

# JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 AT 7.30PM in the Johnstonebridge Centre

### PRESENT

Mr Richard Mann (RM) Chair	Mr Tony Thompson (TT)
Mrs Marion Bell	Mr Richard Bray
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
PC John Cowan	

8 members of the public

### APOLOGIES

Mrs Heather Robb

### Matters Arising

It was noted that the letter from the Community Council to the Trust regarding the phone box and surrounding garden areas had not been sent.

Phone box & surrounding area – RM asked Mr Watson to explain the decision behind the painting of the phone box etc.

Mr Watson - It was proposed to the Development Trust to get the garden and area cleaned and tidied up at the entrance to the village, with the phone box painted. Trust voted and agreed. Work was carried out by himself & various organisations who gave their time etc. An apology was given for not keeping the Community Council in the picture. Mr Watson wished it to be noted that he was disappointed on the negativity in the community.

**Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were read and proposed as true and correct by MC and seconded by TH.**

### Treasurer's Report

Community Council Account £2875.02

Hall Account £ 6198.51

Cash box £56.72

### Councillor's Report

- ST said the new councillor was Adam Wilson and would forward his email address.
- Panlands Road – sections had been resurfaced.
- Bus Shelter – the local elections had held up the installation, but hoped it to be erected shortly now that new administration was in place.
- Memorial Garden – no update

### Police Report

As attached.

Plus reports of a suspicious van in Kirkbank Road enquiries in hand.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from the Scottish Parliament on the proposed Restricted Roads (20 mph Limit) (Scotland) Bill

## **AOCB**

- Treasure Hunt – arrangements in hand
- Fitness Suite – enquiries still ongoing.
- Defibrillator – awaiting further information for it to be sited at the hall and not the surgery.
- TH said that the Garden Party at the school was very well attended, and very well received.
- SH - The areas in the middle of the grass verges along the APR road needed to be sprayed because nettles were taking over again. ST
- Could the community strimmer be brought to the village, please? TH

### **Matters raised by members of the community**

- The subject of the path and road from the APR road down to the services was raised. Over hanging branches, litter etc. which was preventing easy access. ST to contact the community safety team and the roads department. Also, any private landowners which bordered the area.
- The path from the lower village up to Kirkbank Road is also needing maintained regularly, with the back of the hedge being cut back to enable easy access. ST.
- Mr Watson wished it minuted that he didn't think the previous minutes were correct. He felt that having the entrance area to the village tidied up was a prime opportunity for the community to come together, and as being part of the community had a right to discuss this.
- Could the matter of the large garden tubs at the bottom of the village be discussed at the next meeting – maybe 'Sponsor a Tub'? to keep these areas looking good?

## **LOTTERY**

**1<sup>st</sup> Anna Johnstone 2nd Joanne Mann 3rd Aaron Bell**

**Date and Time of the next meeting is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm  
at the Johnstonebridge Centre.**