

JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29th MARCH 2018 AT 7.30PM in the Johnstonebridge Centre

PRESENT

Mr Richard Mann (RM) Chair
Mr Richard Bray (RB) Vice Chair
Ms Anita Cooper (AC) Secretary
PC Irons
Councillor Stephen Thompson
5 members of the public

Mrs Margaret Currie (MC)
Mrs Sharon Bell (SB) Treasurer

APOLOGIES

Mrs Marion Bell, Mr Tom Halliday, Mr Tony Thompson

MATTERS ARISING

Red Bus Shelter- Information on the proposed changes to the bus shelter will be posted in the shelter for general feedback.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2018 were read and proposed as true and correct by RB and seconded by MC.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Community Council Account £2737.72
Hall Account £7347.69
Cash box £187.62

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- A full Council meeting was held today, 29th March.
- Police plan – There are financial risks to people living in rural communities, especially older and more vulnerable people. Scam phone calls, and more cash being kept at home because there are fewer banks with smaller branches closing.
- Potholes – losing battle! Need to report the holes outside the school.
- Kirkhill – trees have been lopped but this is ongoing.
- Litter needs lifting. ST to check.
- A Certificate of Lawfulness was granted at Dinwoodie Caravan Park.
- The fence at the back of MacLean Drive still needs repaired. ST to check on progress.
- A 4msq area of road surface needs to be looked at on the road from Springwells to Chapelhill.

POLICE REPORT

As attached.

- Three incidents – A breach of bail, theft of a digger & an assault on a school bus.
- Hate crime.
- Bank notes – no paper £5 & £10 notes being issued from 1st March. They will still be accepted at banks for the time being.
- Anti-Islamic letters.
- PC Irons was asked about trails of mud on the road on the B7072. Police will contact owners of the cattle & owners/council to remove.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Nicola Simpson had said that materials had been delivered, gravel & paving for work to start as soon as possible.

The gate on the cemetery had not been closing and SB asked Nicola if this could be repaired when doing the memorial garden.

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

- There needs to be someone to generate and action plan for the community; to oversee any plans, and assist the Centre to generate income, to also assist with the housing projects.
- A meeting with Katie Nairn will be organised which would involve the Community Council & the Trust.
- To get a plan up and running would cost in the region of £1400. ST stated that the ward worker needs to be involved, Steven Riley. There would need to be community involvement.
- RM to form a plan with the Trust for the next meeting.

APPLICATIONS FOR WIND FARM & COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANTS

- ✓ Johnstone Bowling Club was awarded £150 towards their rent. (Micro Grant)
- ✓ Johnstonebridge Lunch Club was awarded £420 toward the cost of a bus for their trip. (Harestanes ANCBC).
- ✓ Johnstonebridge Primary School was awarded £300 towards the cost of bark for the school gardens. (Harestanes ANCBC).
- ✓ Johnstonebridge SWI was awarded £200 towards their costs. (Harestanes ANCBC).
- ✓ Johnstonebridge Parent Council was awarded £200 towards the cost of gardening equipment and labour costs. (Harestanes ANCBC).

CORRESPONDENCE

- ✧ A 2nd letter had been received from James Jones Ltd. After it had been investigated further work at the new roundabout on the B7076 is still to be carried out.
- ✧ A letter from Elan City advertising radar speed sign.
- ✧ A letter from the Council regarding their Licensing Policy in Dumfries & Galloway and the consultation that is taking place.
- ✧ A letter from the Planning Department regarding the proposed Local Development Plan 2. Representation will need to made by the 30th April.

AOCB

There is a Jog Moffat 3 ways on Saturday 31st March. This will entail a 'Walk, Jog, Run' from JB Centre to the Green Frog in Moffat.

LOTTERY

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March	Ann Braid	Ronnie Johnstone	Maureen MacKenzie

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