

MENSTRIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on 11th September 2018 at 7.00pm
In the Dumyat Centre Community Room

Present:

Stan Paterson	Chairperson
Caroline Crawford	Secretary
Nicola Simm	
Evelyn Stalker	
Christine Kidston	
Beth Cook	

Apologies: Jim Gardiner
Obaid Rehman
Judy Collier
Linda Matheson
Councilor Les Sharp

In Attendance: Councilor Darren Lee
Dave Sharp - Resident
Jack Stanners, Reporter Alloa Advertiser

1. Approval of Minutes of 12th June 2018

Approved: Beth Cook Seconded: Christine Kidston

2. Resignations

Letter from Jim Gardener tendering his resignation from the Community Council.
ACTION - CC

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

All agenda items.

4. Treasurers Report

Bank Balance - £14,036.55

5. Community Policeman's Report

There was no police report but it was noted that there had been several car break-ins recently.

6. Councillor's Reports

Discussion was had regarding vehicles going along the cycle path recently and Councillor Lee Agreed to contact the Council and the Police, who are already aware of the incidents, about possibly putting additional bollards at the farm exit and the exit at the new path onto the Tullibody Road.

ACTION - DL

The matter of community volunteers taking on the task of speed checks locally was discussed. And what training would be required.

ACTION - CC

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

There had been poor consultation regarding the changes to the bus service and the short notice of The consultation.

7. Dumyat Centre - Community Asset Transfer

The MCAG (Menstrie Community Action Group) continue to meet regularly with the Council to progress this matter and will be carrying out Due Diligence and a Business Plan. There will be a further Community Open Day held on Sunday 7th October to update residents on the progress so far and all the Community Councillors should attend if available. The contact for the group is no longer Stuart Crickmar but will be Brian Forbes and Lesley Baillie.

The Education Department has now decided that they will use the Dumyat Centre for gym lessons for the Primary School but we still do not know for how long this will be.

8. Menstrie Matters

The most recent issue has been printed and delivered. David Sharp will update Linda.

ACTION - DS

9. Correspondence

All correspondence was read and actioned.

10. Community Woodland, Community Garden and New Planters

Due to the dry weather over the summer thanks must go to the volunteers who watered the baskets and the planters over this period. We now have two watering systems so it makes things a bit easier. Unfortunately the planter situated outside the Burnside would appear to have been stolen.

We had a visit to the Community Garden of a Community Garden group from Kilmarnock who were very impressed by what they saw.

The Church has replied that they cannot supply us with an electricity supply for the CCTV camera which we want to now site in the garage for easier access.

There is work required in the woodland to tidy up some of the overhanging trees and this will be looked at. A complaint was received about trees overhanging a private garden on Main Street West and this will be looked into.

11. Any Other Business

The first Fete/Gala meeting will be held next week.

Completion reports have been sent to EDF for the Lunch Club, Gala, Christmas Lights, Planters etc. and also the Micro Grants.

The training budget for all 9 Clackmannanshire Community Councils has been cut from £2,000 to £600 which is not sufficient to provide any Community Council training this year.

The application for a house at the play park at Menstrie Mains has been recommended for refusal by Clacks Council.

It was agreed that we would adopt the new Community Council Complaints Procedure.

12. Date and time of next meeting - Tuesday 9th October 2018.
This meeting will be preceded by the AGM.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10h.