

Joe also stated that it was a great honour to be invited to the Transplant Games for both the opening and closing ceremonies.

Secretary's Report

Janice advised that the Community Council are now receiving details of the planning applications for the area each week and distributed details of recent applications received.

Treasurer's Report

No report

Councillor's Report

Cllr McCulloch stated that he and Cllr Stevenson will show total unity with Cllr Cochrane with regards to anti-social behaviour within the area. There's no party politics or community gain for the greater good of the community. Cllr McCulloch would like to see a more robust approach towards anti-social behaviour,

Cllr McCulloch was delighted to attend and participate in the recent awards ceremonies at Stane Primary School, Dykehead Primary, Calderhead High School and St Aidan's High School. He was also privileged to attend the recent Transplant Games. Cllr McCulloch also enjoyed the Big Lunch which was held in Springhill Hall in June.

From September Cllr McCulloch will be holding an extra surgery each month. He also raised that his surgery will no longer be held at the First Stop Shop as two months in a row no-one appeared to open up the venue. That surgery will now be held in Shotts Community Centre and the extra surgery in Springhill Hall.

Cllr McCulloch has also been attending Routes to Work at the Coatbridge Campus of New College Lanarkshire which has been very informative. The work that Routes to Work do is fantastic and benefits a lot of vulnerable people in the area. He has also been attending the Dementia Friendly meetings and is taking a lot of pride in the progress being made to make Shotts a Dementia Friendly town. Cllr McCulloch is also going to Ireland to work at a festival and the money he is salaried for those three days he will donate to Dementia Friendly.

Cllr McCulloch also mentioned that he contacted Jim Logue when he was made aware that Shotts would not benefit from Free Swims this summer. This decision was immediately reversed.

Cllr McCulloch in the spirit of campaigning would like to wish both Mags Murphy and John Leckie well in the upcoming by-election.

It was raised that when the bridge reopens the buses will return to their previous route however a number of people had been using the service to visit Benhar Cemetery and this will no longer be possible. It was agreed that the new route definitely served a purpose as many senior citizens were able to visit the cemetery and people were using the service to go to the golf course. Cllr McCulloch advised that those bus stops were only temporary. **Community Council will send an email to Transport Scotland**

Police Report

PC Rooney provided an update on recent incidents within the area. She reiterated that people need to call 101 or 999 to report incidents as the calls report does not reflect what is being discussed at meetings. If the call statistics reflected what was happening then it could be used to target resource.

Shotts PSYV launches next week, the youths will go through a 12 week induction period and then after that they will be able to volunteer within the community. PC Rooney welcomes suggestions as to how the PSYV's can get involved.

AOCB

Ramps at Shotts Railway Station

It was raised that West Calder are getting a new footbridge with lifts installed. It was requested that the Community Council take this matter forward as the ramps are not suitable for anyone who has mobility problems.

Southfield Bing

What has happened to the money that was promised to the community by the contractor who was removing Southfield Bing?

Springhill Development

Concerns were raised whether the health board and local schools would be able to cope with the increased population if planning was granted for the houses at Springhill.

Shotts Bon Accord

Concerns and an objection was raised with regards to the planning application submitted by Shotts Bon Accord to build houses on the section of park next to St Catherine's Crescent. Ian McKie, President of Shotts Bon Accord advised that the planning was submitted as the perimeter wall is in a bad state of disrepair. He explained that the Bon Accord have tried for years to obtain funding however there is nothing available to help them. The quote to repair the wall is £2million.

It was raised that the Bon Accord have been asked previously if the park belongs to the Bon Accord or to the Community. Ian McKie and John McCann, Club Secretary, both stated that Hannah Park belongs to Shotts Bon Accord.

Cllr McCulloch advised that he had provided contact details to the Bon Accord committee in order to enquire about funding assistance however because the Bon Accord pay the players a salary this means they are not entitled to funding assistance. He is confident that the Bon Accord committee have explored all options.

Ian McKie stated that if the club don't sell that section of the grounds the Bon Accord is finished as they are struggling financially. John McCann explained that attendance at all football games has

decreased. The social club is what keeps the football club going however the club has also experienced a downturn in custom. The social club is managing to sustain itself however if they need to repair the wall they will have to close.

It was agreed that Janice would print the plans for next month's meeting and a further discussion would take place.

Joe asked for a show of hands whether the Community Council would support the planning application. The majority voted in favour.

Car Park at Regal Grove

Will this car park be kept once the bridge reopens or will the land be returned to how it was beforehand? **Janice advised the car park will be removed and the land returned.**

Special Uplift Charges

It was raised that special uplift charges are unfair and it is ridiculous to expect certain residents to move items for uplift to the front of the house. Janice advised that Harry Morgan from Waste Management was due to return to the Community Council, probably the November meeting.

Fortissat Ward By-Election

John Leckie and Mags Murphy are both standing as candidates in the by-election therefore they are temporarily standing down from the Community Council meantime.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th September 2017, 7.30pm at Shotts Community Centre.