

BUSBY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19 JUNE 2017 – 7:30 PM
DUFF MEMORIAL HALL BUSBY

Present:

Tracy-Jane McGinley
Russell Kinnear
George McLachlan
Evelyn Baxter
Jill Irvine
Clair McGinlay
Bob Smith
Councillor Stewart Miller
Councillor Annette Ireland
Councillor David MacDonald

Apologies Received:

Sandra Kennedy
Councillor Alan Lafferty
Colm Merrick

George McLachlan opened the meeting at 19:30 & congratulated Cllr Ireland on her appointment.

1) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15 MAY 2017

There being no matters arising the minutes were Proposed by Russell Kinnear and Seconded by Jill Irvine

2) POLICE REPORT – 15 May to 14 June 2017

Assault & Violent Crime

- A 47 year old man has been arrested and charged with Assault with Intent to Rob following an incident in Lower Mill Road on 12 June. Nobody was injured during the incident.
- No other assaults in public have been recorded during the period under review.

Drug Dealing and Drug Use

- On the evening of 12 June a 47 year old male was searched and found to be in possession of what is believed to be controlled drugs in Main Street.
- No other drug related offences have been detected during the month.

Drunk or Disorderly Behaviour

- On the 18 May a 17 year old male was arrested following a serious incident at Dance Inc Studio, East Kilbride Road. He was arrested and appeared at court the next day where bail was refused and he remains in prison on remand.

Housebreaking or Other Theft

- There has been one reported housebreaking during the period of review which occurred overnight on 3 into 4 June. The householder at a flat within a common close in Busby Road returned home to find marks on her front door consistent with someone attempting to force it open with a tool No access was gained.
- Residents in common closes should ensure that common close doors are fitted with appropriate security entry systems that are in good working order and that access is only permitted to known person.
- Across East Renfrewshire we continue to receive reports of sneak in thefts at all times of day and night. We again remind householders to ensure that doors are kept secure even if they are home.

- In the Busby area we have received 2 reports of bicycles being stolen from gardens and a wheelchair being stolen from a garden in Easterton Avenue.
- If you are suspicious of persons loitering in residential streets, please report this to us using the 101 telephone number.

Crime Prevention

At this time of year we often see a rise in crimes relating to thefts of gardening power tools from sheds and garages. Please take the time to ensure that buildings such as these are properly secured. Consider fitting security lights and shed alarms to deter criminals.

We have also provided your community council secretary with an electronic copy of a booklet entitled 'Home and Personal Property Security Advice' for distribution to residents within your community.

News

Since the start of June we have arrested and charged four different persons for housebreaking offences at various locations in East Renfrewshire.

We remind all residents to remain alert to Internet and Telephone Frauds. We continue to receive reports from persons across East Renfrewshire who have made direct cash transfers to unknown bank accounts or who have been encouraged to purchase vouchers and then share redemption codes with fraudsters. Legitimate businesses and government departments don't make phone calls to request immediate payments. If you have any doubts as to who you are speaking to, tell them you are not satisfied as to their identity and hang-up.

A number of items were discussed:

- Incident of 18 May
- Armed Officers (following recent terror related incidents)
- Who is being moved into our community and the appropriateness of housing allocations – Russell Kinnear added to this and spoke of an incident personal to him. Cllr Ireland agreed to look into this and will seek further information from relevant colleagues / departments at ERC.

Cllr AI

3) TREASURERS REPORT

Jill Irvine distributed the report – we received our full administration grant and ERC have allowed us to retain the unspent funds from 2016-2017 year.

Report proposed by Clair McGinlay and seconded by Russell Kinnear.

4) PLANNING

None

5) CORRESPONDENCE

I. Cllr Stewart Miller:

- (a) Pathway to WHS
- (b) Pitch linings
- (c) Additions bin request from Jill Irvine – Jill has been advised to keep a 'bin diary'
– Cllrs will look into obtaining an additional grey bin. **Cllr AI & Cllr DM**

II. Lynn Wardle – Conversation Cafe

III. Michael McEwan of ER Disability Action

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- IV. Cllr David MacDonald re Dance Studio incident
- V. Rachel Wainright – Morrisons re 5p funding
- VI. Vincent Mc Culloch – ID Badges (Cllrs will make further enquires – they do not see a problem with community council members having ID badges – Cllr MacDonald pointed out the private hire drivers have badges) **Cllr AI & Cllr DM**
- VII. ERC Roads Department – Eaglesham Road resurfacing
- VIII. Diarmid McNamara – Hags
- IX. Cllr Stewart Miller re Cartmill ground works
- X. ERC Roads Department – road closure at Hunthill Place – long discussion followed on this item.

6) **COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

- I. Cllr Ireland spoke about her attendance at Busby Primary School's 'Values Day' – this is the nicest thing she has so far been involved in. Cllr Ireland also spoke about the number of estate agency signs that have been appearing and she is not sure if there are actual homes for sale. ERC is sending letters out today. Cllr Ireland is also in the process of trying to organise a public meeting.
- II. Cllr Miller spoke of his delight that Eaglesham Road is finally being resurfaced.
- III. Cllr MacDonald spoke of the major funding crisis facing ERC and his proposals in relation to parking charges.

7) **COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES**

Annette Ireland 2 nd Friday of the month at 15:15 – Netherlee 2 nd Tuesday of the month 18:00 to 19:00 – Carolside & 19:00 to 20:00 – Clarkston	David MacDonald 3 rd Monday of the month 18:30 to 17:15 – Duff Hall
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8) **COUNCILLORS' Q&A**

- I. Russell Kinnear spoke about his request for a white line to be painted in front of his driveway – ERC have told Russell this will cost him £172.50
- II. Jill Irvine received a request from Joe Noon of Busby AFC to ask if ERC could help to identify land for a football field.

9) **A.O.C.B.**

I. **Play Park Project**

Surveys are now complete – number 3 was the most popular. George McLachlan will now arrange meetings with Tracy Butler, Sharon McMurtie and Adrian Baines. ERC Parks Department will ensure and maintain for the 5 year period, ERC to be approached with regards to purchasing the equipment on our behalf. Evelyn will contact Sharon, George will contact Tracy. **GM & EB**

Meeting closed at 21:15
Date of next meeting 18 September 2017