



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES Community Council Meeting - Monday 5th March 2018 7.30pm - Elsrickle Village Hall

1. Present

Committee

Pauline Irwin (PI) - Secretary (chaired)

Michelle Walters - Treasurer

John Hoskin (JH) - Elected Member

Nicola Levy (NL) - Elected Member

Members of Public

Richard Bond (RB)

Nicholas Tucker (NT)

Councillors

None

2. Apologies

Sam Cassel (SC) - Chair

David Darling (DD) - Associate Member - Website

Councillor Alex Allison (AA)

Anne Hutchinson (AH)

3. Minutes of the BMCC meeting dated 5th February 2018

One amend to minutes regarding account names. Minutes approved by JH & PI.

4. Matters arising:

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

JH reported back on his visit to Rachel Cackett at Dunsyre Village. Flood water is coming off the main Newbigging Road and into people's gardens right up to their front doors. Concern expressed that this flood water from the road may also be getting into septic tanks in Dunsyre. There is a lot of standing water and mud making life very unpleasant for Dunsyre Village residents.

It appears temporary drainage measures have been made on the main road, but they keep getting blocked.

Drains running under the road at the bottom of Dunsyre Village that flow into the burn seem to be partly blocked at the exit.

The Dunsyre Village Back Road (SLC adopted) is in a terrible state of repair and the entrance to the children's play area is all but impassable due to the mud.

Some of the lampposts are rusting and look like they will need replacement soon. Some are used to supply light, power and telecoms so this may be a complex operation.

JH is to speak to AA, focusing on the flooding issues as the most important issue of the moment.

b. Walston School

Pre work historic dig investigations have been taking place at the site of the new Walston School.

c. Future of Halls & Community use of new school

JH to ask AA to report back with more information on the possibility that a separate shed could potentially be built to house the bowling boards (not in the plans at present).

JH to contact SLC planning on the status of the new school planning, has it been passed yet?

SC and JH's meeting with SLC was cancelled due to snow issues. SC to rearrange.

MW reported back on the use of the halls in 2017:

Dolphinton: there were 5 lease bookings (multiple date bookings e.g. for councillor surgeries, the BMCC and such) and 61 individual bookings with 941 people using (based upon declared numbers at point of booking).

Elsrickle: there were 5 lease bookings (multiple date bookings e.g. for councillor surgeries, the BMCC and such) and 52 individual bookings with 1052 people using (based upon declared numbers at point of booking).

It was noted that hall usage seemed to have reduced following the increase in hall booking fees. Although noted that bookings for specific community use did still attract a discounted rate.

d. Wind Farm Monies

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

e. Local Nature Conservation Sites

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

f. Little libraries box at Dolphinton Hall

NL to follow up on this.

g. Aggregate Fund Availability

MW to look into this.

5. **Social Group**

No new update. Note that 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 sent apologies as could not attend due to snow, but was available on the phone if necessary.

8. **Treasurer's Report**

Account 1 (SLC) balance +£191.48

Change from last report:

-£48 for Bugle distribution, -£245 for printing, balance £191.48.

May Bugle cost estimated at £272 and plan is to cover the difference from Account 2.

Grant applications are going in and results expected in the summer

Account 2 (BMC) balance +£1,141.96

Change from last report:

Payments in from advertising totalling +£28.

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

BMCC involvement in *The Great Get Together* discussed and considered a worthwhile event that the BMCC should lend its support to. *The Great Get Together* is a UK wide event that celebrates all that communities have in common and in 2018 is being held the weekend of 22nd & 24th June. Money raised would go towards the BMCC social fund. PI and MW volunteered to lead and organise this. NL to talk to the WI. It was suggested that Elsrickle Hall would be the best Hall location to hold this.

Noted that the Coalfields Community Investment programme was unfortunately not available to BMCC.

NT to follow upon GDPR implications for BMCC.

Bins collection following snow disruption discussed. SLC are planning a double collection at next collection day to also pick up black bins.

Bugle to be added to next agenda and going forward as a standing action point.

Snow issues: Thanks to SLC and also in particular to the outstanding help that local farmers gave in clearing roads and driveways and even ferrying people to.

Considering the amount going and the status of the Walston School planning application it was decided that an extra BMCC meeting would be added for Monday 9th April.

Venue & Dates for 2018 meetings:

Dolphinton Village Hall - Monday 9th April 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 21:10 pm

Next meeting Dolphinton Village Hall - Monday 9th April 2018 at 19.30 pm

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