

JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27th OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.30PM in the Johnstonebridge Centre

PRESENT

Mr Richard Bray (RB) Vice chair
Ms Anita Cooper (AC) Secretary
Mrs Margaret Currie (MC)
Councillor Stephen Thomson

Mr Tony Thomson (TT)
Mrs Marion Bell (MB)
Mr Tom Halliday (TH)

1 member of the public

APOLOGIES

Mr Richard Mann, Councillor Peter Diggle, Mrs Heather Robb, Mrs Sharon Bell, Mrs Sylvia Harper

Matters Arising & Councillor's Report

- ST to follow up the matter of the bus shelter sides with SWTrans and the council. It's the roads authority and the responsibility of the police to make the roads safe.
- Road markings & lines need to be painted again for safety reasons. A lot of accidents at Springwells crossroads.
- TT said thanks to ST for organising the salt bin in Beechfield Lane
- ST stated that the contractor had been asked to re-line the road markings on the service road past Garholm to the services.
- ST stated that the lines & road markings opposite Lockerbie Library were being re-done.
- A photo of the roadway from the junction at the entrance to Johnstonebridge, to the Dr's surgery showing that there is no footpath had not been taken. This will be done for the next meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2016 were read and proposed as true and correct by TT and seconded by MC.

Treasurer's Report

SB had reported that the Community Council account was standing at £ 2467.02.
The Hall Account balance was £4261.31.

Police Report

No member of the police present.

Correspondence

- D & G Council – Letter from the Communities Dept. inviting two members of the Community Council to attend a community council group discussion regarding the strengths of the community council. MC & AC agreed to attend.
- A letter from The Hub – your Community Action Centre. Re: Winter warmth for older people project. This would be for eligible people over 60 years of age who satisfy the criteria.

AOCB

- The wreath for Remembrance Sunday had been organised (SB).
- RB would ask Ann Jardine for help with organising someone to come and lay it.
- Remembrance Sunday Service at the memorial at 2pm 13th November.
- The question was asked if anything had been sorted out with regard to Ann Braid and the payment she is having to make for the Post Office, to the Trust. This is still being discussed.

- There had been resignations from the Trust. New nominations would have to be made. RM had managed to help sort out a lot of the problems that had arisen.
- The landscaping work at the entrance to Johnstonebridge was still ongoing. The contractor was fitting the work in between other jobs, so it may take a little longer than hoped. The phone box will be re-sited and painted and the railings are staying.
- Mr Billy Lockhart mentioned that the step outside the front of the Johnstonebridge Centre could cause an accident as it was not well lit and it was an unnecessary curb. He had asked a builder to take a look at it and it was possible to take away the step kerb and lower it in line with the rest of the curbing thus avoiding any mishaps. This was unanimously agreed.
- Christmas Community Events at the Johnstonebridge Centre:
 - ❖ Children's Christmas Party – Wednesday 14th December
 - ❖ Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch – Saturday 16th December
 - ❖ Christmas Carol Service – Sunday 18th December

LOTTERY

There will be two lottery draws next month (November) as the members weren't present.

There will be no meeting in December.

Date and Time of the next meeting is Thursday 26th January 2017 at 7.30pm at the Johnstonebridge Centre.