

AGENDA ITEM No. 1(b)

## HARTHILL AND EASTFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes arising from the Regular Meeting held on 4 March 1998.

*Members Present.*

Miss A Mulvey, Mr R McCulloch, Mr A Paterson, Mr C McCormack, Mr J Dowds, Mrs M Dowds, Mr T Brown, Mr W Dickson, Insp. T Hislop, Const. B Nelson.

*Apologies for Absence.*

Mr C Morley, Mrs D Morley, Miss A Delargy, Mrs M Dickson, Mr W Griffith, Cllr. C Cefferty.

*Business Arising.*

In the absence of Mr Griffith, Mr McCulloch took the chair. The minutes from the regular meeting held in February were moved for acceptance by Mr J Dowds, the motion being seconded by Mr A Paterson.

*War Memorial*

No further developments.

*Opencast.*

No further update.

*Christmas Lights.*

A further brochure had been received. It was decided that a sub-committee should be formed to discuss this issue in greater detail and report back to the Members. Committee would consist of Mr R McCulloch, Mr C McCormack and Mr W Dickson.

*Fouling of Pavements.*

Due to the absence of Cllr. Cefferty, no update was available.

*Motorised Pavement Cleaner.*

Due to the absence of Cllr. Cefferty, no update was available.

*Treasurer's Report*

Mr McCulloch stated that the Gold Account had a balance of £3284.59 whilst the Current Account balance stood at £240.41.

*Councillors Report.*

Due to the absence of Cllr. Cefferty, no report was available

### *Police Report.*

During February, a total of 17 crimes had been reported, these consisted of

- 9 instances at the M8 Services.
- 5 vehicle related crimes.
- 1 act of vandalism.
- 1 theft of scaffolding.
- 1 Cannabis related incident

Insp. Hislop indicated that 11 motorists in Main Street and one in Westcraig's Road had been reported for speeding. Traffic Division were taking the complaint regarding speeding very seriously and had visited the village on 23 occasions during the previous two months.

Parking in and around Miller Street is still causing concern. Police will now issue statutory fixed penalty notices to persistent offenders. The 'Keep Clear' notice outside the Bank appears to be having some effect. The yellow lines in the bus bays are due to be repainted in the next few weeks, thereafter, vehicles found parking inside the designated areas would be reported.

Inspector Hislop intimated that he had several complaints from local shopkeepers because delivery lorries were being moved on if double parked. There appeared to be no easy solution to this complaint but Insp. Hislop assured the members that his Officers would use discretion when dealing with this problem and treat each incident on its own merits.

The countdown markers discussed at the previous meeting had been agreed to by NLC and would be installed as soon as was possible.

More and more the Police were being requested to stand in for school crossing duties. Insp. Hislop suggested that if the CC knew of anyone who wished to work as a stand-in patrol person, he would gladly put them in touch with the relevant department.

Const. Nelson intimated that he was still actively monitoring the parking situation and would take all necessary measures to ease the problem. The schools 'Public Speaking Competition' was still at the discussion/planning stage, it was still uncertain what the final format of the competition would be.

The Chairman thanked Insp. Hislop, and Const. Nelson for their reports.

### *Correspondence.*

Usual N.L.C. circulars.

3<sup>rd</sup> Statutory Review of Electoral Arrangements (Boundary Commission)

Draft Scheme of Charges 1998/99 (West of Scotland Water Authority)

### *A.O.C.B.*

#### *Community Forum.*

3 members had attended the evening session in Shotts. It was their considered opinion that NLC had not put enough thought into what they were trying to achieve, therefore, the evening was no more than a talking shop and hence a waste of time.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed. The next regular meeting set for **Wednesday 1 April, 1998, at 7 p.m.**

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Minutes arising from the Regular Meeting held on 1 April 1998.

*Members Present.*

Miss A Mulvey, Mr C Morley, Mrs D Morley, Mr R McCulloch, Mr A Paterson, Mr C McCormack, Mrs M Dickson, Mr J Dowds, Mrs M Dowds, Mr T Brown, Const. B Nelson.

*Apologies for Absence.*

Miss A Delargy, Mr W Griffith, Mr W Dickson, Insp. T Hislop Cllr. C Cefferty.

*Business Arising.*

In the absence of Mr Griffith, Mr Morley took the chair. The minutes from the regular meeting held in March were moved for acceptance by Mr A Paterson the motion being seconded by Mr R McCulloch.

*War Memorial*

No further developments.

*Opencast.*

No further update.

*Christmas Lights.*

Due to work commitments the sub-committee had not been able to meet.

*Fouling of Pavements.*

Due to the absence of Cllr. Cefferty, no update was available.

*Motorised Pavement Cleaner.*

Due to the absence of Cllr. Cefferty, no update was available but several members had noted that the above had been used, to very good effect, on the Main Street.

*Treasurer's Report*

Mr McCulloch stated that the Gold Account had a balance of £3284.59 whilst the Current Account balance stood at £136.41.

*Councillors Report.*

Due to the absence of Cllr. Cefferty, no report was available.

*Police Report.*

During March, a total of 17 crimes had been reported, these consisted of

- 1 incident at the M8 Services.
- 3 thefts from vehicles.
- 2 acts of vandalism.
- 5 incidents of theft.
- 2 sheds broken into
- 1 Shop broken into (goods recovered, individual charged)

Parking in and around Miller Street is still causing concern. Since the last meeting Police had decided to target persistent offenders by issuing statutory fixed penalty notices (Obstruction).

The yellow lines in the bus bays are due to be repainted, thereafter, vehicles found parking inside the designated areas would be reported. The Community Council to push for this to be done.

Const. Nelson continues to monitor the effect of the 'Keep Clear' sign outside the bank.

Concerns were raised about the light standard in the middle of East Main Street, at the top of Westcraigs Road not being restored, leaving monoblocks and traffic cones littering the road.

Const. Nelson stated he would contact the Roads Dept.

The countdown markers discussed at the previous meeting had been agreed to by NLC and would be installed as soon as was possible. C.C. to push for a 30 mph limit.

A trainee school patrol person had been appointed. It was hoped that this would end the requests for Police officers to stand in during illness and holidays.

Const. Nelson intimated that Inspector Hislop was on long term secondment and that Inspector Speedie would take his place in Shotts.

The Chairman thanked Const. Nelson for his report.

*Correspondence.*

Usual N.L.C. circulars.

Letter from Scottish Rights of Way Society

Planning applications

Invoices for Hall let.

*A.O.C.B.**Hall Committee.*

A hall committee was in the process of being founded. It was requested that names of two members from each organisation using the hall should be put forward.

*E.U Funding.*

It was reported in the North Lanarkshire News that Shotts had been allocated £117,000 of EU money, with Harthill receiving money to 'make important environmental improvements'. This prompted some discussion about what these were.

Being no further business, the meeting was closed. The next regular meeting set for **Wednesday 6 May, 1998, at 7 p.m.**