

JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29th JUNE 2017 AT 7.30PM in the Johnstonebridge Centre

PRESENT

Mr Richard Bray (Acting Chair) RB	Mr Tony Thompson (TT)
Mrs Marion Bell (MB)	Mrs Heather Robb
Ms Anita Cooper (AC) Secretary	Mrs Sharon Bell (SB) Treasurer
Mrs Margaret Currie (MC)	Mrs Sylvia Harper (SH)
Mr Tom Halliday (TH)	
PC Irons	
Councillor Adam Wilson	

8 members of the public

APOLOGIES

Councillor Stephen Thompson

Matters Arising

Memorial Garden – No update. SB to speak to Nicola Simpson.
Discolours – to be investigated.
Councillor Adam Wilson – introduce new councillor based in Lochmaben.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 25TH May 2017 were read and proposed as true and correct by SB and seconded by MC.

Treasurer's Report

Community Council Account £2848.52
Hall Account £ 5998.51
Cash box £244.72

Councillor's Report

As attached.

Police Report

As attached plus:
PC Irons stated that the Eden Festival took place without significant issues. Also, the same with Lockerbie Gala.
Staysafe – Firearms/weapons attack.
Cybercrime - to be vigilant.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from Emma Harper thanking the Community Council for their help with her recent trip.

AOCB

TT proposed a vote of thanks to Johnstonebridge Centre for the 'Mrs Brown's Boys' night which was an excellent evening's entertainment. £1461 was taken giving a profit of £703.
The JB Centre are having a 'Glorious 12th' Summer Family Barbeque in August. Tickets are on sale now £2 per adult.

The village show will take place on Saturday 19th August at the JB Centre.

The Trust members & centre staff will be unavailable during July, just opening for any booked functions. 'Sponsor a Tub' at the bottom of the village to be carried forward for discussion in August.

LOTTERY

1st Jane Howe 2nd Maxine Knight 3rd Sandra Scaramangus

**Date and Time of the next meeting is Thursday 31st August 2017 at 7.30pm
at the Johnstonebridge Centre.**

Please accept my apologies for tonight due to an event in Lockerbie I'm committed to attending – however please see below for my councillor report

Beechfield Drainage

Re-reported Beechfield in Johnstonebridge: there is water running off the public road into the property and insufficient kerbing and drainage, exacerbated by large vehicles negotiating corners in the area. The edge of the road is coming away and previously built-up verges are getting compacted or washed away.

Officer response: The Officer who was dealing with this case has since retired from the Council. Details of the affected property and the images that accompanied the original enquiry have been supplied to allow Roads Service to undertake a fresh investigation into the issues. Following this I will be in a position to advise you on what works are required to be carried out.

Bus Shelter replacement

DGC will replace the shelter at Johnstonebridge this financial year. As the current shelter is in good condition, they want to relocate this to another town/village before a new one is ordered. As soon as a suitable location has been found then a new shelter will be ordered and installed.

B7076 road to roundabout for services

Officer response: The issue of human waste in this particular area is an unwelcome new development. This area has been problematic regarding litter since the services opened. The council has on numerous occasions litter picked the area and has previously cut back some of the undergrowth. Council will check out the ownership of this again as it may be a joint responsibility between Neighbourhood services and the Roads section.

There is little staff capacity at the moment to deal with this but it will be added onto the work list and will endeavour to get to this as soon as possible. I will also let Community Safety Teams know about it also.

Greigslandburn potholes

I have reported the potholes via the fault reporting system for repair.

School

Johnstonebridge primary is on the list of schools that need work regarding low utilisation - currently sitting with 24 children for 2017/18. Officers met with the HT on Friday to have a chat through the school and how it is working. To stress this is an early conversation to see how we can work with the school and learning community too help improve the school roll.

Key items that we think we can work on together include:

- Giving the school support in engaging the parent community.**
- Continuing working with Planning Department to review and promote sites in this area.**
- Engage with colleagues in EEI to review work being undertaken in relation to the M74 corridor.**

If there are any others areas you are aware of or would like us to engage with please let me know.

Weedkilling

Neighbourhood services cannot commit to weedkilling this area as it is not on a piece of ground which is Council responsibility. At this time, the team is struggling to keep up with maintenance responsibilities so are unable to take on any additional work until such times as they are completely up to date with all of our grass cutting and weedspraying within the various towns and villages.

Hedge cutting in the village

This hedge and path are the responsibility of the Roads Section. They normally cut the hedge when doing the roadside verge cutting.

Stephen Thompson