

Minutes of Belmont, Kincaidston and St .Leonards Community Council.

Belmont Academy at 19.00 hrs on 1 st June 2017.

1. The Chair opened the meeting and thanked all for their attendance.

Sederunt: Con Brennan, Flora Fleming, Molly Nutt, Don Osborne, Rod Winhall.

Councillors, Cullen, Kilpatrick and Mc Ginley.

PC Feroz and Richmond.

Visitors: Ian Douglas, Joy Mc Dowall, Claire Dunn, Heather Maxwell.

Colin MacPherson, Andrew Woodrow, Iain Lamb, Craig Main all four representing the Corton Development.

2. No declaration of interests.
3. Apologies for absence were received from: Andrew Bryden, Seumas Mac Kinnon, Donald Mc Lean and Link Officer Karen Monaghan.
4. The Items noted in the agenda will be discussed under Any Other Competent Business.
5. The Minutes Of the May Community Council were accepted and proposed by Flora Fleming and seconded by Molly Nutt. No sub groups were held.
6. Matters arising from the minutes: Ian Douglas is not a member of the Community Council and as such cannot be part of a sub group. Minutes were sent out noting that a coalition was to run the Council. This has been rephrased and apology issued to all concerned.
7. Correspondence and Secretary's Report: 16 no emails received, 8 no sent out, a letter from Stagecoach reference changes to local bus routes. A letter from The Scottish Parliament, Mark Ruskell MSP on his members bill to restrict speed to 20 mph on more roads.
Co opt forms sent out.
The Register of Interest of all members is available to inspect.
Streamline will provide the taxi service for its members and an account is now in place. We do not have a digital banking system due to the bank charges required.
A printer will be purchased and a direct debit requires to be set up for the administration charge for the web site.

Treasurer's Report : Don confirmed the accounts have been submitted to the auditor with a covering letter explaining some shortfall in receipts.

Link Officer's Report: A reminder of delegates required to formulate a complaints procedure within the Bluebook. Rod Winhall will represent this community council.

Planning Officer: Rod's reported on 3 new applications in Ewenfield Ave, Longbank Drive and Glendale Crescent. Of interest up to 80 no houses in Mc Calls Avenue, 3 no houses in Dongola Road and parking for 55 vehicles at Doonfoot Garage.

A delegation from Manse Development presented their outline plans for the Corton Development. The key change is their vision for a landscape lead housing development of up to 800 houses with a scaled down retail involvement. A primary school, neighbourhood centre, shop and pub are part of their submission to Planning and Transport Scotland. The views and concerns raised by our group were noted and we would be able to formally comment on the finalised proposals once the planning process was enacted.

Police Officer's Report: PC Craig Richmond reported on the overall crime picture being positive with only assaults showing an increase on last year. Housebreaking, motor crime and drink driving again had no offences reported. Councillor Kilpatrick requested that the Police Community Council Report should be available for the elected member prior to the meeting. Joy Mc Dowall reported on the antisocial behaviour of members of the public approaching her at cash machines requesting money. PC Feroz confirmed that Police Scotland are aware of this and have deployed additional officers to the Town Centre.

8. Elected Member's: Councillor Mc Ginley confirmed the new administration were refreshing council plans and formulating their direction of travel for a greater community focus.

Councillor Kilpatrick had nothing to report as she was too busy canvassing.

Councillor Cullen reported on a reply he received from Lesley Bloomer about Kincaidston Playpark fence. The details were not fully available only that the Council were encouraging open play areas.

A discussion lead by Heather Maxwell explained some of the history of the damaged fence and the requirement for its reinstatement. The

action is for the community council to write to Councillor McGinley and reiterate the views of the 3 no Kincaidston residents who have attended and requested action from the new administration.

9. Any Other Competent Business: Projects for 2017/2018

Castlehill Woods, more information is required.

10. Open Forum: Derelict housing in Kincaidston. It is Council Policy to buy back houses and put back into council stock. 1 no has been purchased with the other in negotiation.

Belmont Academy: Try and establish links with the school.

Engaging the local Community : A table at the Xmas Fayre, a walking treasure hunt, fun days, tea and scones. We need projects but also people to action these projects.

Don offered to assist on any project related to Malawi.

Councillor Mc Ginley is involved with FairTrade and invited members to be involved. He explained SAC plans on expanding the role and involvement of Community Councils and interacting with other groups. The new administration will look at the effectiveness of the current Participatory Budget Scheme.

Don raised concern on time limit on returning comments regarding the proposed speed limit. The concensus is that the limit should be reduced but the concern is who and how will enforce it be enforced. The secretary to write to the MSP.

Don voiced his concerns on the deterioration of the ambulance service. It was decided that there would be no Community Council meeting in January 2018.

The CC web page will be up and running by September and can be used as a forum for community involvement.

The meeting closed at 20.43 hrs

NEXT MEETING IS ON 7th SEPTEMBER at 19.00 hrs in Belmont Academy.