

1. Present – Janice Connery (JC), Margaret Pettigrew(MP), Colin McLeish (CM) & Ronnie Junner (RJ)

Apologies – Scot Montgomery.

Attending

Cllr Buchanan ERC

Alison McGowan -Linking Communities

Vincent McCulloch – Community Council Liaison Officer.

2. There was discussion about the need to create safer routes to schools.
3. Participatory Budgeting

Welcome to Alison McGowan – from linking communities who oversees participatory budgeting in East Renfrewshire.

Alison gave a description of participatory budgeting in East Renfrewshire and how groups in Neilston will benefit. There will be a funding event on the 11th June. There was discussion about the amount of PB money available at this event for local groups and it was agreed that to encourage competitiveness, the amount should be Approximately £13,500 However there will be an additional £10,000 added to the £12,000 already earmarked for the October.

The community council (MP) had been contacted by Alison, who was seeking their assistance contacting groups regarding the voting event for funding, as groups that had previously applied have been invited to apply again, groups who were unsuccessful can reapply in October.

Cllr Buchanan hoped that some key services receive much needed additional support on the back of the current financial climate.

There was discussion on the ‘unseen ‘ poverty that exists in Neilston. Ronnie.

The question was asked, can a welfare rights satellite be set up in Neilston.

Cllr – additional aspect to new school – additional council staff in the area, improved

No food bank in Neilston – there is a drop in.

Can food parcels be delivered?

JC – making contact is crucial – people pride gets in the way.

4. MP – The community council need to push for residents to join the community council, we need new faces, new ideas, the participatory budgeting event can be promoted at the Neilston Agricultural Show along with membership of the CC.

VM Advised that he would attend the show for two hours and give out flyers advertising the community council.

It was agreed to lift £50 for petty cash.

Allison advised that an advertisement banner could be made up in time for the show, wording for the banner was agreed.

MP – Organising the participatory budgeting event is quite a challenge, but hopefully it will get easier, and the community council needs to start preparing for the October event.

5. Community council email
Need to look at CC email. Somethings are not getting through.

6. There was discussion on a planning application, which would seem to involve road restrictions with a concern that local people may experience access issues..

Date of next meeting.

24th May at 7pm in the Glen Hall