

# JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016  
AT 7.30PM in the Johnstonebridge Centre

## PRESENT

Mr Richard Mann (RM) Chair

Mr Tony Thomson (TT)

Ms Anita Cooper (AC) Secretary

Mrs Sylvia Harper (SH)

Mrs Margaret Currie (MC)

2 members of the public

Mrs Sharon Bell (SB) Treasurer

Mr Tom Halliday (TH)

Councillor Stephen Thomson (ST)

1 x member of the police

## APOLOGIES

PC John Cowan, Councillor Peter Diggle, Mr Jim Bell, Mrs Marion Bell, Mr Richard Bray, Mrs Heather Robb

## Matters Arising

- The noticeboard for the lower village has been delivered. Installation to be organised. Mr Muirhead & Mr Graham have offered to do this.
- Mr Robert Lowther has not been in touch. Many of the potholes have been filled in the village and surrounding areas, but there are still some to be done.
- RM reported that he now has the working password for the Johnstone Community Council website.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March were read and proposed as true and correct by TT and seconded by MC.

## Councillor's Report

- ❖ There is an online form for the consultation on the Post Office move. ST has sent the link.
- ❖ D & G Council are in the process of repairing the potholes and hope for it to be completed by 17/6/16.
- ❖ The St Anns traffic lights have been reported and are awaiting confirmation.
- ❖ The road at Greigsland has been dug up by Scottish Water as work is necessary.
- ❖ Any road safety issues and concerns to be reported to John Howell. There is a system in place that if you email any concerns to Alison Fergusson, each problem will be logged with a reference number.

## Treasurer's Report

SB reported that the Community Council account was standing at £ 5137.42, of which £3051.52 is ring-fenced, leaving a balance of £2085.90 Cash box £9.03.

Hall account balance is £937.71. Cash box £95.70  
The Fundraising account was holding £159.57.

It was agreed to combine the cash boxes for future use.  
The forms for the discretionary grant had been filled in and were to be scanned and emailed.

Police Report  
As attached

Correspondence

- The annual membership for ATI was agreed of the £25 renewal.

Public Forum

- There is still an amount of £159.57 held in the account towards the JCC village grass cutting for petrol etc.
- RM said he was having a meeting with Lord David Johnstone to discuss various issues and also grass cutting etc,
- The clothes bin opposite the school is raising funds for the upkeep of the play area. Pat Lewthwaite has been collecting it and forwarding it to Julia Barnard.
- Wooden mushroom stools had been discussed for the play area from the money raised.
- A concern was raised about children possibly running into the centre car park and that it could do with a fence if possible. RM
- JCC is still one member short, place to be advertised by poster.
- Day trips to be organised for the seniors and the juniors.
- The Samuel Elliot Trust had been sent a letter requesting a possible donation to the seniors Christmas Lunch.
- The race night at the Lorry Park has been organised for the 23<sup>rd</sup> September.
- The Treasure Hunt on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July was agreed to start at the old hall and finish at the Lorry Park.
- The old JCC crockery needs to be relocated. Put on sale?
- A defibrillator had been discussed to have at the hall.
- SH was asked about the Johnstone Community Graveyards. Who owns the land? Dogs have been seen to be let loose on the grass area. Speak to ST about a sign for the entrance.

AOCB

The JCC Lottery was drawn:

1<sup>st</sup> Sadie Halliday 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Howe 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Nelson

Date and Time of the next meeting is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30pm at the Johnstonebridge Centre.