

JOHNSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26th APRIL 2018 AT 7.15PM in the Johnstonebridge Centre

PRESENT

Mr Richard Mann (RM) Chair

Mr Richard Bray (RB) Vice Chair

Ms Anita Cooper (AC) Secretary

Mrs Marion Bell (MB)

Mr Tony Thompson (TT)

Mrs Margaret Currie (MC)

Mrs Sharon Bell (SB) Treasurer

Mr Tom Halliday (TH)

APPLICATIONS FOR WIND FARM & COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANTS

The applications that had been received the previous month were discussed.

- ✓ A grant of £250 to Ann Braid towards the rent at the Post Office was agreed. (Micro Grant)

Also in attendance at 7.30pm

PC Cowan

Councillor Stephen Thompson

8 members of the public

APOLOGIES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 29th March 2018 were read and proposed as true and correct by SB and seconded by MC.

MATTERS ARISING

No further information as yet on the plans for the red bus shelter. A price is to be obtained for the new community notice board.

Nicola Simpson had agreed that the cemetery gate would be repaired when the work is carried out on the memorial garden.

There is a Clyde Windfarm meeting on the 1st May to discuss how funding moves forward between the 12 Community Councils. Each gets allocated an amount. This needs to be used or it may disappear.

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

- Grant applications should be submitted at least a week prior to each Community Council meeting.
- It was agreed that if any applications were received, they would be scanned to other Community Council members prior to each meeting and an informal meeting would take place to discuss applications, before the Community Council meeting each month. This procedure is then in accordance with council guidelines.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- Concerns have been raised about the planning application for Stockholm. ST to investigate. RB to write to the council on behalf of the Community Council. The plan is for 16,000 hen facility. This could then lead to random heaps of chicken manure around the property. Local residents are worried.
- Planning application on behalf of the Trust for changes in parking areas etc. at the Community Centre.
- Mud on the road near Stockholm. ST to report again to the council.
- Drainage at Beechfield. Ongoing.
- Signage to the Centre. ST had spoken to David Morton and is waiting on prices for poles & signs.
- Keep reporting potholes.

- The report into DGOne is being released on Monday.
- ST to report the need for weed spraying along the hedge on the main road, rubbish being removed along the service road, the cut down trees by Kirkhill to be removed & also the problem of rats behind the bungalows, which have also been seen at the service area. Environmental Health will need to be contacted.

POLICE REPORT

- No issues to report.
- PC Cowan was asked about the mud on the road & blocked drain at Stockholm from cattle. PC Cowan stated that this was the responsibility of the occupiers but would investigate.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Community Council Account £2737.72

Hall Account £6061.13

Cash box £116.14

MINNYGAP – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

All were in agreement to give approval of the Memorandum of Understanding. TT to sign.

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

An agreement, in principle, has been made with Katie Nairn which gives her authority to seek money on the behalf of the Community.

A steering group is to be set up with a mix of the community.

The action plan has to go out to tender for a consultant.

CORRESPONDENCE

A grant application was received at the meeting which will be considered at the next meeting. Care Trust.

PUBLIC FORUM

A thank you from the Johnstone Bowlers for their grant award.

Thanks from Christine for the Quiz night.

George Muirhead is able to continue cutting the grass around the Centre, but Russ Watson will cut the grass in other areas of the village.

The question was asked ST to find out if the council would still be spraying the hedge along the main road to keep down the weeds. ST to investigate.

The senior kids bowling trip went very well and everyone that went had a great time.

The community council would like to organise a senior's summer trip to Raby Castle which would include their entry, bus and evening meal. Proposed to be at the beginning of July.

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LOTTERY

	1st	2nd	3rd
April	June Smith	Euan Paul	Margaret Jardine

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