

Crookfur, Greenfarm & Mearns Village Community Council

A.G.M – Thursday 14th September 2017 Minutes

1. Present – David Pearson, Bryson McNeil, John O'Brien

Also in attendance - Vincent McCulloch (CC Liaison Officer) and Cllrs Gilbert and McMillan. 3 members of the public were also present, and David thanked them for their presence at the AGM.

2. Apologies – Karen Armstrong.

3. Chairperson's Annual Report - David gave a brief review of the year's activities and the issues which had been pursued. The main difficulties had arisen around the operating size of the community council, and David finished by expressing the hope that the interim election process which was being triggered next month would yield some new councillors.

- 4 Secretary's Annual Report – as we have had no secretary for the whole year, there is no report here which can be given.

- 5 Treasurer's Report – John gave a brief report and provided a copy of accounts for scrutiny. There is currently £556.03 in the bank .

- 6 Demit of current office bearers – all office bearers stood down.

- 7 Election of office bearers

Nominations for Chair

David Pearson indicated he did not wish to continue as Chair. There being no nominations, this post remains vacant at present.

Nominations for Vice-Chair Bryson McNeil was proposed by David Pearson and seconded by John O'Brien. Bryson McNeil was happy to accept the position and was duly elected.

Nominations for secretary

There were no nominations and this post remains vacant at present.

Nominations for treasurer

John O'Brien was proposed by Bryson McNeil and seconded by David Pearson. John O'Brien was happy to accept the position and was duly elected

- 8 Demit of current independent examiner of accounts and appointment of new examiner – Jack Powell, Giffnock Community Council, is happy to be Crookfur, Greenfarm and Mearns Village community council's independent examiner of accounts.

3. DTP of next Annual General Meeting –September 2018

Following the formal AGM there was a brief and informal discussion of a number of issues.

(1) Vincent indicated that ERC would trigger an interim election process beginning on October 5th, for which nominations would be sought. Vincent has a number of ideas for raising awareness of the work and contribution of community councils, including the development of a promotional video to be placed on facebook.

(2) Bryson highlighted a number of successes for the community council as a result of pressure being put on specific agencies:

- 3 pedestrian crossings in Barrhead Road, Aldi and Tesco/Waitrose in Greenlaw Village
- The signage accompanying the new Capelrig Path, particularly the erection of noticeboards which can be used to highlight community council business.
- The addressing of flooding issues in Greenlaw Road

(3) There was discussion of the possibility of merging the 2 current Newton Mearns community councils, but this was felt to be problematic.

(4) Concern was raised over the possible future use of Mearns Park for an early years facility here. This was felt, if true, to be some years down the line, but it was felt to be important to keep an eye on developments here and to (quite literally) "watch this space".

(5) The need to upgrade the play facilities in the park was discussed and it was suggested that one source of funding might come from an application the Whitelee windfarm fund. John agreed to look into this.

(6) concern was raised by members of the public present at changes to the pickup point for the 29 bus in Fairweather Place. Passengers can no longer use the stop which has a bus shelter. There are also concerns that other services in the area may be a risk .

(7) Helen and Colette of the Mearns Village Community Association highlighted their Silver Sunday event on 1st October for which tickets were made available.