

# Shotts Community Council

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## Minutes of Meeting - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### Attendees

Margaret Murphy (Chair)  
Mark Bridges  
Jason Connelly  
Linsey Fairlie  
Joe Duffy  
Christopher Jones  
Alison Reid  
John Duffy  
Robert Gordon

Jim Malcolm  
Janice Connelly  
Calum Durno  
Andrew Gardiner  
David Henderson  
John Leckie  
Rosalynd Ross  
Nana McLean

Cllr Thomas Cochrane  
Jane Black (SEPA)  
Stevie Cooper

Sgt Fyfe Harrison  
Ross Walker

### Apologies

Cllr C Cefferty  
James Muir  
William Gardiner  
Vincent Bryson

Cllr J Robertson  
Ian McKie  
John Murphy  
Amy Smith

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### Welcome and apologies

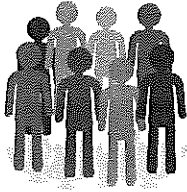
Margaret welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were confirmed.

### Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> February Meeting

Proposed Christopher Jones. Seconded Calum Durno.

### New member

Margaret proposed that Stevie Cooper be co-opted as the final member. This was agreed unanimously. Margaret welcomed Stevie to the Community Council.



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## Chairperson's Report

Margaret advised that the office bearers had met with Andrew Rose since the last meeting to discuss procedures. She also stated that she would prefer that the Community Council switched the bank account from a cash account to a cheque account. John Leckie explained that the RBS asked the Community Council to close the previous cheque account due to the low turnover of cheques. Margaret explained that she would prefer a cheque account so there was a paper trail of finances. A vote was taken on this matter.

10 members in favour.                      0 against.                      The remainder abstained.

Margaret advised she would look into the possibility of opening a cheque account.

Margaret also mentioned it was discussed with Andrew Rose what could be done with any remaining money from the CC grant at the year end. Andrew had advised this could be donated to community groups. John Leckie explained this was not the case and the CC had previously been told that the grant was for the CC only and could not be distributed within the community. **It was agreed that Janice would ask Andrew to confirm in writing.**

## Secretary's Report

Janice advised that open invitations had been sent to elected members to attend our meetings. She thanked Sgt Harrison for attending this meeting and asked the CC who they wish to be invited to the next meeting. It was decided that we ask John Yellowlees from Network Rail to attend.

She also advised that she had contacted Neil Gray with regards to the issue of jobseekers having to travel to Motherwell Jobcentre. She explained that Neil Gray has in turn written to Priti Patel, Employment Minister, and is currently awaiting a response.

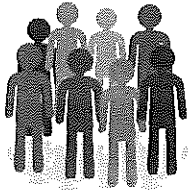
Janice has also contacted the Registry Office with regards to poor provision of services and is awaiting a response.

The CC was provided with a breakdown of the Environmental Key Fund as requested.

Janice advised there was a Digital CC workshop being held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in Glasgow City Chambers. It was decided that Janice and Rosalynd would attend.

## Treasurer's Report

Rosalynd advised that she is unable to access the account until James Muir and Ian McKie return from their holiday as the bank require the previous officer bearers to sign a letter to transfer the account into the names of the current officer bearers. She also advised there had been some expense claims submitted by the Secretary for stationery items which would be reimbursed once the account was transferred over.



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## Police Report

Sgt Harrison provided the CC with an update on the issues Police Scotland had recently been dealing with in the area. He advised they had been issuing tickets in the restricted parking areas on the main street which seems to have improved the problem. There are however issues with speeding therefore they will complete a speed gun exercise in the near future.

Robert Malcolm raised that the mini roundabout at Easter Road was dangerous and should be removed. **Cllr Cochrane will raise this matter with the Roads Department.**

Andrew Gardiner raised the issue of fly-tipping along Calderside Road and Cemetery Road.

## Councillors' Reports

Cllr Cochrane advised that new Tenants and Residents groups had been set up in Shotts. Dykehead T&R had held their first meeting and Springhill & Stane were due to hold their inaugural meeting. There is also a T&R planned for Torbothie in the near future.

He also advised there was an anti-fracking event held in the Station Hotel on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March which had been well attended.

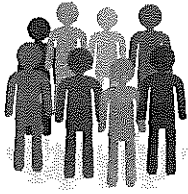
Parking on Station Road and Shottskirk Road had improved since the Police had clamped down on those parking within the restricted areas.

Cllr Cochrane would like to install a pedestrian crossing at the Stane and a roundabout at the Stane Corner. The CC will take a vote on this proposal at the next meeting.

The changes to the A71 speed restrictions are still going through the consultation process.

Cllr Cochrane suggested that it may be an idea to close the bottom end of Dyfrig Street and divert traffic along Bon Accord Crescent to stop speeding traffic. The CC will vote on this proposal at the next meeting.

The flooding on Benhar Road was also discussed. Cllr Cochrane explained that the Roads Department are trying to address the matter however there is nowhere for the water to drain. Joe Duffy mentioned that the River Almond courseway was blocked off. Cllr Cochrane advised he would investigate this further.



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## AOCB

Ross Walker explained he has a degree in event management and that he would like to organise a music event in Shotts. His plan is to have a build-up of smaller events around the area, leading to a large event. The CC were supportive of his initial idea. **Ross will continue to update the CC with details of his plans.**

Mark Bridges raised that since Forward Training was closed down there was nowhere for jobseekers to train in Shotts. Mark would like an email to be sent to Neil Gray to request when the training contract is being renewed that Shotts is considered. **Janice to action.**

Janice proposed that the CC elect a Fundraising Officer to apply for community grants for the area. Janice nominated Linsey Fairlie for the role, this was seconded by Calum Durno. **Janice will investigate the availability of grant writing courses for members to attend.**

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm in Shotts Community Centre.

## Close

Margaret thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed.

***This section of the meeting was closed to the public. Several members also left due to other commitments.***

*Cllr Cochrane showed the CC plans for potential new housing in Shotts. Several issues were raised and discussed. The CC took a vote on the following question proposed by Cllr Cochrane*

*"In principle if all studies and consultations are ok, would the CC be in favour of these plans?"*

*12 members in favour*

*0 against*

*2 abstained*