

Community Council Meeting Minutes

Apologies:

- Ian Cunningham
- Libby Downie

Attendance:

- Barbara Perrie
- Lindsay McKillop
- Jan Bunch
- Jane Williamson
- Harry Birrell
- Susan Dillon Fraser
- Ronald Fraser
- Samantha Noel
- Helen Macintyre
- Maureen Ferrigan

Meeting Opening:

Councillor Shaw opens the meeting.

Appointments:

- Lindsay has been nominated as chair and it is seconded. She is elected.
- Susan is nominated and seconded as vice chair and is elected.

Facebook & Member Rules:

- Lindsay has changed the rules on the Facebook page.
- There is now a mandate that any new members must attend 3 meetings before joining.
- Any non-members who wish to raise a point are to provide it in writing to the secretary.
- Lindsay has also emphasised there will be no politics in the community council.

Police Update:

- The regular policeman who came no longer works in the council area.
- Barbara has not had a response about getting a new one.

Local Issues:

- Elderly crossing signs are to be erected in Fulbar Lane, as well as the yellow markings on the road being repainted.
- The parking attendants will now enforce fines on pavement parkings.

Charges for Community Facilities:

- Trinity High School will now charge an additional 5% charge.
- Community centres will charge 8%, and fields 10%.

Agenda Notice:

- Barbara has requested 48 hours' notice to add anything to the agenda.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library:

- This is in schools in Renfrewshire and is broadly known about by parents.

Treasurer's Report:

- Jane suggested a savings account for 3.5% for festive lights and defibrillator funds.
- Councillor Shaw wanted to know if it is the intention to site the defibrillator.
- Councillor Shaw explained that if we contact Stuart Graham, the purpose of the defibrillator fund could be changed.
- Max Sage may be invited again to give defib and CPR training.

Brown Institute:

- No report out with Jamie McGuire's has been given, and he assures us that community groups will be involved soon.
- Jamie McGuire will contact the council about the theft of sandstone bricks.
- No feedback has been offered regarding artifact appraisal.

Police Station:

- The vandalism of the building has continued.
- The lane has been added to a council cleaning schedule.

Town Centre:

- Lindsay had to postpone the walk around town with Danny due to personal issues. This will happen soon.

Planning Reports:

- Ron and Michael have volunteered to read the planning permissions and report any issues.
- Council office on Renfield Street appears to be opened for housing issues.

Gala Day:

- Gala Day will take place on the 1st June, 12–5.
- Susan has volunteered to run a community council stall to raise awareness. Jan will assist, and so will Jane.
- The community council will ask various groups to find out details of Gala Day stalls / Facebook information to allow for more people in the community to discover these groups. This will also be on the website.

Facebook:

- There have been new volunteers who have been moderating the page, and there are new rules.

Trees:

- The trees at Blythswood are on private land, so stopping the trees being cut down will be harder despite it being a large fire risk.
- This is blocking various footpaths in Ringmer.

AOB:

- Jan Bunch has suggested a bench with solar panels to project the phone number of a suicide prevention hotline in Robertson Park.
- This is believed to be a new scheme from the UK Government.
- Community council will speak to Georgia Bell at Renfrewshire Council and the Friends of Robertson Park.
- Councillor McGuire has suggested a memorial space at the end of Queen Street.
- Councillor Shaw suggests a suicide prevention bench could go near the new bridge.
- Lindsay will address drains being clogged with the town walkthrough.

Next Meeting:

- May 6th.