

MENSTRIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on 9th October 2018 at 7.00pm
in the Dumyat Centre Community Room

Present:

Stan Paterson	Chairperson
David Sharp	Vice-Chair
Caroline Crawford	Secretary
Judy Collier	Treasurer
Nicola Simm	
Evelyn Stalker	
Linda Matheson	
Beth Cook	

Apologies: Obaid Rehman
Councillor Les Sharp

In Attendance: Councillor Darren Lee
PC Leigh Allen
Sergeant Cathy Sharkey

1. Approval of Minutes of 11th September 2018

Approved: Beth Cook Seconded: Nicola Simm

2. Resignations

Letter from Christine Kidston tendering her resignation from the Community Council.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

All agenda items.

4. Treasurers Report

Bank Balance - £19,703.77
Cash in Hand - £ 115.35

5. Community Policeman's Report

Apologies were received for the absence of a report last month but this was due to holidays. A backdated report was given to include 31st July to 9th October. There were 13 recorded crimes in this period. Crime rates and calls continue to remain low in Menstrie.

There were 2 crimes of anti-social behaviour, one of which the persons involved have been charged. There were also reports of children on the roof of the Dumyat Centre and entering the Community Garden and a number of parents have been spoken to regarding this behaviour.

There was 1 crime of vandalism being damage to a car tyre but no suspect has been identified. There were no reported incidents of violence.

Over this period there were numerous thefts from cars in Menstrie but thanks to the Community

Policing Team and the response from the community, 2 males were identified and a substantial amount of stolen property recovered and identified. The offenders were reported to the Sheriff Court. The pro-active involvement and assistance by the community of Menstrie is testament of the spirit the village holds and has become renowned for. However, it was stressed that residents should ensure that their vehicles, sheds and garages are locked at all times to help prevent opportunistic thefts.

Parking issues outside the Primary School, in particular at the school gates, has resulted in a complaint being received. The police will be carrying out additional patrols at the school and offences identified will be dealt with by means of a £30 fixed penalty.

6. Councillor's Reports

In reply to Councillor's enquiry regarding additional bollards on the cycleway, the following was the response from Alan Murray at the Council. "The majority of people would never consider driving on the active travel route therefore I must conclude that this is one or two errant individuals. The most effective way to discourage this practice would be for anyone witnessing this occurring to take note of the vehicle registration and report this to the Police."

Plans for the new Nursery were discussed and concern was expressed about how the construction traffic were going to access the site safely.

There is a meeting shortly of the Menstrie Resilience Group (Stan Paterson represents the Community Council on this group). The Council, via Scott Walker of Roads and Street Lighting can make grit and shovels available to the Community Council for distribution in the village as appropriate. This service would be aimed at individuals at risk and a list should be available from the Council in this regard. It was agreed that this supply of grit could be held in the Community Garden area.

ACTION - CC

At this point Councillor Lee left the meeting.

7. Dumyat Centre - Community Asset Transfer

The MCAG (Menstrie Community Action Group) continue to meet regularly with the Council and are progressing the Due Diligence and Business/Strategy Plan. The Open Day held on the 7th October was very successful and the group now need a minimum of 300 people to sign up as members in order that they can apply for funding.

8. Menstrie Matters

The deadline for the next issue will be 30th October.

There was considerable discussion about some improvements that could be made, including having a buddy editor in the event of one person not being available. The discussion became quite heated and as a result Linda decided to leave the meeting. It was agreed that anybody interested in supporting the Menstrie Matters should meet to discuss the matter.

At this point Linda left the meeting.

9. Correspondence

All correspondence was read and actioned.

10. Christmas Event

After discussion it was agreed that the past format for this event was not working in that there were fewer children attending. In light of this it was decided to have the event on the 8th December when there would be a Christmas film for the children (at a cost of £1) in the Dumyat Centre in the afternoon and the adults would be entertained to tea/coffee, mince pies and shortbread in the Dumyat Room while the film was being shown. When the movie finished about 5.00p.m. everybody would then go the Gardens where the Christmas lights would be switched on by the current Gala King and Queen. There would also be a Santa's grotto where the children would receive a small gift from Santa. It was also decided that Steven would be asked if it were possible to put Christmas lights on Foxy Boy. The other Christmas lights would be put on the bridge etc. as normal. The Police will be asked to stop the traffic to enable people to cross the road safely.

11. Any Other Business

There will be a Christmas Fayre in the Dumyat Centre on the 2nd December from 2-4p.m. The Community Council agreed to provide the tea/coffee etc. at the event.

ACTION - ALL

Stan Paterson will lay the wreath on behalf of the Community Council on Remembrance Sunday. CC will order the wreath.

The Menstrie UF Church will also be having a service at the Menstrie War Memorial in the afternoon at 3.00p.m. to which anybody who cannot attend the morning wreath laying is welcome.

12. Date and time of next meeting - Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7.00p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15h.