

Crookfur, Greenfarm & Mearns Village Community Council

Meeting on 10th January 2019

Present - Gargi Singla (Chair), Bryson McNeil (Vice Chair) and John O'Brien (Treasurer)
Apologies – Karen Armstrong

In attendance - Vincent McCulloch, Cllr Tony Buchanan, Police Scotland officers

Gargi welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting (December 18) were accepted by Bryson and seconded by John.

The police then gave their report on local crime and issues from 13th December 2018 until 10th January 2019. They then outlined the number of reported incidents for the four areas highlighted as being key local concerns. These are Housebreakings (2 reported), Anti-social Behaviour (1 reported), Violent Crime (3 reported) and Drug Dealing (2 reported). In addition there was a small amount of youth disorder and shoplifting, due in part to the festive period.

The full police report is available at <https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/crookfurcc>

The police then left the meeting.

John then spoke briefly about the finances of the community council. With the latest annual grant from ERC received in December this has now brought the current bank balance to just over £1,000. This will be utilised in the number of events planned for 2019.

Cllr Tony Buchanan (Leader of ERC) then briefly addressed the community council on current council issues. He stated that the council will soon vote through a new budget but the actual amounts are still uncertain until the Scottish Government confirm funding. He also pointed out that ERC is one of the only council areas which is growing with regards population. This causes budgetary pressures as the two biggest growing demographics are the young and the elderly which will increase demand for education and care services. He stated that no decision has yet been made on the location of a new leisure centre and outlined some of the difficulties facing ERC when choosing a suitable location including the availability of land.

Tony then left the meeting to attend another engagement.

There then followed some discussion on maintaining the community council's social media presence and sufficiently advertising meetings and events. It was agreed that John will maintain the Facebook page as well as set up and maintain a Twitter account. John will also contact Community Magazine to obtain a costing for the distribution of flyers to directly notify residents about the community council.

Vincent will speak to his colleague around attending the March meeting to give a presentation on the new Dams to Darnley redevelopment. He will advise in due course if this is going ahead.

It was unanimously agreed that an Easter Fair should be once again held this year due to the success of last year's event. Gargi will contact stall holders etc to ascertain their availability around Easter before approaching Fairweather Hall to book a date. Vincent will also contact The Edge to see if they wish to get involved.

With no other business Gargi brought the meeting to a close.

Next meeting – Thursday 14th February 2019, Fairweather Hall 7pm.