

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 20TH AUGUST 2019

PRESENT: FORBES, SHEILA, JANET, NORMAN, MARGARET, LES, Cllrs ELLIS AND FERGUSON

ATTENDING: JOSIE (KASH)

APOLOGIES: Cllr LAW

Previous minutes agreed as correct.

Community police not in attendance

FINANCES:

The CC has received a grant of £8,340 from FC to be distributed as follows:

- £1000 to Certain Age Club, £800 of which will pay for the afternoon tea
- £500 to youth group for running costs with a further £200 for hall rentals. Check with Carol Ann that they have accounts up and running
- £1000 to KASH to be split between running costs and repayment of £500 loan. Josie to send CC accounts and confirmation of a bank account prior to money being paid. Further, Cllr Ellis said that there was £1000 in the Settlement Trust held by FC – Margaret will follow this up
- £250 towards Christmas lights
- £1000 to Frew Place towards path and signs. There is also £2000 sitting in the Royalty Fund to finance the purchase of benches.
- £2000 to investigate the drainage in the playpark
- Remainder of money goes to CC for hall rentals, printer/paper/ink costs and new noticeboard purchase. Cllr Ellis will check that FC will put the new noticeboard up once it is sorted out.

MATTERS ARISING:

Coalfields Regeneration Fund:

The Committee will be meeting the group on Tuesday 27th August and thereafter an open meeting will be held on 4th September to select a working committee. Forbes would like a representative from all working groups in the village to have a place on this committee -viz- BIK, Certain Age Group, Winter Watch, Youth Group, KASH. All groups will be encouraged to have definitive plans of how they would spend any forthcoming grant for the overall benefit of the village. Leaflets will be sent out advertising the event.

KASH

Organisation of the fete on 31st August is on going. Josie advised that the group is on its way to becoming a limited company which means it will not be affiliated to the CC.

A survey was carried out on the club building which threw up a slew of issues, but Josie is confident they can be overcome.

The group hope to continue fundraising but have to bear in mind other activities that take place, e.g. BIK coffee afternoon in November and Sunday School Picnic in the Park in May.

Josie will write up an article for the Newsletter which is required before 8th September. Their next meeting is 23rd September and Forbes will attend.

BLOCKED FOOTPATH

Norman and Forbes will work in clearing this.

HARGREAVES

Norman will contact them as nothing further has been heard.

FREW PLACE

Sheila will contact Tommy for an update on the path at Frew Place.

TAYLOR WIMPEY

Concerns have been raised with Planning regarding the following:

- Fence on Enco Road not considered safe enough to keep children/dogs away from this busy road
- Hawthorne hedge of suitable age will be reinstated
- Concern about bins being put out on footpath and causing an obstruction
- Posts being removed

PARK DEVELOPMENT AND SIDE WALL

Meeting arranged for 9th September at 2.p.m. in the church. FC monitoring the state of the side wall.

WINTER WATCH DEVELOPMENT

This project is progressing and hopefully information slips with Committee contact numbers will be available before winter sets in. It will also be discussed at Certain Age Club.

YOUTH GROUP

Try and get a suitable time to meet with Carol Ann to discuss.

CERTAIN AGE GROUP

Committee has agreed future plans and a programme has been drawn up until January.

HALFWAY HOUSE HOTEL

Sheila to email architect again and copy Cllrs Ellis and Ferguson in.

CHEMIST

Nothing to report.

AOCB

- Embrace the Difference
- Play spaces – query around FC plans for parks
- Forbes still to see the gentleman who wants to put bees in Frew Place to advise that the committee is against this proposal

C C - AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

EMERGENCY SERVICES – police, water, electricity, BT, and winter watch. Sheila had responsibility previously.

PLANNING – Norman was involved with this

ENVIRONMENT/PARK/WALKWAY – Les and Sheila led this

ELDERLY GROUP

CHILDRENS AND YOUTH SERVICES - Carol Ann

LOCAL SERVICES – Les and Janet Christmas lights

Let Sheila know if anyone wants to add their name to the list.

Next meeting 17th September at 7.p.m.