

**HOWWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2009**

PRESENT

Robert Scarsbrook (Chair), Linda Smith (Vice Chair), Christine Scarsbrook, Grace Weir, Bill David, Margie Stewart, Norma David, Douglas Paxton (Minutes), Nick Walker, Andrew Wilson (Secretary) and John MacLean.

IN ATTENDANCE

PC's Andrew MacLeman, John Denholm, Paul McPherson (Traffic); Councillors John Caldwell, Tracey McGee, Ian McMillan, John Hood and Drew McNab (Roads)

APOLOGIES

Jackie Mackenzie, Dawn Michael and Scott Allan

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Adoption of the minutes of 12th May 2009 were proposed by G Weir and seconded by Norma David

3. POLICE REPORT

- In May there were 4 incidents (3 in outlying areas) – 2 of vandalism, 1 theft and 1 breach of the peace.
- PC McPherson discussed the issue of Speedwatch which in essence is not being supported by the Association of Chief Police Officers of Scotland due to the resource issues of having to write to the offending drivers. However Drew McNab said that the local authority may be able to help as they do have access to the data that identifies owners from registration numbers. It was agreed therefore to continue with the Speedwatch campaign and to prepare a new timetable which would be given to the police.
- It was noted that the Local Authority was also looking at speed measurement cameras

4. MATTERS ARISING

- The Council have reported a cost of circa £25k to bring the external of the hall up to a good standard. However as ever there is a budget issue and they are now looking at “spend to save” funds.
- Public Park – a full report of the meeting was tabled. The next step was to set up a working group and to date interest had been expressed by Robert Scarsbrook, Andrew Wilson and Craig Crawford.

5. ROADS (Excl items for Scott Allan)

- Linister street signs – one has not been done and a “20's Plenty” sign is being chased up.
- Linister speed bump – not the preferred solution. Council and police prefer to look at a “local” solution where they will speak to offenders if information is passed on to them.
- Pavement towards Elliston – a good idea but not cheap. Would need to conduct a feasibility study - will liaise with the Core Paths Group.
- Zebra crossing – traffic count can be conducted this year to see if justified.
- Pavement towards lay-by – very thorough report has been received by the Council and now looking at issues in relation to the listed bridge. Detailed drawings have been completed however costings have still to be done.
- Top of Bowfield Road – resurfacing will be done over the next couple of months. In addition repairs to the path and rail at the foot of the road will be completed.

6. FETE

- Police presence has been agreed subject to any late operational issues.
- Garden competition – only one entry received and this was withdrawn when this was brought to light. School competition has been more successful with 10 entries – judges being Councillor Hood and Gordon form Lochwinnoch.
- Concert – looks like a small profit and a donation will be made to the Church
- Fete set up from 08:00

7. PLANNING

- Elliston Grill – agreed to object on the grounds of overprovision of alcohol, no pavement from the village and the potential increase in volume of traffic at the A737 junction

- Dwelling house close to Bowfield Country Club – adaptation of house to make more fit for domestic accommodation.
- Training on Planning Legislation will be offered later in the year.

8. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES

- Loss of dedicated road sweeper – community council have been assured that there will be no drop in service levels. The council expressed concern in that it appears that there will be a 50% cut in the number of man days and therefore service levels will drop.
- Swine Flu – two schools in Johnstone are closing for 7 days. It was noted that the outbreak could be much worse in the autumn.
- Alleged paedophile is no longer in the village and the house is up for sale.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- Nick Walker has been nominated as the ASCC area representative and this was fully supported by the meeting.
- 4 yearly elections have been suspended until the new model scheme for Community Councils has been ratified.
- It was agreed to again fund the Howwood Parish Summer Club. This has been a very successful venture over the last number of years.
- Saturday service up Bowfield Road – tender shortly going out.

11. AOCB

- After the lighting up of the Xmas lights the Church will host the usual refreshments
- Local action on travel & transport - Andrew Wilson will attend
- Paisley Film Society Blog - Andrew Wilson has details.
- Paisley Witches Society - Andrew Wilson has details.
- Councillor McMillan is looking to see if more trains could stop at Howwood.
- Local Area Committee – grant given to Howwood Sequence Dance group.
- Andrew Wilson announced that he would be resigning from the Community Council with effect from the next AGM.

12. NEXT MEETING

14th July at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Thereafter second Tuesday monthly, 11th August 2009 and 8th September 2009.

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