

MINUTES OF MEETING 20/04/2009

Item

1 MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES

| In attendance | | Apologies |
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| Robert Craig (V-chair) RC | A Paterson (Min Sect.) (AP) | G Smith (Chair) GS |
| W Mackie (Tres) WM | G Haddow (GH) | Cllr Campbell (GC) |
| Robert Freel (Sec) RF | Cllr W Holman (WH) | Cllr Malloy (JM) |
| M Casey (MC) | | |
| Inspector Andy Munro, (AM) PC D Wesencraft (DW) and eight members of the public signed sederunt | | |

Vice Chair Robert Craig welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

M Casey advised that previous minutes advised that she was in attendance however she was not and apologised had been submitted. Following acceptance of this it was recorded that this would be recorded in the minutes for tonight's meeting.

3 POLICE REPORT BY INSPECTOR ANDY MUNRO AND PC WESENCRAFT

Vice Chair introduced Inspector Andrew Munro who provided those present with an update following a meeting with the CC at which a number of issues were raised. These were;

1. Inspector Munro apologised for not having a police attendance at all the meeting of the CC or even a notification that no one would be available to attend.
2. The crime figure would be better being replaced with an open forum where the police would welcome questions or suggestions from the floor and what the police could bring or do for the community.
3. There was a discussion regarding the homeless unit, but AM assured us that a tight ship is run there and there is no extra crime as a result of the unit being at the cross. He informed us that crime has risen, but it has also risen throughout the whole of Scotland.
4. There are currently 5 ASBO's in the village.
5. He reminded those present that when calling the police, get an incident number so that he can justify to his superiors (if he has high number of calls) that he needs a greater police presence in the village
6. AM stated that the police will try to use push bikes more often and if we are aware of any drug dealing etc then we should inform the police.
7. There was a community event in Larkhall recently which had a poor turnout and it may be tried in other areas. He is hoping to gain more public confidence and to try to be more positive.
8. PC Wesencraft intimated that he would like to engage with youths within the village.

Chair thanked Inspector Munro for his attendance.

4 **BUSSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Would be dealt with under agenda items.

5 **CORRESPONDENCE**

A Full list of correspondence was issued with agenda; RF advised those present who wished to view any correspondence are welcome to do so. Action

The following correspondence was discussed

1. Association of CC's fees are due and there was a discussion on whether to pay them took place – a decision will be made later. WM advised on reasons why they had never been renewed and it was agreed that we would not join.
2. A renewals from the Information commissioner on The Data Protection Act fees was received, It was agreed that this should be paid however it was noted that SLC are planning to help us pay this.
3. All Other correspondence was on the handout

6 **SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

6.1 **ROADS**

1. Canderside Toll- we are not sure whether the centre will be tidied up or not, a start was made on it.
2. We have written regarding the poor lane marking approaching the roundabout and drivers not using the correct lane and crossing in front of drivers (both coming from Larkhall and the A71 from Ashgill).
3. The work at the Cander Bridge was waterproofing and had to be done in dry conditions, which is why it took so long and it has now been completed.

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6.2 **PLANNING** Action
 No details reported

6.3 **COMMUNITY Halls** Action
 No details reported. Secretary will write to Alistair McKinnon regards attendance at next meeting

6.4 **LOCAL PLAN**
 No details reported

7 **HEALTH MATTERS**

1. Local surgery – There is a notice of the new extended opening times displayed in the surgery and at The Cross. Saturday appointments are in Larkhall only and the late Mondays are dependant on staffing. Action
2. A blood checking unit will hopefully be situated in Douglas St. Hamilton to enable regular users to visit it there rather than at a local hospital

8 **UTILITIES**

8.1 WATER : No Report

8.2 GAS : No Report

8.3 ELECTRICITY: No power in certain parts of village today

9 TRANSPORT

No Report

Action

10 REPORTS

10.1 ELECTED MEMBERS

Action

RF

COUNCILLOR W Holman

- Advised that it was likely that problems with leases had been resolved.
- He will look into community garden project.
- No other report other than input under agenda items.

10.2 TREASURER

- Accounts have been submitted to accountant and the fee will be required to be paid on completion.

11 AOCB

- A letter from Karen Gillon was discussed regarding a £60 million pound fund available for town centre regeneration. We will write to find out if we qualify as a town and if any bids can be made.
- Gavin Haddow reported on the Youth Action Group meeting held on March 7th. A core team was appointed to try to raise funds and further meeting will be happening. We will get a fuller report at the next meeting.
We discussed the survey done re the local surgery. According to the figures the surgery was satisfactory.

Meeting closed and next meeting will be Monday 18th May 2009