 st	Christmas Squares
	Seniors Christmas Lunch
	20 th Childrens Christmas Party

Administration Grant

The Grant from D&G Council was £100 less than in the previous year due to our non attendance at the required D&G Federation meetings. There is a requirement for all Community Councils to attend at least two meetings to qualify for the full administration grant. Tony Thompson volunteered to attend the meetings on May 9th in Lockerbie Town Hall at 19.00 and on July 11th in Kirkpatrick Village Hall at 19.00. Volunteers to attend further meetings would be sought.

Centre Update

The consultancy contract has been transferred to the holding company DTAS due to insolvency problems with the Consultancy firm The Pool. Continuity of the project has been assured. The return rate of the questionnaire was 54% , the completed analysis will be available week commencing 18th March 2013. Initial results are very encouraging with strong support for the new Centre project.. Thanks are given to all who undertook the distribution and collection of the forms.

Grass Cutting

Tony Thompson raised the matter of grass cutting within the village. There was some discussion regarding availability of previous volunteers who would no longer be available to undertake this task. It was decided to offer a complete payment of £20 to cut the grass for the required areas as twice monthly initially at peak then reducing to once a month within the Summer season. Funds to secure this service would be raised as a one off event. Tony Thompson to approach a previous volunteer this failing then the job would be advertised in the Newsletter.

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There was no other business raised.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 28th March at 19.30 in the Village Hall