

Minutes of meeting held on April 25th 2013 in the Johnstone Village Hall

Members present Fred Dale Chairman Tony Thompson Sharon Bell Sylvia Harper John Graham George Muirhead Margaret Currie Marion Bell Jim Bell Richard Mann Tom Halliday and Jacky Taylor.

Also in attendance two members of the public.

Not in attendance Peter Diggle D&G Council and PC John Cowan

Matters Arising from the previous minutes

Fred Dale confirmed that the area around the bus stop had been cleared and all rubbish now removed. There was still some rotovating to be completed in the area. Thanks were given to D&G Council for their efforts to clear the area. A question re the extra lighting along the path to the bus stop was discussed but this may now be on hold until it has been confirmed whether the bus stops are to be moved further into the village as per the Chief Constables report regarding the speed limit on the B7076. The contact list for Community Councillors has been displayed in the Post office with a further copy to be placed in the Doctors Surgery. The Young Farmers have agreed to erect the seating area for the MUGA . Billy Lockhart will pursue obtaining the wood required. Billy Lockhart confirmed that Mr Redshaw would be attending the Community Council meeting in May to assist with future planning for the MUGA.

Proposer and Seconder

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as true and correct by Tony Thompson and seconded by Marion Bell.

Councillors Report

There was no Councillors Report due to the absence of a Councillor

Police Report

There was no Police report due to the absence of PC John Cowan.

Treasurers Reports

Sharon Bell reported the balance of the Community Council account as £3754.52 with £1516 ring fenced for legal fees and £433 25 for the Micro Grant. The Hall account balance being £935.37. Sylvia Harper presented the balance of the Fund raising account as £2914.68 with £2406.40 ring fenced for legal fees.

Muga Security

After some discussion it was agreed that Richard Mann would draw up the wording for temporary signage for the MUGA. This to include some regulations regarding general usage together with opening times, key holders and emergency contacts. Fred Dale to liaise with the public liability insurers as to the precise wording that may be required by them. It was agreed that the Primary School would keep the MUGA locked from their access point when not in use by themselves.

Emergency Planning.

Richard Mann gave feedback on the recent meeting that Tony Thompson and himself attended. D&G Council are requesting that each Community Council set up a working group to establish a Community Resilience Plan to enable major incidents and natural disasters be efficiently managed. Fred Dale stated that the proposed new Centre would be an ideal location for a public shelter or an incident room. Richard Mann asked whether consideration had been given in the centre's plans to use bottled gas as this would be a requirement in the event of electricity cut offs. Fred Dale confirmed that the Centre had been planned to utilise solar panel energy and heat exchange technology so should meet all the emergency planning criteria. Richard Mann to present his proposed Community Resilience Plan to the next Community Council Meeting. A sub group would have to be established to take the project further

Upcoming Events

May 24 th	Prize Bingo Night
June 29 th	Fun day Tentathlon Candle Party
July 7 th	Car Treasure Hunt
August 17 th	Johnstonebridge Show
September	Race Night Pop up Restaurant
October	Halloween Night Country/60s/70s/80s Dance Night
November 16 th	Christmas Draw/Craft Fair/Coffee Morning
December 20 th	Childrens Christmas Parties and Raffle
21 st	Seniors Christmas Lunch/Christmas Squares

There was some discussion re a possible Gala/Fun Day or MUGA Day. It was agreed that one of the Community Council members would endeavour to contact a well known Scottish TV personality to check availability to open the show. It was felt by the Community Council that some more publicity was required for our ongoing projects.

Clyde Windfarms

Fred Dale confirmed that the Community Council had been awarded £12k by the Windfarm to be used for the earthworks for the new Play Area. The Trust had been awarded £10k for equipment and the PTA £3k for equipment.

Harestaines Windfarm

Fred Dale had recently attended a set up meeting for the 20 relevant communities involvement and to set up of a working Trust to manage the community benefits from

Harestaines. A similar set up is already successful in Ayrshire. A panel is to be established to cover Annandale, Nithsdale and Thornhill areas. Names for suitable candidates from each Community Council are to be forwarded to sit on the board of the new Trust. Richard Mann agreed to be the candidate for the Johnstone area. Fred Dale to continue with the initial meetings remaining in the meantime. There would be a need for other candidates to be proposed in the future as more Windfarms were established.

RTB Update

The Right to Buy has now passed onto the second stage where the application will be considered by the Scottish Ministers. A local volunteer has offered to progress the application further. This to be ratified at the next Trust meeting in May.

AOCB

Two quotes for grass cutting in the Village have been received. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Community Council accept the most cost effective quote. Funding for this would be part of the next Clyde Windfarm grant application. The successful applicant had agreed to charge on a seasonal basis. Fred Dale attended the initial Third Sector First meeting and reported back his disappointment with the content. This has been passed onto the relevant D&G department.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 30th May 2013