

Minutes of the Village Community Council which met on Thursday 9th August at 7.30p.m.

Present On Attendance sheet

Apologies were received from John Gibb, Jim McLean, Brenda and Philip Morgan Klein

Minutes Minutes of the last meeting were in members' hands and were approved by Alan Russell and seconded by Wilma Shepherd

Police Report P.Cs Gunn and Tollan had come directly from an incident so apologised for not having crime figures with them but they reported that things had been quiet in the Village in recent weeks. In response to Mrs Hunter stating that she had noticed an improvement in response times, they informed the meetings that a new GPS system had made the service much more organised and efficient.

Mr Irvine expressed concern that he had been troubled by hoax calls reportedly from Microsoft attempting to gain access to private information. The police had no knowledge of this locally but would ensure that it was being investigated at a national level. In the meantime, they recommend ignoring any such calls.

Mrs Hunter asked the officers for clarification on the subject of prosecutions relating to parking charges in supermarket car parks. She was informed that private companies cannot set fines. Such companies are very careful about the language they use when asking for payment but they have no authority to enforce it. They "invite you" to pay and try harass people by employing scare tactics that the fine will keep increasing the longer you take to pay. They have no power to do any of this and such attempts should be ignored.

Following on from the tragic accident on the Wilderness Brae, Mrs Snedden asked if a speed camera would help to reduce drivers' speed. The officers were of the opinion that cameras could cause more problems and that the temporary siting of a van, or placement of a hand held "gun" is much more effective.

Mrs McEwan again raised the issue of parking on the Baronhill. So many cars are now parking on the pavement that it is becoming dangerous for pedestrians. Officers are restricted in what they can do but they are going to have a word with Jim Dickson to ask him to make his customers aware of the problem and not to park on the pavements. If that is not successful, they can put warning stickers on the cars.

Treasurer's Report Currently, we have £2519.93 in the bank and £94.14 cash in hand making a total of £2614.07. Our books have been sent to the auditors and not yet returned. Mrs Connolly is going to chase them up

CARS when the judges of the Beautiful Scotland awards were visiting, they met Richard Cartwright who told them that the work should be finished by the end of the month.

He was reminded about the siting of bins around the Village and in the Langriggs