

Minutes of Meeting held on May 30th 2013 in the Johnstone Village Hall

Members present Fred Dale Chairman Tony Thompson Sharon Bell John Graham George Muirhead Marion Bell Jim Bell Richard Mann and Jacky Taylor. PC Bob Dixon from D&G Constabulary. Apologies from Sylvia Harper Tom Halliday and Margaret Currie Peter Diggle D&G Council and PC Cowan. Also present three members of the public.

Matters Arising from the previous minutes.

Response from the Scottish TV personality re the proposed gala day is pending. Fred Dale on behalf of the Community Council thanked the Young Farmers for the work the undertook on the MUGA. Tony Thompson pointed out that the Country Music night in October should read 50s/60s/70s.

Proposer and Seconder

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as true and correct by Jim Bell and seconded by George Muirhead.

Councillors Report

There was no Councillors report due to the absence of the Councillor.

Police Report

The Police report was presented by Pc Dixon on behalf of Pc Cowan On 20/5/2013 a 15year old youth was charged with vandalism after damaging a car at a local care establishment an don 23/5/2013 a theft of heating oil was reported from a property near to Dykehead Farm . Pc Dixon also reported that the Lockerbie area is being targeted by thieves stealing overhead electricity cables by cutting live copper wires at remote local locations. Three males have been traced and detained in possession of similar cables and charged . Pc Dixon also reported that deer poachers had recently been caught in the local area and charges are pending. The Council have now placed a 7.5t weight limit on the C98 between Johnstonebridge and the B7020.

Treasures Reports

Sharon Bell reported that the balance of the Community Council account as £2135.80 with £50.99 in the cash box. £433.25 ring fences as Micro Grant. The Hall account as £710.72 with £79.42 in the cash box. The Fundraising account at £3339.68 with £2406.40 ring fenced for legal fees.

Housing Development

The proposed housing development at the bottom of the Village has been represented to the Planning Office. Previous objections need to be re submitted before building commences. Thirty nine properties are being proposed with twenty properties offered for sale and nineteen as Social Housing. It is important to note that any objections can only be made for the number of houses being built/offered and the style of building. Fred Dale stated that he thought the ratio of sale to social housing was out of proportion for Johnstonebridge Village.

Emergency Planning

Richard Mann updated the Community Council with progress to date. The next meeting to be attended by Richard Mann and Tony Thompson is on 14/7/2013. Volunteers for a sub committee for Emergency Planning was requested by Richard Mann. It was decided that George Muirhead and Jacky Taylor to assist on the sub committee.

Upcoming Events

Sharon Bell proposed a garden centre visit with afternoon tea for the senior citizens of the parish. After various discussion it was agreed that Houghton hall offered the best facility for the outing. Sharon Bell to obtain best quote for a mini bus. It was unanimously agreed for a donation from the micro grant to cover the cost.

July 7 th	Car Treasure Hunt
August 17 th	Johnstonebridge Show
September	Race Night
	Pop Up Restaurant
October	Halloween Night
	Country 50s/60s/70s Dance Night
November 16 th	Christmas Draw/Craft Fair/Coffee Morning
December 20 th	Children's Christmas Parties and Raffle
	21 st Seniors Christmas Lunch/Christmas Squares

Windfarm Grants

New Grant applications are now available from the Clyde Windfarm, all forms to be received by June 28th 2013. Successful applicants will receive funding in September 2013. It was proposed that an application be made to the micro grant for £250 to be made towards the proposed Gala Day. This was unanimously agreed. A Beer Tent would be provided as part of the facilities on offer. A procession through the Village of tractors and floats was also proposed together with a fancy dress competition. The Police would have to be informed of the processional route but initial enquiries suggested that this would be acceptable to the local Police authority. The procession would commence from Kirkbank. Fred Dale informed that the following logos could now be applied to any signage for our new community facilities National Lottery, Dumfries & Galloway Council Clyde Windfarm and Scottish Foundation.

RTB

Fred Dale updated the Community Council with the progress to date on the Right to Buy. Natalie Anderson has volunteered to undertake the full application and funding to

conclusion subject to agreement from the Community Council. It was unanimously agreed. The Trust has also agreed. We are now awaiting the next step from the Scottish Ministers regarding the valuation of the land.

Play Area/Muga Insurances

The Community Council has a public responsibility as the main funders of the MUGA and the Play Area. The most cost effective quote obtained was from the NFU at £795 per annum. This would cover the Community Council for Public Liability and the MUGA surface for £20k and the Play Equipment for £32k. There is £150 towards the insurance costs from a previous funding application leaving a deficit of £645. It was unanimously agreed for this payment to be made from the Community Council Bank account. This insurance payment is expected to be covered by the Trust in the future when all building is complete.

Child protection and H&S policies

As a result of our many funding applications it has become apparent that the Community Council and the Trust are required to have in place a Child protection and Health & Safety Policy. Fred Dale and Jacky Taylor to present to the August meeting for approval.

Website Update

Fred Dale is keeping the website regularly updated with the minutes from the Community Council and The Trust displayed. Volunteers for assisting with fund raising are urgently required forms for interested parties displayed on the website which can now be Googled.

AOCB

Three generous donations have recently been received by The Trust, an amount of over £900 from the Web Site designers which has purchased the brush/roller attachment for the ride on mower, £275 from the Annandale Estates office which has been used towards legal fees and £50 from the Murthat Quarry. Letters of appreciation have been sent. It was agreed that George Muirhead has another key for the MUGA seating area. It was also agreed that the MUGA stay locked and be opened on request only for the time being. Sharon Bell was concerned with a lot of mud that had been deposited on the MUGA surface. Richard Mann presented his draft design for the MUGA sign Fred Dale read out a letter regarding planning issues regarding the Scottish Government overriding local Councils decisions. It was agreed that the Secretary send the approved letter supporting the planning decisions of our local council regarding Windfarm applications to D&G Council. The Community Council thanked Carol and David Metcalfe for cleaning the Village Hall and keeping the flower tubs tidy. Tony Thompson then updated the Community Council with matters arising from the last Federation meeting. Jean Purvis was appointed Chairman and Alec Thomson as Deputy. The public liability insurance was confirmed as covered by D&G Council for Community Council events as coffee mornings etc but we have check with D&G Council prior to outside events taking place. There are now two armed response Police vehicles within the Dumfries & Galloway area. Some of the attendees at the federation meeting expressed their disappointment with the lack of D&G Councillors attending their individual community council meetings

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday June 27th at 19.30 in the Village Hall.