

JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 31st MARCH 2016
AT 7.30PM in the Johnstonebridge Centre

PRESENT

Mr Tony Thomson (TT)

Mrs Sharon Bell (SB) Treasurer

Ms Anita Cooper (AC) Secretary

Mrs Marion Bell (MB)

Mrs Sylvia Harper (SH)

Mr Jim Bell (JB)

Mr Tom Halliday

2 member s of the public

APOLOGIES

Mr Richard Mann (RM) Chair, Mr Richard Bray (RB) Vice Chair, Mrs Margaret Currie (MC)
PC John Cowan, Councillor Peter Diggle, Mrs Heather Robb (HR), Councillor Stephen
Thomson (ST)

Matters Arising

- The noticeboard proposal for the lower village had been agreed.
- A salt bin is to be sited at Beechfield Lane, by the roads department.
- RES windfarms has stated that no one in the village would be included in the designated circle which would involve the RES payment to homes of £200 towards their electricity bills. A letter to be sent to RES for them to attend a meeting for an explanation.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 25th February were read and proposed as true and correct by MB and seconded by JB.

Councillor's Report

No councillor present

Treasurer's Report

SB reported that the Community Council account was standing at £ 4915.42, of which £3067.93 is ringfenced. Cash box £9.03.

Hall account balance £1122.71/£182.11 cash box.

The Fundraising account was holding £159.57.

Police Report

No member of the police present.

Correspondence

- A letter had been received from ATI requesting a donation towards a new minibus. Donation of £100 was agreed.
- Correspondence regarding the forthcoming Scottish Parliamentary Elections.

- A letter from the Council regarding the grass cutting in closed cemeteries stating that this would be carried out from the 1st April by the community payback team.
- A letter from Ann Braid at the Post Office requesting a donation of £250 towards the re-location of the Post office to the new Johnstonebridge Centre on Tuesday 14th June 2016. Agreed.

Public Forum

The question arose as to who was in charge of opening up for the elections at 5.30am?
Clarification to be sought.

Arrangements for celebration of the Queen's Birthday were deferred until the April meeting. John Howell from the roads department had asked what were the concerns at the Johnstonebridge junction : JCC members reiterated the following to be relayed to him... Road layout, concerns re overtaking, potholes, bus shelter sides, speed limit, new hedge planning, and a run off road for the bus stop.

It was stated that there had been one death already at this junction and something needed to be done before another happened.

AOCB

The Quiz night had all been arranged for Friday 15th April.

The Newsletter for February/March had been printed. The School and the Trust to be asked for a report to be added in future issues.

The Treasure Hunt had been agreed to finish at the Lorry Park and to be seen off at the old hall by TH. SB to check with Lorry Park. TT to speak to estate.

SH asked if a race night would be a good idea if organised in September . TBC.

It was agreed to ask RES if they would sponsor the Treasure Hunt & Race Night.

SB & SH to check with Lorry Park for a date.

The JCC Lottery was drawn:

1st Colin Robb 2nd Jock Jardine 3rd Mary Binns

Date and Time of the next meeting is Thursday 26th May 2016 at 7.30pm at the
Johnstonebridge Centre.