

**HOWWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2009**

**PRESENT**

**Robert Scarsbrook (Chair), Linda Smith (Vice Chair), Andrew Wilson (Secretary), Christine Scarsbrook, Jackie Mackenzie, Margie Stewart, Nick Walker, Grace Weir**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

PC Andrew MacLeman and Councillor John Caldwell.

**APOLOGIES**

Dawn Michael, Douglas Paxton, Norma David, Bill David, John MacLean, Sandra MacKintosh, Andy Summers, Councillors John Hood, Ian McMillan & Tracey McGee.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Corrections re point 7, which should have said David Mellor, Lochwinnoch CC, and point 8 which should have confirmed children's garden contest agreed as a picture competition. Adoption of the minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> March were proposed by Christine Scarsbrook and seconded by Grace Weir.

**3. POLICE REPORT**

- In March there were 4 incidents - 2 breach of the peace, 1 vandalism and 1 road traffic offence
- PC MacLeman raised the Community Speedwatch issue as could not remain for AOB. He advised that Paul MacPherson, Road Traffic Officer in our area, in line with ACPO (Ass. Of Chief Police Officers), had reached conclusion that the police could not support our Community Speedwatch Campaign. PC MacLeman advised that if we wished to proceed and wanted to notify the police that we could contact him. It was agreed that Andrew Wilson would look into reasons for ACPO not supporting and that if we did proceed we would send speeding traffic information to Renfrewshire Council.
- PC MacLeman also advised that there would be a public meeting in Lochwinnoch Village Hall on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 7:30 to discuss speeding issues in Lochwinnoch.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

- Food Hygiene Course - Christine Scarsbrook and Bill David.
- First Aid Course - Christine Scarsbrook, Bill David and Margie Stewart – Christine was to find out if course available for end of May, beginning of June to help with fete arrangements.

**5. ENVIRONMENT**

- Andy Summers unable to respond to questions emailed to him as out of office and will next attend July's meeting.
- Green Gym happy to help with beds in Triangle.
- Andrew Wilson to pursue Triangle beds issue with Andy Summers.
- George Street bins no longer appear an issue.
- Fly tipping at Garthland Bridge removed.
- Public meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> in Village Hall at 7:30pm regarding Park improvements. Flyers to be prepared for local shops and park and Dawn Michael to be asked to arrange for local newspaper coverage.
- Item added to Andy Summer's list regarding dog bin in park that was removed following fire.
- Dead trees in Village Hall carpark also to be raised with Andy Summers to see if can be replaced. Also to see whether dead trees in park on bank above main street can be removed.
- John Caldwell following progress on paths to be cleared due to overgrown hedges.

- Christine Scarsbrook added that it was a good time of year to look for new areas to plant bulbs and suggested seeking nominations from villagers for areas that they would like to see planted and see if they could assist with planting these areas. Request to be made to Dawn to add to next newspaper article.
- Closing date for garden competition misquoted in recent press article and confirmed as 31<sup>st</sup> May. Judging is to be 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> June for Gardens and 16<sup>th</sup> June for children's competition.

## 6. PLANNING

- Mayfield waste ground – owners have been given opportunity to arrange for landscaping of ground – direct action may now be taken by Renfrewshire Council to arrange for landscaping with owners billed for works. Andrew W to check with John Smart to see what stage this is at.
- Short discussion around the changes to Scottish Planning Law, introducing LDP – Local Development Plans and SDP – Strategic Development Plans and the new requirements to ensure that CC's are kept up to date to shape development of the community. Any applications for major or national development will require a Pre Application Consultation - PAC. Weekly CC lists should be more detailed and there will be predetermination meetings where CCs can attend and be heard.

