

JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27th APRIL 2017 AT 7.30PM in the Johnstonebridge Centre

PRESENT

Mr Tony Thomson (TT) Acting Chair	Mrs Marion Bell
Ms Anita Cooper (AC) Secretary	Mrs Sharon Bell (SB) Treasurer
Mrs Margaret Currie (MC)	Mrs Sylvia Harper (SH)
Councillor Stephen Thompson (ST)	Mr Tom Halliday

3 members of the public

APOLOGIES

Mr Richard Mann, Mr Richard Bray, Councillor Peter Diggle, Mrs Heather Robb, PC Irons

Matters Arising

- JCCDT Ltd will be holding an open meeting for the community on 15th May 2017 at 7pm.
- The Memorial Garden – waiting for developments.
- Village defibrillator – awaiting confirmation of suggested sites. The position at the Dr's surgery will need agreement.
- The village Phone Box – This needs to be discussed by the community and the colour decided upon by agreement. A letter will be sent to the Trust asking that the Community Council be consulted.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 39th March 2017 were read and proposed as true and correct by MC and seconded by SB.

Treasurer's Report

SB reported that the Community Council account was standing at £2875.02.
The Hall Account balance was £6198.51.
Cash box £73.82.

Councillor's Report

- Boundary hedge has been cut by grounds maintenance.
- The road at Panlands has been repaired. Other areas are still to be fixed. This is ongoing...
- Any group representing the community has to consult the community on any decisions affecting the community.

Police Report

PC Irons was unable to attend but dropped in the report, as attached.

FITNESS SUITE

Discussion took place on the proposed fitness suite at the Johnstonebridge Centre.

- How many people would use it?
- When would be the best times for it to be accessible?
- How often would it be used?

Someone would have to be available to open & shut the centre at a cost of minimum wage or volunteers.

Probably the best way to find out would be a community survey, and also survey the neighbouring villages & towns.

JCCDT Ltd

The Trust made available a report and financial projection for over the next 6 years. The BIG Lottery grant would be available until year 5, but from year 6 the Centre would be running at a loss going on the assumptions of income and expenditure.

A meeting has been organised for the community on Monday 15th May 2017 at 7pm at Johnstonebridge Centre.

CORRESPONDENCE

- An invitation from Johnstonebridge Primary School to their Garden Party on Wednesday 17th May at 1.30pm. All welcome to come and help celebrate the new playground and garden facilities.
- Brochure from 'Empower' Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway.
- A letter on behalf of the community council applying for a grant of £200 from the ANCBC windfarm community benefit fund to pay for the fuel for the coming year for the community lawn mower. Agreed.
- A letter from John Burrows, the cook at the lunch club has been sent to Richard Mann (Chair). Mr Burrows was upset about some accusations that had been made against him and asked for the Community Council's help. Richard Mann had written a draft reply and asked for the community council's view on it, before sending. This was agreed.

AOCB

- The Treasure Hunt this year would be arranged for Sunday 2nd July 2017. This would start at the old hall and finish at the Community Centre. RM to liaise with the estate for the prize.
- Planning applications had been received for this week. With a change of use for Dinwoodie Lodge Hotel to a dwelling house.

LOTTERY

1st Percy Johnstone

2nd Marion Paul

3rd Ritchie Strawhorn

Date and Time of the next meeting is Thursday 25th May 2017 at 7.30pm at the Johnstonebridge Centre.