

# JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016  
AT 7.30PM in the Johnstonebridge Centre

## PRESENT

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| Mr Richard Mann (RM) Chair     | Mrs Margaret Currie (MC)       |
| Mr Richard Bray (RB)           | Mr Tony Thomson (TT)           |
| Mrs Sharon Bell (SB) Treasurer | Ms Anita Cooper (AC) Secretary |
| Mrs Sylvia Harper (SH)         | Mr Jim Bell (JB)               |
| Mrs Marion Bell (MB)           |                                |

4 members of the public & Mr Howell from D & G Council.

## APOLOGIES

Councillor Peter Diggle, Councillor Stephen Thomson, Mr Tom Halliday, Mrs Heather Robb

## Matters Arising

- The website is now up and running and easier to understand. RM
- Investigation is still on-going into the problems with the Loop system in the JB Centre. There is still a lot of reverberation and they need to get to the route of the problem.
- Thanks go to Sylvia & Sharon for the preparation and all the organisation involved for the Race night held at the Lorry Park on the 23rd September. The raffle raised £410 for Diabetes UK and the Race Night raised £769.29 for Community Christmas Events.
- SH reported that the cheque for £250 had been handed to Aileen Burgess for the Hallowe'en Party planned for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at the JB Centre.
- Discussions in regard to the Trust are still ongoing.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016 were read and proposed as true and correct by TT and seconded by MB.

Mr Howell joined the meeting.

He stated that the speed limit for the B7076 had been considered in 2015. Action needs to be in the form of a request to the ECI Committee for a 40 speed limit.

RM mentioned the speed of the Lorries and the bus shelter with no sides. No correspondence had been received since a letter in 2015 from ST requesting this be looked into. SWTrans would be responsible for the bus shelter sides. They score the requests and the highest gets sorted. More insistence and making the case an important one will have to be made.

Safety at the junction - 2 damaged vehicles and 1 fatality. Police must become more involved to measure the vehicle speed and they can recommend limits if necessary. The police need to enforce the speed limits. This is difficult as there are no signs or cameras at present. Mr Howell suggested maybe JCC would be able to fund flashing signs or one with smiley/frowny face, or a 'Mind your Speed' sign, or maybe 'HGV's - reminder to slow down'. Options would have to be explored. It was also stated that some signs were too small or too far away etc.

Mr Howell said someone to contact for help could be [douglas.kirkpatrick@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:douglas.kirkpatrick@dumgal.gov.uk). The price of each sign could be as much as £1500 each.

Mr Howell left the meeting.

## Councillor's Report

Weedkiller along the roadside - As of 29/08/16 contact will be made with the JCC. To be taken from there. (No contact as yet).

St Ann's Bridge Traffic Lights – Letter from Scotland Transerv saying that the lights have been checked and work properly. They don't want to take the Keep Clear box away for safety reasons, and drivers need to approach the stop line at the lights for the sensors to work. They state that constituents can report any defect on trunk roads to Transport Scotland 24/7 Call Centre on 0800 0281414 where any defects will be reported for attention.

Grit Bin – This should be in place before the winter. The grit bin at the old Johnstone Hall will be uplifted and relocate elsewhere.

Dodgy Road Markings on B7076 – Still chasing this- there seems to be no good reason for the delay in correcting the right turn land markings etc.

Johnstonebridge Community Website – Helped Richard to set this up.

Road Patching – Numerous and various patching has been carried out as per reports. Keep reporting.

Christmas Lunch – Samuel Elliot Bequest has awarded funding for the Christmas Lunch of £600, but not to rely on this in the future. TT had been at the meeting of The Samuel Elliot Committee where this had been agreed.

#### Treasurer's Report

SB reported that the Community Council account was standing at £ 2588.87.

The Hall Account balance was £4551.35. Cash box £85.84.

The Fundraising account was holding £159.57.

The wreath for Remembrance Sunday is to be ordered. Mr John Graham will organise and see who can lay it.

The admin grant of £570.35 had been received, and also £250 from RES for sponsoring the Race Night.

#### Police Report

No member of the police present.

#### Correspondence

- D & G Council – Letter concerning the Budget Consultation on saving for 2016. Online survey, drop in sessions, facebook session, email, and phone.
- Johnstonebridge Primary School – Letter requesting help with costs involved in the hire of the hall for Active Schools after school clubs when the weather is bad. It was agreed to donate £210 which is enough for 15 sessions.
- Mr Jim Bell – Regretfully having to resign from the Community Council due to health reasons.

#### AOCB

- ❖ There is concern that there is no footpath from the road along to the surgery. It was suggested to take photos of the area and give to ST at the next meeting.
- ❖ It was suggested that the planters at the village entrance could be put up for adoption. This would help with keeping the area tidy, especially as the area is being revamped at the moment.

#### LOTTERY

1<sup>st</sup> – Eck Sloan

2<sup>nd</sup> - Billy Lockhart

3<sup>rd</sup> – John Graham

Date and Time of the next meeting is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at the Johnstonebridge Centre.

