# Minutes of Meeting held on June 27th 2013 in the Johnstone Village Hall

Members present Tony Thompsom Deputy Chairman Sharon Bell Treasurer Marion Bell Margaret Currie George Muirhead Jim Bell Tom Hallliday John Graham and Jacky Taylor Secretary Pc John Cowan and Peter Diggle D&G Council. Also present one member of the public.

Apologies from Fred Dale Sylvia Harper and Richard Mann.

#### **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

Unfortunately the Scottish TV personality (Lorraine Kelly) is unable to attend the proposed gala day but she did send a signed copy of her book and a signed photograph for a raffle prize. It is noted that the date for all objections to the proposed DGHP development near the Doctors Surgery is now passed. George Muirhead stated that he was still waiting for the correct MUGA keys. Sharon Bell and George Muirhead to resolve. It was agreed that a temporary sign be erected in the MUGA until the official signage was ready.

#### **Proposer and Seconder**

Of the previous meeting were proposed as true and correct by George Muirhead and seconded by Marion Bell.

## **Councillors Report**

Peter Diggle opened his report by stressing that he can be contacted at any time via e mail or telephone message at the D&G Council headquarters. The Community Review is still ongoing. Peter Diggle had presented the speed petition from Johnstonebridge to the relevant parties but there is still no intention to change the current speed limit. The placement of the Bus Stop is still under review together with changing the drop off point for the School Bus.

### **Police Report**

Pc Cowen presented his report. On 12/6/13 a motor cyclist fell from his bike and alleged that he was forced off the road by a driver of a black BMW on the St Anns road. Between the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of June a rural property was broken into and a laptop stolen Enquiries are still ongoing. The Lockerbie area has been targeted again in recent days with a quad bike and generators stolen from rural properties in Sibbaldbie. The Farm Watch system has had some software problems this month Patrols have been monitoring the C98a St Anns-Johnstonebridge road following the weight restriction being applied. Vehicles from F. Davidson and Sons, Niven Transport, Grange Quarry ltd and DW Transport have all been stopped using the road and advised of the new regulations and the company management

spoken to .They have been advised that Fixed Penalty Tickets will be issued to drivers who continue to use the road..

## **Treasures Reports**

Sharon Bell reported that the Community Council account stands at £2134.80 with £50.99 held in the cash box. The total funds include £183.25 for the Micro Grant. The Hall accounts stands at £828.92 with £33.42 in the cash box. The Fund raising account stands at £3339.68 There was no draw for the Lottery held due to unforeseen circumstances.

#### Windfarm Planning Evening

Windfarm Developer Contributions Information Evening Tuesday 10/12/13 @ 18.30 in Annan Town Hall; attendees to be confirmed. All Community Councillors throughout the region are invited to attend.

Harestanes Public Information Days Moffat Town Hall 3/7/13 15.00-19.00 attendees to be confirmed

## **Emergency Planning Update**

Planning still ongoing.

### **MUGA Signage**

Signage still ongoing

#### **Upcoming Events**

The Senior Citizens Garden Centre Visit is planned for Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Houghton Hall Carlisle. A 33 seater coach is being provided but participants can use their own transport if they prefer. Lunch will be provided at 12.00. The coach will leave Johnstonebridge at 11.00 and return at 15.00 Names and menu preferences to Anne Braid at the Village Hall Post Office. Names to be provided by 22/7/2013. The Treasure Hunt is confirmed as July 7<sup>th</sup>. The Community Council thanked Tom Halliday for organising the event.

### **New Community Councillors Registration**

John Graham Margaret Currie and George Muirhead completed the registration forms as required by D&G Council

#### **AOCB**

The Hall Cooker to be checked by R Currie as it has been reported as faulty. The meeting was presented with the new proposals by D&G Council regarding waste collection moving to a fortnightly cycle and new bins being provided for recycling of various waste. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Community Council write to D&G Council expressing their concerns and the various points raised against this alteration to the present system. Peter Diggle was asked to check whether the Council were prepared to keep providing basic maintenance to the Hall after the Budget Savings letter was presented to the Community Council. Dog Fouling along the grass verges was becoming a major problem when cutting the grass and also for parents and children going to the Primary School. There as also a complaint regarding dog fouling in gardens adjacent to the grass verges. Bryce Kelly from D&G Council to be contacted regarding signage for the Village. Peter Diggle was asked to look into why the Council was not cutting the grass in Kirkhill Road. Peter Diggle was also requested to contact the department who cut down the shrubbery at the bus stop to return and clear the remaining roots and stones from the area as it was not possible to use the ride on mower due to the detritus remaining. George Muirhead reported that the MUGA needs an extra piece of boarding at the bottom of the fencing to stop the grass and weeds growing through. Tony Thompson to obtain two quotes from local businesses for providing the Seniors Christmas Lunch. The Data Protection Registration which has now to be paid by the Community Council will be due in November 2013. Contact details for ICO have been updated. The Young Farmers have asked to book the Hall for a Summer dance in September. It was unanimously agreed to accept the booking.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 19.30 in the Village Hall

There is no meeting in July