## 7. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES

- Lay-by outside new school in Spateson now being fixed.
- Council Housing Bathroom/Kitchen replacement plan. John Caldwell advised that some properties in Hallside Street were to have bathrooms only replaced. Not aware of any kitchens being replaced in Howwood under this plan.
- Andrew W. mentioned that he had been approached by Hallside Street resident re maintenance not being undertaken on property for 10 years.
- External appearance of Village Hall was discussed with question raised to Councillor John Caldwell to see whether any chance of external redecoration as it was considered very unattractive and possibly affecting the number of lets.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

- Glasgow & Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan – copy available for view from Andrew Wilson.
- Renfrewshire Local Development Plan – copy available for view from Andrew Wilson).
- Renfrewshire Core Path Plan – again copy available from Andrew – Also noted that route up side of Bridesmill Road is listed as an aspirational route, HOW 16, which hopefully means still on agenda and also includes Skiff Wood periphery route.
- Renfrewshire Community Conference events – again pack with detailed feedback available for view from Andrew with 5 new conference events scheduled between 17<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009 (full details in letter from Stuart Graham, Renfrewshire Council Community Planning Manager, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March.)
- North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority Newsletter – Social work and Health to work together re offending groups and management of dangerous people – details available from Andrew.
- Safer Stronger Renfrewshire event 11/5/09, Wynd Centre, Paisley, 13:00 – 15:00, speaker from police, anyone wishing to attend should contact Andrew.
- Letter re update on Community Policing from Paul Main, Chief Superintendent, reiterating changes in Community Policing Policy.
- ASCC E-mail re school closures – not relevant to us at present.
- ASCC E-mail re the National Model Scheme for Community Councils. We have already responded on this scheme and Cabinet Secretary has now announced formal launch. Next forum early May. Andrew to email everyone with final version for comment, with any views back to Nick walker by 4<sup>th</sup> May. We should look at funding model scheme sets formula and need to set argument for basic level of funding. Full details available from Nick Walker.
- ASCC Membership and Liability Insurance – payment due £67.00 – all present agreed we should pay. A question was raised as to whether we need specific insurance for litter picking given the associated with clearing at the side of busy roads.

## 8. AOCB

- Fete –

No sub-committee meeting this month due to holidays but Christine Scarsbrook confirmed organisation in good order.

Raffle tickets have been issued and more are available from Grace Weir when you sell your first allocation.

Flyers being prepared.

Bill David to cover whilst Christine on holiday

Attractions confirmed as Saltire Falcon Group who will cost £150.00, Accordion Band who will play free of charge, and Tommy McIntyre’s fairground attractions as per last year.

Jackie Mackenzie to ask Mr McIntyre whether possible to bring smaller bags to prevent kids from overspending on sweets or even perhaps have £1 / £2 mixes made up.

Tearoom to be run by the Kirk.

Bill David to apply for drink’s licence after undertaking risk assessment and preparing plan.

No football competition this year due to lack of support.

Douglas Paxton looking into possibility of a DJ, no update as yet.

Prince / Princess – too late for this year. The regalia were handed back to donator so if we do reinstate we will be starting from scratch. Consideration was given as to whether we should determine at the fete this year whether people would be interested in reinstatement of Prince / Princess.

Grace Weir requested that anyone with raffle prizes provide her with details asap, before next CC if possible.

Christine to drop note to Douglas re stall duplication as Margie Stewart advised that Fairtrade Stall would like to bring food for sale.

Windband posters will be ready for start of May with tickets available now. Tickets have been passed to CC members for sale as per previous years allocations. Any unsold should be passed back to Christine Scarsbrook by start of June.

- Speedwatch – It was agreed that we should contact Scott Allan to request Council’s current opinion given that police will not support. If Council still happy to support then a volunteer will be required to arrange next volunteer rota.
- Village Clean Up 2009 – Green Gym will clear Midton Road and the Howwood Inn has again kindly offered soup and sandwiches for all volunteers helping with clean up.
- Nick Walker agreed to chair May CC meeting as Robert (Chair) and Linda (Vice Chair) unable to attend.
- Public meeting for park improvements still proceeding on 20<sup>th</sup> May 19:30 in village hall.
- No word on overgrown hedges on local paths and Bowfield Road. Council have not as yet issued letters to householder’s concerned. Andrew Wilson to follow up with council to ensure safe and appropriate passage on footpaths.
- Hall booked for 28<sup>th</sup> November for St Andrew’s Night event.

## 12. NEXT MEETING

12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Thereafter 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday monthly, 9<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009 etc

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