

BUSBY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTE OF INAUGURAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2015 – 19:00
DUFF MEMORIAL HALL BUSBY

Present:

Eamonn Daly (ERC)
Councillor Stewart Miller
Bob Smith
Sandra Kennedy
Russell Kinnear
Evelyn Baxter
George McLachlan
Tracy-Jane McGinley
Jill Irvine
Clair McGinlay
Provost Alastair Carmichael

Apologies Received:

Colm Merrick
Janet Forry

Introduction and Welcome

Mr Daly welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the community council held under the amended Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils and following the recent election process. He explained that he was attending the meeting on behalf of the Returning Officer that he would conduct the initial part of the meeting up to and including the appointment of office bearers and would leave the meeting at that point.

Declaration of the Result of Election

Mr Daly explained that at the close of the nomination period, sufficient valid nominations had been received to allow the community council to be established but that as there were more places available than valid nominations received, all those persons who had submitted a valid nomination form were elected unopposed to the community council.

He then read out the list of those persons validly nominated which was noted by the community council.

Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Mr Daly explained that one of the requirements of the amended Scheme was that community council members sign an undertaking confirming that they would fulfil the duties of the role to the best of their ability and would undertake to meet the requirements of the amended Scheme, the model constitution and the code of conduct for community council members.

Completed forms were returned from those present.

Adoption of Model Constitution and Model Standing Orders

Mr Daly explained that in the first instance it is necessary for the community council to agree to adopt both the model constitution and standing orders which formed appendices to the amended scheme. Mr Daly stated the Chairman could only serve from October 2015 to April or May 2016 and could not be re-elected in 2016. This statement was disputed by a number of people present including George McLachlan and Tracy-Jane McGinley (see clause 9.2). Mr Daly spoke of the ability of the community council to make a request to the council for the restrictions on the terms of office of the Chair to be lifted the community council agreed to adopt the Model Constitution and Model Standing Orders

Appointment of Chair

Mr Daly called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Mr Smith, seconded by Mrs Baxter, proposed that Mr McLachlan be appointed Chair.

There be no further nominations, Mr McLachlan was appointed Chair of the community council.

Appointment of Secretary

Mr Daly called for nominations for the position of Secretary.

Mrs Kennedy, seconded by Mrs McGinley, proposed that Mrs Baxter be appointed Secretary.

There be no further nominations, Mrs Baxter was appointed Secretary of the community council.

Appointment of Treasurer

Mr Daly called for nominations for the position of Treasurer.

Mr McLachlan, seconded by Mrs Kennedy, proposed that Mrs McGinley be appointed Treasurer.

There be no further nominations, Mrs McGinley was appointed Treasurer of the community council.

Mr Daly left the meeting at this point.

George McLachlan took over the meeting at 19:10. The 2 new members who are not present will receive minutes by mail until we can confirm their e-mail addresses.

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1) POLICE REPORT

PC Hardcastle summarised the report covering the period 1 September to 21 October, copy will e-mailed to Tracy-Jane McGinley for inclusion in the minute.

Community Council Crime Statistics – Busby – 1 September to 21 October

92 calls to the police during this period, from which 20 reports were raised, 5 of these have been detected with enquiries on going on several of the remaining reports.

CRIME	REPORTS	DETECTIONS	NOTES
Simple Assault	4	1	1 x Male reported to PF Paisley
Theft	8	1	1 x Theft of mobile phone (Greggs) 1 x Gift Card (Tesco) 3 x Theft by Shoplifting (1 detection) 2 x Sneak in theft, handbag and £200 cash 1 x Theft by Housebreaking
Vandalisms	1	0	1 x Smashed window
B.O.P. (including statutes)	2	1	1 x Male shout reporters name and brandish metal stick 1 x Shout at reporter (detected)
Misuse of Drugs Act (1971 S5(2))	1	1	2 x Males reported to PF for being in possession of cannabis
Other Notable Crime / Detections			
Zebra, Pelican	1	1	1 x Female reported for Zig Zag offence
RTA 1988 S70	1	0	1 x Being investigated for failing to report an accident

2) GUEST SPEAKER

No guest speaker

3) TREASURERS REPORT

Report was distributed and discussed; there were no questions for the Treasurer. Report proposed by Sandra Kennedy and seconded by Clair McGinlay

4) PLANNING

No planning – point to note – Russell Kinnear has continued to receive planning notices from ERC even though Community Council was not in place.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

No planning

6) COUNCILLORS' REPORT

- I. Provost Carmichael spoke about the 'Leisure Trust', various things are happening and employees that have transferred to the Trust seem to be happy.
- II. Cllr Miller spoke about the Boundary Commission proposals, East Renfrewshire will reduce by 2 Councillors and there will be changes to a number of wards. Eaglesham will cease to belong to Ward 6 – this will be Busby, Clarkston, Stamperland and Netherlee.

7) COUNCILLORS' Q&A

- I. Long discussion about Bonnyton House and the report in the Extra. Seems the 2 woman on the Board who visited Bonnyton House said that they did not have enough information to make an informed decision. Result of the vote was a 6-2 split and there is no appeals process.
- II. Long Discussion about the Nursery, Phil Daws and Ken McIntosh are meeting on site at 2pm on Thursday. Environmental and Traffic assessments still to be carried out. George McLachlan reminded the CLLRs that Busby CC is now a legally constituted body and we expect to receive documentation in respect of the proposals.
- III. George McLachlan spoke about Eamonn Daly's interpretation of the rules with regards to election of the Chair and duration of office, George asked the CLLRs to clarify the rules.
CLLRs

8) A.O.C.B.

- I. Russell Kinnear co-opted to committee – proposed by Tracy-Jane McGinley and seconded by Jill Irvine.
- II. Nursery – George McLachlan and Bob Smith will attend the meeting with Phil Daws and Ken McIntosh on Thursday 22nd October at 2pm
- III. Bonnyton discussion was returned to – it would appear that Officials / Councillors have not read the full / final report. We believe that they were given a summary version.
- IV. Bonnyton House Care Inspectorate requirements are currently being addressed – door mechanisms and flooring are being replaced.
- V. Sandra Kennedy spoke about frustration with ERC – Council are not listening to us. How much money was wasted on the Community Council elections, George McLachlan agreed with Sandra's point – its time Councillors started listening to Busby residents and not to Council Officials – most of whom do not reside in East Renfrewshire
- VI. Clair McGinlay and Jill Irvine were previously our reps for the NHS – Sandra Kennedy proposed this to continue, seconded by Evelyn Baxter
- VII. 3rd Monday of the month was agreed as our future meeting dates – meetings to be held at 19:30, Tracy-Jane McGinley will forward completed booking form to ERC.

Meeting closed at 20:00

Next meeting Monday 16 November 2015