

Johnstone Community Council  
Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016. 7.30 pm  
At Johnstonebridge Centre

MINUTES

Present: Richard Mann (RM) Chairman; Richard Bray (RB) Vice Chairman; Sharon Bell (SB) Treasurer; Sylvia Harper (SH); Marion Bell (MB); Jim Bell (JB); Tom Halliday (TH); Margaret Currie (MC); Tony Thompson (TT).

PC Brownrigg and colleague joined the meeting prior to the police report.

Councillor Thompson joined the meeting after the Hall Managers update in AOB.

Apologies: Anita Cooper, Heather Robb, PC John Cowan.

Matters arising:

1. Reflector on railings outside Johnstonebridge Centre, not yet installed. ACTION: RM
2. Letter sent to RES inviting them to attend this meeting. Ruth Highgate, Local Liason Officer has left the organisation and Graham Kerr will attend the next meeting.
3. Sid Coull, raised the issue of pot holes between top and bottom village. It was suggested that he phone the pot hole hot line.
4. No reply had been received from Robert Lowther regarding the memorial stone. ACTION: RM
5. Kettleholm Hall had collected the curtains from the old village hall.

Minutes of last meeting:

Proposed as accepted by MC and seconded by TH.

Treasurers report:

1. Statement of accounts circulated.

Community Council account	4915.42
Of which	3017.93 ring fenced
Balance	1847.49
Cash box	9.03
Village Hall account	1237.71
Cash box	79.11
Fund raising account	159.57

Correspondence:

1. Letters of thanks had been received from

George Muirhead

John and Sally Graham

Marion and Jim Bell

Bridie and Tony Thompson

David and Carol Metcalf

All sent their thanks to the Committee (especially Sylvia and colleagues) for the best senior citizens party ever and were looking forward to next year already.

2. Application for licencing Johnstonebridge Centre:  
The licence will be in the Trusts name. Fred Dale is presenting to the Licencing Board of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016. The local Licencing Officer and PC John Cowan had no objections.
3. A letter had been received re training events. RB pointed out that this had been emailed to individual members. No one was applying to take part.
4. Letter from the Council concerning reviewing the planning system. Community Council members are now invited to log on to Council website and give any relevant feedback.
5. Letter had been received in regard to the Queen's Birthday Bonfires on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016. Possible sites were discussed but no conclusion reached.

Public Forum:

1. SH had received a letter from Diabetes UK thanking Sylvia and the Community Council for the fantastic sum of £2785.60 raised at the Race Night/raffle.

2. TT questioned lawn mowing in the village for the coming season and the status of the insurance/ownership of the mower. To be followed up.
3. TT asked if it was possible to have a litter bin by the new bench. Council to be approached. (See item 7 AOB).
4. TT requested a sand bin for Maclean Drive. Council to be approached. (See item 7 AOB).

At this point PC Brownrigg and colleague joined the meeting.

Police report:

1. PC Brownrigg wished everyone a Happy New Year.
2. Reported that on 29.12.15 an honesty box had been taken from North Greyrigg.
3. On 24.12.15 a 59 year old male and assaulted an ambulance man at Annandale Water Service area.
4. There had been break-ins in Templand, Lockerbie and Moffat and asked those present to report any suspicious activity via 999 or 101 as appropriate.
5. He highlighted a change in the law where some minor offences can now be given a discretionary warning.
6. RM raised the issue of traffic lights at St Anns Bridge i.e. north bound sensor is not responding to traffic approaching.

Any other business:

1. RM reported that he had investigated the ownership of the caravan site beside Dinwoodie Lodge. The owner was name of Scamford who was looking to place 11 luxury mobile homes as retirement homes for the over 50s priced approximately £160,000.
2. Sid Coull, Centre Manager, was invited to give the meeting an update on Hall activities/ events:

29 <sup>th</sup> January	Rue and the Rockets – 45 tickets sold so far
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Equestrian pilates.
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Quiz night hosted by Johnstonebridge Wednesday Lunch Club. Quiz Master Brian Allinson. £6 per team.

Other possibilites being explored : Country and western night; community bonfire night (£600 fireworks); Hogmanay Night.

Sid reported that the heating system and electrics were under investigation to ascertain the optimum settings at which to run at. Different meters had been installed to monitor consumption.

Hall now has a landline: 470325.

School is using the hall three times a week.

Tuesday bowling night is well attended.

Shop is ready and Post Office Counters are going in. Shop is looking for 5 or 6 volunteers. Also looking for volunteers for the bar.

3. JB and MB asked about the possibility of a noticeboard at Kirkhill to notify residents of forthcoming events. Des would be willing to site it in the maintained area at the entrance to Kirkhill. RM asked MB to research prices and bring to the next meeting.

At this point Councillor Stephen Thompson joined the meeting.

4. Stephen reported that clarification was still being sought regarding liability and agreement on using School play ground as a parking facility. i.e would it be School, Trust or Community Council whose liability it would be.
5. Stephen reported that the sides for the north bound bus shelter were still in a queue of jobs to be completed.
6. He reported that Fraser Marshall was the contact for war memorials and emails had been sent to RM. RM to check email address was correct.
7. TT asked Stephen about a bin beside the bench below Maclean drive and the possibility of a salt bin. Stephen would take this up with the Council. ACTION: ST
8. Sid Coull pointed out the amount of litter on the slip road up to the motorway. Stephen would take this up with the Council. ACTION: ST

There being no other business RM closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.