

JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25th AUGUST 2016
AT 7.30PM in the Johnstonebridge Centre

PRESENT

Mr Richard Mann (RM) Chair	Mrs Heather Robb (HR)
Mrs Margaret Currie (MC)	Mr Tom Halliday
Mr Tony Thomson (TT)	Mrs Sharon Bell (SB) Treasurer
Ms Anita Cooper (AC) Secretary	Mrs Marion Bell (MB)
Mr Jim Bell (JB)	Mr Stephen Thomson (ST) Councillor
PC Cowan	
5 members of the public	

APOLOGIES

Mr Richard Bray, Mrs Sylvia Harper, Councillor Peter Diggle

Matters Arising

- RM said he was speaking to Stephen Thomson about the website.
- The JB crockery had been collected by Wamphay CC.
- Mr John Howell had said he will be at the next meeting on 29th September.
- ST said he was speaking to the council about the weed killer being put down around the bushes along service road. The council would liaise with SH.
- The loop in the centre hasn't been working properly. The Trust were getting quotes to put the matter right.
- The hedges were all being trimmed along the roads.
- SH has the race night planned for the 23rd September all in hand. The proceeds for the raffle were to be for Diabetes UK and from the race night for Christmas events.
- SH would be organising a stand outside Tesco to sell raffles tickets.
- The hall had been provisionally booked for the Senior Christmas Lunch & the Children's Christmas Party.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 25th August 2016 were read and proposed as true and correct.

Police Report

As attached.

PC Cowan was asked if the no parking lines were going to be re painted in Lockerbie on the street across from the Library. He would look into this.

TT asked if when the message alerts came into the neighbourhood watch line that details of where the problem was, is stated in the message, as there were no specific areas highlighted. PC Cowan to look into this.

The traffic lights at St Ann's were still not working properly. The light change wasn't being triggered by approaching cars if the vehicles didn't get close enough. Transport Scotland would need to be notified. ST to report also the red light was missing on JB side & that the road markings were not clear.

Councillor's Report

The patching of the roads was still on-going, but for any problems still around they should be reported. ST would email a list of roads to help with the translation of areas covered. The website was ongoing with RM.

List of roads that have had attention listed below:

U324a JOHNSTONEBRIDGE-SPRINGWELLSGATE 4.196 C98 west of Johnstonebridge to Springswellgate.

U325a JOHNSTONE CHURCH 0.201 U324 at Old Manse to Johnstone Church.

U326a GREENBECK-KERSE 2.462 U324 at Johnstonecleuch to Kerse steading.

U327a KERSE-TEMPLAND 4.476 U326 east of Merse to C19 west of Templand.

U328a HEATHFIELD 1.368 B7020 at Heathfield Cottage to U327 east of Brae.

U329a PANLANDS-ARCHWOOD 4.828 U324 at Kirkbank Smithy to C19 east of Templand.

U330a JOHNSTONEBRIDGE SERVICE AREA Johnstonebridge 0.410 From junction with B7076, south of Kirkhill farm buildings, to second roundabout at Johnstonebridge Service Area

Treasurer's Report

SB reported that the Community Council account was standing at £ 3018.52

Hall account balance £3853.61 which comprises of wind farm money, micro-grant & Christmas funds.

Combined cash box holds £44.11.

The Fundraising account was holding £159.57.

Raehills had agreed a donation of £100 as prize money for the Treasure Hunt.

RES agreed to sponsor the Race Night with a £250 donation.

Correspondence

A letter had been received from Aileen Burgess asking for a donation of £250 from the micro-grant towards the cost of a Hallowe'en Party at JB Centre. It would go towards the cost of a magician, games & refreshments etc. After discussion, it was agreed to ask for a breakdown of costs.

A & E Community Safety Fund had money available for community areas with a 50% match funding. After discussion it was agreed to get a quote for some safety barriers/fencing between the centre and the play park.

Public Forum

There will be more news next month in relation to the Trust, and the new board etc. There will be an open meeting in November for the AGM and election of board members. It was agreed that it would be a good idea for members of both JCC & the Trust to be on both committees in the future.

AOCB

Could the salt bin from the old hall be brought down to the Centre? **ST.**

Could the money raised towards 'mushroom seating' in the play park be used for something else, maybe toward the match funding for safety railings as mentioned previously?

Lottery – July

1st – Thomas T.

2nd – Alasdair Sloan

3rd – Aaron Bell

Lottery - August

1st - Sally Graham

2nd – Ronnie Johnstone

3rd – John Purdie

Date and Time of the next meeting is Thursday 29th September at 7.30pm at the Johnstonebridge Centre.