

**HOWWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2008**

PRESENT

Robert Scarsbrook (Chair), Andrew Wilson (Secretary), Bill David, Norma David, Jackie Mackenzie, Linda Smith (Vice Chair) Nick Walker and Douglas Paxton (Minutes).

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors John Hood and Iain McMillan, PC Andrew MacLeman, Andy Summers (Environmental Services) and Caroline Wilson (Neighbourhood Mediation Service)

APOLOGIES

Grace Weir, Margie Stewart, Christine Scarsbrook, Councillor John Caldwell.

2. MINUTES FOR JULY

(Not circulated by Renfrewshire Council before August Meeting).

With the following amendments the minutes were proposed by N. Walker and seconded by A. Wilson.

Presence not pressure; Park upgrade plans from Bob Craig with some costings from Environmental Services; not necessary to take up laptop, allow flexibility not change to constitution.

3. MINUTES FOR AUGUST

Proposed by L. Smith, seconded by N. Walker.

4. POLICE REPORT

- Six incidents were reported. 1 theft; 1 theft of a motor vehicle; 1 house break-in; 1 assault and 2 breach of the peace. 4 have been detected.
- Police have visited shops in the area and seminars to do with Robbery and Personal Safety will be held in Lochwinnoch, Houston & Bishopton.
- The lorry parked outside the village hall departs early Wednesday – police will deal with.
- Due to AGM the September report will be carried forward to the November meeting.
- There has been no feedback from the police on the Speedwatch company – details to be emailed to A. Wilson.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership – A. Wilson and N. Walker going to 2 separate meetings. ASCC – via email to all agreeing to vote in favour over this and acknowledgement received.

6. R.C. NEIGHBOUR MEDIATION

Full presentation given by Caroline Wilson on the key aspects of the service with details of the helpline number and times together with leaflets that are available explaining the service. Details of the Antisocial Behaviour helpline are noted at the end of each meeting.

Committee thanked Caroline for her presentation.

7. ENVIRONMENT (Andy Summers giving updates and receiving issues)

- Christmas tree lights – extra power will be made available.
- Dog fouling – no enforcement action is being taken at present however the council will clean up areas – telephone 0141 842 4448.
- Park Project – as advised the proposals were sent to the Big Lottery however they have advised that the project does not fall under their remit but that we should consider discussing the project with Sport

Scotland. It was recommended that the Community Council meet Nigel Lack of Renfrewshire Council re funding streams and the Councillors would look into the possibility of Planning Gain.

- Mayfield Court – Refuse bins continue to be regularly not picked up. R. Scarsbrook has written to the Council but has not received a response with their agreed timescales.
- Grass cutting – still not being cleared from pavements.
- George Street bins – not down to 1 household.
- Japanese Knotweed – new guidance has been received from the Scottish Government. It was reported that it is present opposite Kilknowe Colleges, in front of Hillcrest and in the Rhombus gardens.

8. INFO/WEB

- Newsletters were now available for distribution with the next one planned for post Christmas.
- It was agreed to add the details of the Councillors surgeries on to the website.
- Statistics show that the last 3 months the website had 61½k hits (19k August last year).
- Thanks given to David McKee for all his work on the site.
- HWW walks – only about 7 turning up for each.
- Gardening Competition – agreed to make it an annual event with prizes to be given at the Fete. For the current competition a further £10 of vouchers had been agreed by the Chair and this decision was ratified by the Committee. Vouchers given to one of the winners were passed on to the Church.

9. PLANNING

Nothing of note had been identified.

10. COUNCILLOR ISSUES

- Local area Committee - £25k/£30k has been allocated for the ward for housing/environment. A new housing officer has been appointed – any suggestions to the Johnstone office.
- It was reported that a number of “stanks” had been stolen.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- Local area committee awarded £7½k towards the feasibility study of a safe route from the station to the layby and £2½k towards the sports and hobbies group. Committee thanked the Councillors for their assistance.
- Electoral Reform Society – Response had been sent in and acknowledged.
- Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau – AGM 11 September however no one is able to attend.
- Pharmacy appeal turned down but will reapply. Residents should write to the Health Board if they believe it's a good idea.

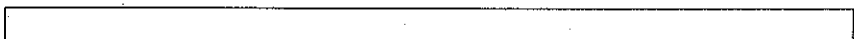
12. AOCB

- Bulb Planting – 25th and 26th October. 14:00 onwards.
- Scottish evening – Sub group to be set up to finalise details.
- Burns Night – Sub group to be set up – caterer to be finalised.
- Remembrance Sunday – 9th November 12:30.
- Christmas Lights switched on - 5th December at 7.00 pm.
- Show people are keen to come back to next years fete.
- Boundary Commission hearing has taken place but not outcome is as yet available.

13. NEXT MEETING

AGM on Friday 17th October 2008 at 7.00 pm in Village Hall.

Thereafter, second Tuesday monthly 11th November (Scott Allan in attendance) at 7.30 pm and 9th December 2008.



Contact Details	
Aircraft Noise Telephone line	0141 848 4644 (answer machine)
Antisocial Behaviour Help Line	0800 169 1283
Dog Warden, Michelle Knox	0141 840 3164
Glasgow Wind Band, R & C Scarsbrook	01505 704083 www.scarsbrook@aol.com
Fly Tipping	0845 230 4090
Minicoach Tours	minicoachtours@btconnect.com
Police	01505 404000
Renfrewshire Council	0141 842 5000 www.renfrewshire.gov.uk
R.C. Roads email address	PT@Renfrewshire.gov.uk
Roads & Lighting Faults	0141 842 4466 (M-F) 0141 889 2314
Scottish Water Contact	0141 355 5187
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Village Web Site	www.howwood.com
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