

Minutes of Community Council Meeting held on February 27th 2014 in The Village Hall

Members Present

Fred Dale Chair, Tony Thompson Deputy Chair, Sharon Bell Treasurer, Jacky Taylor Secretary, Sylvia Harper, Jim Bell, Marion Bell, Margaret Currie, George Muirhead, Richard Mann. Peter Diggle D&G Council also a representative from Police Scotland. . Apologies from John Graham Stephen Thompson D&G Council and PC John Cowen. Not in attendance Tom Halliday.

Matters Arising

No contact to date from John Howell D&G Council. Further instances of HGV parking in the lay by opposite the Bus Stop reported with consequential damage to the grass verges. Peter Diggle to investigate whether signage restricting vehicle size/weight can be erected. Vehicles also reported as still parking in the entrance to Margot Steel Designs and the derelict garage. It was agreed that the Chair contact Bruce Kelly to discuss a possible signage for No Parking in this area and also to contact Shepherds to obtain their agreement to the entrance being blocked.. The estates office have confirmed they have no problem with the entrance to be blocked on their part of the land. The ride on mower sourced by Mr Turnbull has been viewed but not deemed suitable due to its age/manufacturer and the availability of spare parts. The street lighting being unlit has been reported to D&G Council but no reference number could be obtained. Peter Diggle to establish whether the CCES system is available for our use.

Proposer and Seconder

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

Police Report

There is no Police Report available but nothing untoward in the Johnstonebridge Area reported.

Time Banking

Mia Glendinning gave a precise presentation on the new initiative for time banking hours by individuals in the Annandale and Eskdale areas which has now commenced in Lockerbie. A time bank is a way for people to share their skills with others and be rewarded in turn by another's skills or donating the time you have given to another individual or group. Membership is open to all members of the community. The aim of the Time Bank is to assist the more vulnerable members of the community. For further information contact Mia Glendinning on 07956 056859 or at 72-74 High Street Lockerbie DG11 2AA

Councillors Report

Peter Diggle confirmed that he also has not had any update from John Howells re the proposed move of the bus stop on the B7076. It was reported to Peter Diggle that the repairs to the potholes in the local roads were inadequate with not all holes being repaired in one area at the same time and some potholes now reappearing. There is also a major problem with litter on the road to the service area and coming up onto the B7076. George Findlay who undertook the collecting of litter on a voluntary basis has now stopped undertaking this task and the volume of litter accumulating in the area is now totally unacceptable with a lot of MacDonalds debris apparent. Peter Diggle to

investigate who is responsible for clearing up this litter. Where the service road from the motorway meets the B7076 the road is in a very poor condition and is in urgent need of repair. It was also reported that the small bridge on the St Ann's road up to the Hall has dangerous broken steel rails which had been reported in the previous year.

Treasures Reports

Sharon Bell reported the Community Council account as £1814.85 with £13.25 in the cash box with £1416 ring fenced.. The Hall account as £623.17 with £122.01 in the cash box. The Community Lottery is now being monitored re up to date payments and late payers contacted to settle their account. Sylvia Harper presented the Fund Raising account as £30060 these monies all ring fenced for the Play Area equipment.

Play Area Update

The equipment supplier has now commenced installation but due to the wet weather has had to delay completion. Any damage to the grass surface will be made good by the installation team.

Upcoming Events

March 28th Bingo Night, April Seniors Outing, May Race Night, July Treasure Hunt, August Johnstone Show, September Older Childrens outing, November Craft Fair, December Seniors Christmas Lunch, Childrens Christmas Party and Christmas Draw.

Sylvia Harper confirmed that the February Quiz night raised £200. Moffat Town Hall has been provisionally booked for the Christmas Craft Fair on 15/11/14.

AOCB

Fred Dale and Jacky Taylor attended a meeting with a representative from the proposed AES (Boreland) Windfarm. If planning permission is granted then the Windfarm will commence generating in July 2017 with a benefit of £5K per megawatt proposed. This will be administered by Foundation Scotland. A meeting was also held with Foundation Scotland where we reported our utilisation of Clyde Windfarm funds received. Fred Dale reiterated that without Clyde Windfarm funding our projects may not have been able to proceed as they have. A grant of just under £6K has been confirmed from Clyde Windfarm towards initial work on the Right to Buy land. Volunteers are being sought for Hill Leader courses. Anyone interested contact D&G Council. Kirkpatrick Fleming CC are requesting other Community Councils to join them in requesting a moratorium for future Windfarms. There was a unanimous agreement to this on the understanding that if D&G Council refused planning permission for a specific Windfarm then this decision should not be overturned by the Scottish Parliament.

Date of next Meeting

March 27th in the Village Hall at 19.30