



## MEETING MINUTES Community Council Meeting - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 7.30pm - Elsrickle Village Hall

### 1. Present

#### *Committee*

Sam Cassel (SC) - Chair  
Pauline Irwin (PI) - Secretary  
Michelle Walters - Treasurer  
John Hoskin (JH) - Elected Member  
Nicola Levy (NL) - Elected Member

#### *Members of Public*

Richard Bond (RB)  
Nicholas Tucker (NT)  
Rachel Cackett (RC) - left approx. 8.00pm

#### *Councillors*

Alex Allison (AA) - arrived approx. 8.30pm

### 2. Apologies

David Darling (DD) - Associate Member - Website

### 3. Minutes of the BMCC meeting dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Minutes approved by SC & PI.

### 4. Matters arising:

#### a. **Poor state of roads in Dunsyre Village**

RC raised an issue around the blocked drains and resulting flooding through Dunsyre Village. This is resulting in damage to the main Newbigging Road through Dunsyre and the Back Road by the church. The roadside verges are also damaged and this is leading to roadside walls being undermined. As South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) have not responded to residents direct requests for action, residents have organised a petition in an attempt to have the problems acknowledged and fixed and also organised for RC to speak to BMCC today.

SC and JH to raise this issue with known contacts at SLC Roads department as well as with local SLC councillors. RC then left the meeting.

Discussion on state of roads continued as it was understood that drainage work was undertaken at Dunsyre Village and also Walston during 2017 by SLC. JH to look at the Dunsyre Village situation and the Walston situation and then contact SLC around these issues. NL to put mention of the petition into the coming February edition of the Bugle.

On AA's arrival the Dunsyre Village roads issue was raised with AA who signed the petition and agreed to look into.

**b. Walston School**

AA reported that the final school proposals have not been up at the SLC planning committee yet. Also that SLC engineers were comfortable with their flooding assessment and drainage plans for the new School site.

AA reported that the planned new school outside sports pitch as a standard sized SFA 5-a-side pitch.

**c. Future of Halls & Community use of new school**

AA reported back that a separate entrance for community use is in the school plans. That the school would be available for community use during the day in theory, although in practice that use would be limited by the school having precedence. Community use after 4.30pm on weekdays would be possible.

AA reported that a separate shed could potentially be built to house the bowling boards, but is not in the plans at present. Also that there has been very little of Walston School by outside agencies in the last 2 years, just 8 times.

Three regular users groups of Halls identified so far as Walston School PTA, The Church Group and BMCC.

Survey on views around Hall usage on BMCC Facebook page up and running. Survey to be included also in the February edition of the Bugle.

MW to provide 2017 data on hall usage to BMCC. SC to provide church hall usage data to BMCC.

**d. Bugle content**

Bugle to advertise that those wishing to list births, marriages and deaths should contact the Bugle for inclusion.

**e. Wind Farm Monies**

PI to contact Councillor Eric Holford and report back on potential wind farm monies available.

**f. Community Asset Register**

Link for this to be added to the BMCC website and article to be included in the next Bugle.

**g. Local Nature Conservation Sites**

SC to look at whether there are any that the BMCC may want to highlight.

**h. 2018/19 Street Design Programme**

This was noted, but no action planned.

**5. Social Group**

The next sports day event is expected to take place the last Thursday or Friday in May 2018 in Newbigging. Exact date still to be confirmed.

**6. Planning**

No planning has come in.

**7. Report by Local Councillor**

AA reported back that SLC's financial position was not as bad as feared. The Lamington Overburns Quarry application was back at SLC planning and despite local objections is expected to be passed. The Garvald Quarry planning has been renewed.

AA reported back on the new school and community use (as above).

**8. Treasurer's Report**

Account 1 (SLC) balance +£484.40  
Account 2 (BMCC) balance +£1,113.96

Expected costs:

February 2018 Bugle £240 print, £48 distribution, £16 travel.

The May Bugle print costs are expected to be similar.

As costs for February and May Bugle are expected to exceed Account 1 funds it was agreed money from Account 2 would be used to cover the expected difference.

The SLC admin grant is expected to stay the same at £500.

The Community Grant is unconfirmed at present as this will vary depending upon applications. MW to ensure BMCC apply for the Community Grant.

**9. A.O.B.**

SC to look into whether any monies is available from the Aggregate fund connected to the Newbigging Quarry.

NL reported that Pam Taylor was looking for support for 'little libraries'. Could a 'little libraries' box with books be placed at Dolphinton Hall car park? Box would be created by a local carpenter at cost price. No objections raised, but SLC approval would need to be sort. NL to pass Pam's details on to AA

Street lighting in Dunsyre Village expected renewal in about 5 years time.

BMCC email to be set up for JH; suggested email 'planningandroads@blackmount.org'

Venue & Dates for 2018 meetings:

Elsrickle Village Hall - Monday 5th March 2018 from 19.30 pm

Dolphinton Village Hall - Monday 4th June 2018 from at 19.30 pm

Dolphinton Village Hall - Monday 3rd September 2018 from 19.30 pm  
Dolphinton Village Hall - Monday 1st October 2018 from 19.30 pm  
Elsrickle Village Hall - Tuesday 6th November 2018 from 19.30 pm

Meeting closed 21:07 pm

**Next meeting Elsrickle Village Hall - Monday 5th March 2018 at 19.30 pm**