

**JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE JOHNSTONEBRIDGE CENTRE**

**PRESENT**

Mr Richard Bray (RB) Vice Chair  
Ms Anita Cooper (AC) Secretary  
Mrs Margaret Currie (MC)  
Mrs Sharon Bell (SB) Treasurer  
PC Cowan  
3 members of the public

Mr Tony Thomson (TT)  
Mrs Marion Bell (MB)  
Mr Tom Halliday (TH)  
Mrs Sylvia Harper (SH)  
Councillor Stephen Thomson

**APOLOGIES**

Mr Richard Mann, Mrs Heather Robb, Councillor Peter Diggle,

**Matters Arising**

The Carol Service held in December was well attended.

Thanks go to all who helped at the Seniors Christmas Lunch & the Children's Christmas Party, especially Sylvia & Sharon, Santa & his Elf.

**Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November were read and proposed as true and correct by MB and seconded by MC.**

**POLICE REPORT**

As attached.

PC Cowan was asked if those who reported incidents e.g. dogs running loose, would get a feedback phone call. He stated not necessarily.

There is also a scam on the go for phone calls claiming to be from Microsoft/Capital One/Vodafone. We need to make everyone aware not to give out any details over the phone.

**VISIT FROM PLANET GREEN/PLANET CHAMPION**

Two representatives from Planet Champion at Roadchef/MacDonalds, Annandale Water Services were invited to speak at the meeting about how they could become involved in the local community, to establish village links. A few ideas were spoken about. The HT from Johnstonebridge Primary asked if they would be able to help tidy up the outside of the school in the garden, vegetable plots and erecting a polytunnel. They would take the ideas back to their directors and report back.

**COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

ST thanked the CC for the invitation to the Christmas Lunch which he thoroughly enjoyed.

The new bus shelter was discussed and the design was decided upon – 2 bay/single entry.

The path down to the roundabout should be salted by the council. Some junction/roads near Springwells are not getting picked up by their satnav and council have stated they aren't responsible for these roads.

The pot holes on the road at St Ann's bridge are very bad and should be patched this year.

Road signs are needed pointing the way to the new Johnstonebridge Centre from the main roads ie. St. Anns Bridge A701/C98 and the B7076. ST to look into costs/estimates.

It was stated that white lines are needed along the B7076 by the timber yard, and rubbish needs removed from the verges along the B7076 by the turn off to the services. ST to look into this.

The council are continuing their programme of filling potholes.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

SB reported that the Community Council account was standing at £2607.02.

Cash box has £163.82.

Hall Account balance was £6448.51.

Fundraising account was £159.57.

## **GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE**

ST to remind Nicola Simpson to be in touch regarding the plans for this.

## **FITNESS ROOM**

Ideas for the equipment for the proposed Fitness Room were discussed. These should possibly include a rowing machine, a stepper, a running machine, an exercise bike and a treadmill.

Steven Wiley at Lockerbie should be contacted to help organise equipment and report back to the Trust.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Two thank you cards have been received for the Seniors Christmas Lunch.

A letter had been received from Mark Hamilton Landscape Services about Woodland Creation proposals at Mollin Moor. This land is adjacent to Ae Forest. This will involve the creation of 172 hectares of new woodland and associated open ground. Public access will be permitted. Maps of the proposed areas were enclosed.

JCCDT gave a proposed new reduced pricing structure for the use of the Centre. This was discussed and unanimously agreed.

No meeting had been held as yet about the Dr's surgeries at Johnstonebridge. MC & TT to enquire.

No news in regard to the Post Office costs (Ann Braid). This will be brought up at the next Trust meeting.

## **AOCB**

The question was asked as to who was responsible for the gates at the end of Beechfield Lane. Probably the community as the land into which they allowed entry was community land. To be looked into.

The 'Right to Buy' land needed to be used. Only three or four plots are being used at present for gardening allotments. These questions were to be taken to the next Trust meeting.

Is the phone box at the bottom village to be painted?

Will there be more gravel put down adjacent to the newly landscaped area at the village entrance, as it could look a lot better.

The older children's trip to ten-pin bowling in Carlisle would include S1 to S6 children at the Academies.

Dates were discussed and an ATI bus would be booked. More information to follow.

Would anyone be interested in having a Beavers and/or Cubs group at the JB Centre? A questionnaire would be circulated to gauge interest.

## **LOTTERY**

**1<sup>st</sup> Colin MacKenzie 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Murray 3<sup>rd</sup> Julie Nelson**

**Date and Time of the next meeting is Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm  
at the Johnstonebridge Centre.**