

Forgewood Community Council

Minute of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 December 2008 in Braidhurst High School, Motherwell

Present: T. Hughes (Chair) F. Dowdells (Secretary) Jackie Bentley (Treasurer)
L. Law Shirley Bean

In Attendance: Paul Kelly (Councillor), Janice McDougal, Paul Smith, Ewan Towie

Agenda Item No.		Action Required By
1. Welcome	The Chair welcomed all in attendance and advised that there was a lot of business to get through.	
2. Apologies for Absence	Jonathan Smith Regeneration Manager None received from Councillors Annette and Michael	
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting		
4. Councillors Round Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobile Phone Mast – Objections can only be raised at the planning stage on Legal Grounds. Investigations are therefore being made into what regulations are in place so that any Objections can be put forward strongly in order to stop the mast. The Hearing date has not yet been set Paul will keep us up to date with any developments.• The Chinese at the Old Carpet Shop on Motherwell Road has been rejected.• Licensing Laws were discussed where a suggestion will be taken forward to the Licensing Board by Paul and Tommy will take it forward to the Community Forum for the Follow up to Big Blether to based on Drink/Licensing Laws• Paul will ask the Chief Constable to attend the Forgewood Community Council to advise of new Community Policing and how it will affect us• Link Homes has carried out a survey for Phase 1 on works needing done and Grants available• Nothing has happened in the Last 4 – 5 months with the Demolition at the top end of the Estate since the Tour of what is planned to improve the area• Absentee Landlords and Homeless act were discussed and Chair suggested that a plan should be put in place to take these issues which are constantly being discussed at the meetings so that they can be moved forward. It was suggested that a stakeholders meeting should be held to put a strategy plan in place to tackle these frequently raised issues.• Email any ideas for improving the area to Paul Kelly	

5. Estate Management and Community Safety

Shrubbery Uplift cost £50,000.

Chair spoke to Joe from Link Housing who in turn E-mailed Jonathan Smith the Regeneration Manager Highlighting the Vulnerability of the Estate i.e. Broken Fencing etc. which has been responded to by the Chair who asked the Question who is going to be responsible for maintenance and care of the Newly Scorched Land

6. Correspondence

Notification of application received for License

7. Finance – Treasurer’s Report

There are 3 outstanding invoices :-

Ink£47.86

LAMH P.C. Upgrade £28.75

Congelese Cultural Event £50.00

8. Financial Inclusion

An Email has been sent in regards to what energy companies are doing to help Children and Pensioners living in poverty

Living Well is a group which offers help and advise to pensioners on what help and support is available

9. AOCB

- A Discussion took place re the possibility of getting Christmas Lights for Motherwell Road at the top end of the Estate
- A survey is to be organised re the poor standard of Buses operating in the Motherwell area
- Cala who own Motherwell Town Centre may be considering charging for use of its car parking facilities in the Town

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 28 January 2009 at 7pm

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For and on behalf of Forgewood Community Council