

**HOWWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 November 2008**

PRESENT

Robert Scarsbrook (Chair), Linda Smith (Vice Chair), Christine Scarsbrook, Grace Weir, Jackie Mackenzie, Dawn Michael, Bill David, Douglas Paxton (Minutes), Nick Walker, Andrew Wilson (Secretary) and John MacLean.

IN ATTENDANCE

PC Andrew MacLeman, Vinnie Carlton, Councillors Iain McMillan and John Caldwell.

APOLOGIES

Margie Stewart, Norma David, Scott Allan, Sandra Mackintosh, Councillors Tracey McGee & John Hood.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Adoption of the minutes of 9th September were proposed by L. Smith and seconded by N. Walker.

Minutes of the AGM held on 17th October were adopted in principle.

3. POLICE REPORT

- During September there were 2 reports, stone throwing on to the A737 and a Road Traffic offence and for October there was a theft and a further Road Traffic offence.
- Traffic congestion at the new house being built was brought to the attention of the meeting and PC MacLeman agreed to look into.
- A meeting with Renfrewshire Council and the owners of properties on Belltrees Road is due to take place shortly. The road is being used as a short cut as works have been progressing on the Roadhead roundabout and traffic is speeding along this narrow road.
- One tenant has been moved to Linwood due to anti social behaviour.
- It was also reported that good progress was being made with regard to gang violence in Lochwinnoch.
- Speedwatch – it was reported that letters had been sent out to the major offenders.
- New Community Policing Model – is work in progress and there is a link on community policing to the main police web site. A police probationary is due to start in our area shortly.

4. MATTERS ARISING

A. Wilson and N. Walker attended separate sessions on Community Planning where views were being sought. It was reported to be very Paisley orientated and of limited benefit to Howwood however it was agreed that we need to attend all further meetings.

5. OFFICE BEARERS

All existing office bearers agreed to continue in post.

6. ROADS

- As Scott Allan could not attend it had been agreed that questions raised would be answered by email and Scott would attend the December meeting.
- Drains outside the new village shop have recently been unable to handle the volume and overflows to the road had resulted. Some works had been completed however the Councillors agreed to push this issue as a matter of priority and A. Wilson also agreed to chase up the appropriate departments.
- It was also reported that the water from Bowfield Road and Mayfield Drive were also of concern and action was required.

7. INFO WEB

- It was agreed to send out a newsletter after the Christmas break and to advertise the Burns Night, the Scottish Evening and the digital switchover. It was also agreed to ask the community to clear leaves from the roadside as this could result in blocked drains and flooding.
- Statistics – averaging 5700 visits over the last two months and 50k+ hits.
- The community forum has been reopened and members were asked to keep an eye on this.
- Thanks given to David for all his work on the site.

8. PLANNING

- Application for a Pet Crematorium has been declined.

9. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES

- Traffic light phasing at the junction where the Johnstone High school has been relocated to has been altered to improve traffic flow.
- The new neighbourhood warden service is now council wide and now have enforcement powers regarding litter and dog fouling.
- Neighbourhood Forum - this year budget has been fully allocated but next allocation will be announced in March 2009.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- Digital Switchover – John McLean to prepare an extract of his report for the newsletter.
- Provost Community Awards – looking for nominations. A. Wilson has details.
- ASCC National Ballot – National Conference on 22 November. N. Walker will be attending and is being nominated as Treasurer.
- ASCC Conference – Motion to vote on as follows
 1. Local authorities to give 90 days notice for all consultations – AGREED
 2. ASCC to give guidance on multiple applications for windfarms – AGREED
 3. ASCC guidance on appointments of senior full time officers to be for a fixed period – ABSTAIN
 4. ASCC to lobby funding for secretary – NOT AGREEDN. Walker will update outcome at the next meeting

11. AOCB

Bulb planting - had been deferred due to bad weather. 3 volunteers attended on the revised Saturday and 10 + 2 children on the Sunday. Thanks again to the Howwood Inn for the hot soup.

Rhombas Garden – 30 + attended the opening and a tree was planted by the minister to celebrate the 150 anniversary of the opening of our local church. Thanks again to Howwood Inn for refreshments after what was a very wet day.

Scottish Evening – Sub group A. Walker, L. Smith, D. Paxton, C. Scarsbrook and J. MacKenzie.

Burns Night – Sub group A. Walker, N. David, N. Walker and J. MacKenzie.

Remembrance Sunday – again good attendances, 80 +. Thanks to Rev. David Stewart for conducting the service.

Christmas Lights – arrangement complete for 5th December with tea etc back at the Church Hall.

Fete – date set for 20 June 2009. Agreed to allocate a budget of £500 including the first prize. Same roles for everyone as last year – C. Scarsbrook to co-ordinate. Show people and school to be booked before Christmas.

P A System – being used a lot – agreed to purchase a clip on mike at £140.00 + VAT.

For information only – School Board AGM is on 27 November and Local Area Committee meeting 19th November.

12. NEXT MEETING

9th December at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Thereafter second Tuesday monthly, 13th January 2009 (Andy Summers in attendance), 10th February 2009 (Scott Allan in attendance) and 10th March 2009.

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