

# JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM in the Johnstonebridge Centre

### PRESENT

Mr Richard Bray (RB) Vice Chair  
Ms Anita Cooper (AC) Secretary  
Mrs Margaret Currie (MC)  
PC Irons  
Councillor Stephen Thompson  
2 members of the public

Mr Tony Thompson (TT)  
Mrs Sharon Bell (SB) Treasurer  
Mr Tom Halliday (TH)

### APOLOGIES

Mr Richard Mann, Mrs Marion Bell

### MATTERS ARISING

The matter of the new shed & the car park at the JB Centre is still on going.

**Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were read and proposed as true and correct by MC and seconded by SB.**

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Community Council Account £2737.77  
Hall Account £7347.69  
Cash box £82.62

The fundraising account has been closed and the balance of £159 transferred to the Hall Account.

### COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- ST is hoping to arrange a meeting with the HT of the local Primary School.
- Repairs to the junction on the B7076 have been carried out. Future work is planned for this road in 2018/2019.
- There are still concerns regarding the water on the road coming from the springs near St Anns. This is said to have been investigated and found not to be problem! ST to investigate as this is a primary route.
- There has been some fence damage in MacLean Drive which has been reported.
- The Council budget has been set for the forthcoming year. There will be a 3% rise in council tax. Not as much savings as thought, so not as much to the Scottish Government.
- There has been a council plan to name their gritting trucks.
- If potholes have been reported, logged and painted around, and not repaired. They need to be reported again.
- There have been real concerns about the new roundabout on the B7076. No proper signage, no chevrons and a good possibility of a bad accident. Large transport is unable to get around the roundabout coming from the South. Concerns have been passed to the Council & the Police. JCC asked to write to James Jones and relay their concerns. Accidents have already happened and there is likely to be more to come.

### POLICE REPORT

As attached.

Also BE AWARE of phone call scamming. Someone had received a call perpetrating to be from the Inland Revenue.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- The plans for the shed & car park at the JB Centre have been given the go ahead.
- A letter from the Council had been received regarding the 'Review of the Amended Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils Consultation Phase 3'. The dates are from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March.
- A Licensing application for a premises licence at Days Inn Annandale Water had been received. The final date for objections is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

## AOCB

- Regarding the Consultation letter – it was suggested to have one meeting arranged instead of lots of individual area meetings for the Federation. RM
- We are awaiting replies from the Minnygap Windfarm regarding the application arrangements.
- The application process for granting of available monies for community projects is being updated.
- Are there any ideas for a re-vamp of the red bus shelter? Work will need to be carried out to keep it intact. This was originally donated by Dr MacLean who lived in the village, and it would be shame for it to fall down through disrepair. It was suggested that a grant could be applied for to carry out any remedial work.
- It is hoped to arrange the outing for the older young ones in the community during the Easter holidays.
- Are the JCC able to host a Community Event in the near future? Suggestions were ... a film night (suitable for all), a murder mystery. A questionnaire could be sent out for suggestions.

## PUBLIC FORUM

- ❖ Are the trees behind 21 Kirkhill allowed to get taken down? This would need to be taken up with either Loreburn Housing Association or the Council.
- ❖ A question was raised as to the JCC policy on dog fouling and whether dogs should be on a lead in the village. JCC doesn't have its own individual policy on this and it was suggested to contact the Community Safety Officer – Mr Robert Percy – for any help. ST to also send an email contact.
- ❖ Thanks were mentioned for all the hard work that went into the Children's Christmas Party & the Seniors Christmas Lunch. It was really appreciated.

## LOTTERY

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January	Anita Cooper	Richard Mann	Anna Johnstone

**Date and Time of the next meeting is Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm  
at the Johnstonebridge Centre.**