

JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28th April 2016
AT 7.30PM in the Johnstonebridge Centre

PRESENT

Mr Richard Mann (RM) Chair
Mr Tony Thomson (TT)
Ms Anita Cooper (AC) Secretary
Mrs Sylvia Harper (SH)
Mrs Margaret Currie (MC)
Mrs Heather Robb (HR),
3 members of the public

Mr Richard Bray (RB) Vice Chair
Mrs Sharon Bell (SB) Treasurer
Mrs Marion Bell (MB)
Mr Tom Halliday (TH)
Councillor Stephen Thomson (ST)

APOLOGIES

PC John Cowan, Councillor Peter Diggle, Mr Jim Bell

Matters Arising

- The noticeboard for the lower village has been ordered. Loreburn to fund it.
- The salt bin at Beechfield Lane is in hand.
- RES windfarms. RM has been in contact with RES and they seem reluctant to release a map for the area covered for the grant proposal. The circle that had been mentioned of which properties would be included is not a true circle coming from the centre of each mast. A representative from RES would be willing to attend a JCC meeting to explain further. RM to invite. RES have apologised for any misleading information
- Quiz night was well attended and everyone had a very good night. Thanks to SH & SB.
- The FEB/MAR newsletter is being distributed. This is the last newsletter that will have paid-up adverts in place. The different companies will need to be contacted to re-advertise if required.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 31st March were read and proposed as true and correct by TH and seconded by SH.

Councillor's Report

- ❖ ST reported that 37 Community Councils had had to be dissolved. Johnstonebridge not being one of them.
- ❖ There is an online form for the consultation on the Post Office move. ST to send a link.

- ❖ Robert Lowther had reported that he had not had any time recently to further the Memorial Garden proposals. He will be in touch soon.
- ❖ The potholes and road markings on the B7076 is an ongoing issue. The resurfacing is also still being carried out in various local areas
- ❖ Lorry parking in the bus stops and at Margot Steele's is still a problem.
- ❖ The road markings at the lights on the A701 have worn away and therefore vehicles are stopping too far in advance of the lights and not tripping them.

Treasurer's Report

SB reported that the Community Council account was standing at £ 4915.42, of which £3067.93 is ring-fenced.

Hall account balance £733.71. Cash box £260.11

It was agreed to transfer all the ring-fenced money in the JCC account into the hall account, for ease of accounting.

The Fundraising account was holding £159.57.

Police Report

No member of the police present.

Correspondence

- Letter re 'Day of the Region'. MB to look into.
- A & E Newsletter.
- Minutes of the A & E Federation Meeting.

Public Forum

- Previously the grass areas that the Council cut were by the Dr's Surgery, areas by the old bus stops and the top of the village. ST to look into this and find out if this is still the case.
- There is still an amount of £159.57 held in the account towards the JCC village grass cutting for petrol etc. Is the Trust in charge of organising this now as they have charge of the mower? Is the JCC strimmer also being held by the Trust?
- The Queen's Birthday Saturday 11th June. It was discussed as to whether JCC would hold a Village Fete /or picnic and/or a Community Day. This was thought to be a good idea. To be discussed at the May meeting.

AOCB

The JCC Lottery was drawn:

1st Ronnie Johnson 2nd Annette Purdie 3rd Susan Johnson

Date and Time of the next meeting is Thursday 30th June 2016 at 7.30pm at the Johnstonebridge Centre.