

# JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30PM in the Johnstonebridge Centre

### PRESENT

Mr Richard Mann (RM)	Mr Richard Bray (RB)
Mr Tony Thompson (TT)	Mrs Heather Robb (HR)
Ms Anita Cooper (AC) Secretary	Mrs Sharon Bell (SB) Treasurer
Mrs Margaret Currie (MC)	Mrs Sylvia Harper (SH)
Mr Tom Halliday (TH)	PC Cowan
Councillor Stephen Thompson	
5 members of the public	

### APOLOGIES

Councillor Adam Wilson, Mrs Marion Bell

### MATTERS ARISING

Omitted from previous minutes: £600 had been applied for from the ANCBC grants to help pay for the signage to the JB Community Centre from the main roads.

- RB will attend the Samuel Elliot meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> October, and not TT.
- The power washer had been purchased and is at the JB Centre.
- The trip for the older kids to bowling will need to be taken before the end of February 2018. ANCBC grant can be used to pay for the disclosures needed for 2 adults.

**Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 were read and proposed as true and correct by TT and seconded by SB.**

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Community Council Account £2816.52

Hall Account £ 5145.56

Cash box £40.21

The wreath for Remembrance Sunday had been purchased.

### COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- ST reported that the concerns re lorry parking had been acted upon by the police.
- Nicola Simpson's team had litter picked and cleared a lot of rubbish away from the roadsides, including 26 black bags of rubbish & 36 bottles of urine...!
- The bus shelter change would be acted upon as soon as possible as it is not now being swapped.
- As money is now available for the road signs to the JB Centre, this will be sorted as soon as possible.
- Re-surfacing work is being carried out on the C98a week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> October and the road will be closed for four days. Potholes at Greigsland will also be filled at the same time.
- There is a need to identify funding for drainage at Beechfield. This is being followed up.

## **POLICE REPORT**

As attached plus:

- As Moffat online Facebook page is closing down the police are hoping to use the Moffat Community Council page in the same way. JB Centre page was offered as well as an alternative.
- Is the neighbourhood watch scheme still used? RB  
Yes, it does still exist but the text & email systems & Facebook pages seem to be used more instead. The rural watch scheme is still in place.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Message from the JB Centre (JBCCDT): They are in the process of getting quotes to move the mound of soil in the grounds of the Centre. These should hopefully be in before the next Trust meeting which is being held on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm.**
- Letter received from Jacky Taylor requesting a grant of £400 for the costs of the upkeep of the community areas around the allotments to be strimmed and kept tidy for the next 2 years - It was agreed to ask for a breakdown of the costs and invite Jacky to the next meeting. It was suggested that if this was granted it would be on an annual basis not the whole amount upfront.
- The Lunch Club at the JB Centre is looking for assistance to run it as there had been some resignations and help was needed to keep it going. Volunteers were needed and also a committee. Johnstone Community Council would offer their support where it could.

## **AOCB**

- TT attended the Federation meeting. The new hospital in Dumfries would be opening on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 with 80 new nurses.
- There have been concerns about the local GPs in Moffat & Lochmaben areas and the need for Drs to be in post for these local surgeries.
- Discuss applied for monies from various grants to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

## **LOTTERY**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Matthew Knight</b>	<b>Jane Howe</b>	<b>June Smith</b>

**Date and Time of the next meeting is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30pm  
at the Johnstonebridge Centre.**