

JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2015
AT 7.30PM in the Johnstonebridge Centre

PRESENT

Mr Richard Mann (RM) Chair
Mr Tony Thomson (TT)
Ms Anita Cooper (AC) Secretary
Mrs Margaret Currie (MC)
Mrs Sylvia Harper (SH)
Councillor Stephen Thomson

Mr Richard Bray (RB) Vice Chair
Mrs Sharon Bell (SB) Treasurer
Mr Tom Halliday (TH)
Mrs Heather Robb (HR)
Mr Jim Bell (JB)

APOLOGIES

Mr Tony Thomson (TT), PC John Cowan, Mrs Marion Bell (MB)

Matters Arising

- Confirmation that the 12th member of the JCC with voting rights can be carried with 2/3rd of the majority.
- Councillor Diggle had contacted the Highways Agency in regard to the footpath to the lower village, and this was being chased up.
- The Carol Service being held on Sunday 20th December was to be put on the website, mulled wine to be served, School Choir Carol singers to be asked to join the service.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 29th October were read and proposed as true and correct by JB and seconded by HR.

Councillor's Report

ST reported that the 101 service had had a few complaints; it was up to the police and the fire dept. to govern what actions were taken. Make sure staff were trained properly, calls logged and delegated properly.

Care at Home: negotiations on rural rates were on-going in the April 16 budget, with cost of transport, rural locations, and awkwardness to get to being raised.

The overspill car park for the Johnstonebridge Centre: Agreement had been made between D & G Council and JCC that parking in the playground and at the front of the school, outwith times of school times had been agreed.

Road problems:

Any potholes seen to be reported as soon as possible.

There had been no updates on the speed restriction issue.

The cycle lane surfaces had become very rough – to report.

More trees had been planted at the junction to the B7020 entrance to the village (maybe a danger in the future for obscuring view of oncoming traffic) – to be looked into.

It was suggested that signs at different places in the area to watch for Deer would be a good idea.

Sides for the northbound bus shelter, to protect against weather.

Police Report

As attached.

Treasurer's Report

SB reported that the Community Council account was standing at £ 6397.42, with £3866.93 ringfenced. £39.03 in the cash box.

Hall account balance £1524 to remain open for Windfarm money.

The Fundraising account was holding £166.67.

Gambling licence to remain. Prizes for Christmas Lottery to remain the same. Christmas Squares to remain. The JCCDT were applying for the performing rights licence for the hall. SB made the JCC aware that the Samuel Elliot bequest that was used for the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch each year, was getting less. Other plans would need to be made for next year.

Correspondence

There had been applications for grants from the Harestanes Windfarm money from SWRI for a grant of £250 towards expenses, JB School for £391 for items for the nurture group. These were proposed and passed with no objections. There was also an application from the Bowlers for £500 which it was decided to defer until April and use a different grant.

AOCB

The childrens Christmas Party was all organised.

The date for decorating the hall was agreed as Monday 14th December at 7 pm.

The Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch was all in hand.

RM to contact RES Windfarm and invite to the next meeting in January.

Public Forum

The plans were discussed for the new James Jones Sawmills at Hangingshaw, near the Lorry Park.

Billy Lockhart discussed the new Community Memorial Garden at the Cemetery. He would ask Robert Lowther from the Council to the next JCC meeting. A sub-committee would need to be formed to help with design etc.

Kettleholm Bowling Club had asked if they could have the curtains from the old hall if they were not needed. No objections.

Date and Time of the next meeting is Thursday 21st January 2016 at 7.30pm at the Johnstonebridge Centre.

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