

JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH MARCH 2017 AT 7.30PM in the Johnstonebridge Centre

PRESENT

Mr Richard Mann (RM) Chair
Ms Anita Cooper (AC) Secretary
Mrs Margaret Currie (MC)
Councillor Stephen Thompson (ST)
4 members of the public

Mr Tony Thomson (TT)
Mrs Sharon Bell (SB)
Mrs Sylvia Harper (SH)

APOLOGIES

Mr Richard Bray, Councillor Peter Diggie, Mrs Heather Robb, Mrs Marion Bell, Mr Tom Halliday, PC Cowan,

Matters Arising

- Scottish Power ~ has visited the area. No faults could be found. Possibility of the fluorescent strip lights flickering, but to monitor the bulbs.
- Cutting of the boundary hedge on the C98 on the road from Beechfield to B7076. Estate checking for responsibility.
- An open meeting for the community is to be scheduled on behalf of JCCDT Ltd.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 24th February were read and proposed as true and correct by TT and seconded by SB.

Treasurer's Report

SB reported that the Community Council account was standing at £2815.02.
The Hall Account balance was £6448.51.
Cash box £109.82.

Councillor's Report

The power outages with Scottish Power are being looked into.
BT has said broadband issues probably down to power outages.
Boundary hedge may be DGHP responsibility. ST to check.
Potholes in the area are due to be patched very shortly. Each is given a category and prioritized.
The new bus shelter on the B7076 should be up shortly (April/May).
The drain by Springwells has been completed.
ST had spoken to Lorna Currie, the practise manager from the surgery, and made it clear that the community were happy with the surgery in Johnstonebridge and had a good ongoing relationship.
Following discussions on event insurance at the JB Centre, ST will email RB with information, but included is:

- Any event held at the centre and being run by a member of the JBCCDT is covered by their insurance.
- If using own equipment, not covered.
- The JB show is covered as RM is a member of the trust and as long as Centre equipment is used it is covered.
- For the show lunch and any other food prepared on the premises by non-trust members there must be disclaimers posted in view for insurance purposes.
- Taking youngsters to ten pin bowling in Carlisle wouldn't be covered. This could be changed by having parents sign a disclaimer, but the bus trip would be covered.
- Disclosures at (dsupdate@disclosurescotland.gov.uk)

Police Report

PC Cowan unable to attend but emailed in the report, as attached.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

SB & MC met with Nicola Simpson who showed several ideas for the memorial.

- A marble centre piece (bird bath or sundial) with 24 plaques, the number of which can be added to £1925.00
- Marble benches x 2 £400 each
- Paving stones £750
- Delivery £100

TOTAL PRICE: £3575+ VAT.

The price for having a plaque would be approx. £146 plus lettering.

The play area fencing is to be priced. We've been added to a wish list for funding.

VILLAGE GRASS CUTTING

There was £11.60 left of the original grant of £200 for fuel. It was discussed whether to apply to Foundation Scotland or maybe Harestanes for a grant but are awaiting a decision.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Emma Harper requesting £250 from the micro grant for help with an exchange to Colorado with the Young Farmers. All agreed.

AOCB

- It was requested that the children using the play park during school use the gate through and not the MUGA gate as surface was getting worn. Also not to cut through the bushes on the bark but to use the paths, as these areas were wearing away as well.
- The allotments were not getting used apart from one, request to move the wood stored there to the centre to keep dry.
- The gate to the allotments needs to be sorted.
- Is the phone box at the village entrance to be painted? RM
- The matter of getting a community defibrillator was discussed. A vote was taken on where it would be situated. i.e. the phone box/near the bus shelter or the Dr's surgery wall. The latter being the favourite. Discuss with Dr's at the surgery. RM
- If planning permission was granted for the recovery & repair facility at the old filling station, would they help to obtain the village new speed limit signs on the B7076? The community safety fund may be able to help with match funding.

LOTTERY

1st Tom Beattie

2nd Eck Sloan

3rd Kerry Currie

Date and Time of the next meeting is Thursday 27th April 2017 at 7.30pm at the Johnstonebridge Centre.