

Meeting of Crookfur, Greenfarm and Mearns Village Community Council - -11 January 2018

Present:- James Kerrigan (JK), Bryson McNeil (BMcN)(Co-Chair), John O'Brien (JO'B) (Treasurer), Gargi Singla (GS) and Karen Armstrong (KA)

1. **Apologies** - No apologies were recorded.
2. **Election of Chairperson** - BMcN nominated and JO'B seconded James Kerrigan as Chair person.
3. **Police Report** - the report covered progress being made in dealing with Police priorities for the Community Council area covering the period of 1 November 2017 to 31 December 2017. Officers gave an update on domestic house-breakings which are being investigated as part of a wider operation relating to a series of high value thefts which have occurred during late 2017 across the Greater Glasgow area.

The report also covered a very small number of anti-social behavior and disorder crimes, violent crime and drug dealing and drug misuse related crimes. The Police also highlighted the need for car owners to be vigilant and ensure their cars are locked at all times.

4. **Treasurer's Report** - JOB attended a recent budget meeting at ERC - where no definitive outlines were given in relation to ERC's forthcoming budget spend other than an indication that cuts to services were on the cards.

John agreed to follow up with ERC on how the community council can be involved/keep residents updated in relation to spending cuts..

John also gave an update on the CC's budget with current funds sitting at £1086. It is intended that the CC will spend some of this money on a lap-top and printer for CC use.

Action 1 - JOB contact ERC finance division.

5. **Events/Easter** - Festival of Colours - Gargi gave an update on plans to hold a Festival of Colours - a festival celebrated by the Indian community. The CC agreed to support this event and would provide some limited funds towards it and also use the event to promote the CC.

Action 2 - Gargi to explore venue and date for Festival of Colours and keep the CC updated on progress.

6. **Discussing priorities for the Community Council** - A discussion took place in relation to priorities for the coming year. It was decided to see how the up and coming meetings develop and what issues arise. It was also agreed that the CC could use the Festival of Colours to ask local people about what the CC's priorities should be.

7. **Increasing Community Council Membership** - All efforts will be made by the existing members of the CC to increase the membership. Once a laptop and printer have been purchased the CC will distribute flyers, they will look to set up a face-book page and use other social media platforms to increase membership.

Action 3 -Vincent will put CC members in touch with an individual who helped and supported Uplawmoor CC.

8. **Communicating with the Public** - The discussion in relation to this topic was also covered in agenda item 7 above. The CC will also use the Festival of Colours to communicate with residents of ERC within the CC area.

9. **Community Council name** - After a brief discussion it was agreed to retain the current name of Crookfur, Greenfarm and Mearns Village Community Council.

10. **Venue for future meetings** - It was agreed to hold the **next two meetings** on the **first Thursday** of the month in Fairweather Hall. It was agreed however to move to the **third Monday of each month** thereafter. It was also agreed that in the immediate future the venue would remain the same. The Chair will also invite relevant Councillors to future meetings.

Action 3 - JK invite relevant Councillors to future meetings.

11. **AOB**

- Role of Secretary - Karen Armstrong was proposed and agreed to act as Secretary for the Community Council.

12. **Date and time of next meeting** - The next meeting will take place on Thursday 8 February at 7 pm in Fairweather Hall.

Karen Armstrong
Secretary