

Kirkwood Community Council

Minutes of meeting held in St Monica's Chapel Hall 25th June 2018

Present - Richard O'Hara (Chair), Donna Cummings (Secretary), Agnes Kerr (Treasurer), Christine Flanagan, John Campbell, Councillor Mary Gourlay

Apologies received from - Peter Hanlon, Robert Slavin, Strathclyde Police

Chairman's remarks: Richard O'Hara welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Previous Minutes adoption: Minutes had been previously distributed, and adoption was proposed by Richard O'Hara and seconded by Agnes Kerr.

Business arising – none.

Treasurers' report - Agnes Kerr advised the group that she had received a cheque from Taylor Wimpey for £500 and from that monies the Community Council has £411 left and £74 left in petty cash. Agnes Kerr also advised that there was still no reply about a grant applied for from North Lanarkshire Council. Agnes Kerr also advised the meeting that she had spoken to Caroline McKenna with regards to the grant and Caroline McKenna asked if the Community Council could use a bank instead of a Credit Union. Councillor Mary Gourlay advised that she would check this out and update.

Secretaries' report - Donna Cummings advised that she had received another document with minutes of all meetings which have been held, which was passed to Richard O'Hara to read. Donna Cummings also read out emails which had been received. These were then passed to Richard O'Hara to distribute and reply, if necessary.

Chairman's report – Richard O'Hara advised that the project of the clean up of the walkway had been completed and that this will also be an ongoing project to keep it tidy. Richard O'Hara also mentioned that the Old Chapel Hall is also a project in the pipeline which is in need of repair and are waiting on quotes with regards to this. Richard O'Hara also advised that he had been approached by St Monica's Primary school to help with a tidy up within the school to clear away rubbish, broken glass lifted and grass cut and that this will be going ahead on Tuesday 26th June with some of the pupils from the school. Richard O'Hara also advised that the Sports Barn is being closed and that he will be looking for ways to help stop this.

Christine Flanagan updated the Council on her discussions with Viridor who said that they are arranging a Charity Day for Kirkwood Community and will let her know how much they raise and what the Community Council want to do with the money raised. Christine Flanagan also advised that Viridor are willing to help in any way that they can. Christine Flanagan also mentioned that if anyone in the community has any trouble with flies to let her know and she will contact Viridor.

Richard O'Hara then opened the meeting and asked if anyone had any questions.

Discussion took place about questions not being answered on Facebook page and also asking about copies of previous minutes. Richard O'Hara advised that he does try to answer all questions on Facebook page and advised that all minutes are available on North Lanarkshire Council website.

There was also a lengthy discussion with regards to parking in Kirkwood area and how Police Scotland works on a points system before anything will be done to slow down traffic on roads. Also discussed was getting play areas built which need to be in certain areas as need to take in consideration of homeowners nearby.

Concerns were raised with regards to Janitor being responsible for kids that attend breakfast club and that kids are in playground for 8.30am with no supervision. This issue has been raised with the head teacher with no response. Councillor Mary Gourlay suggested that a few parents get together about this to help the cause and Richard O'Hara also advised that he would bring this up with the head teacher.

Richard O'Hara asked the meeting if it would be helpful if contact details of local services were put on the Facebook page, so that the community know who to contact and it was agreed that this would be helpful. Richard O'Hara also advised that the Community Council are planning to do a survey.

AOCB – Richard O'Hara advised that Donna Cummings would be stepping down as Secretary and that the Community Council would be looking for a replacement.

Councillor Mary Gourlay advised that there are surgeries on every week and that posters will be going into local shops and schools. Councillor Mary Gourlay also mentioned that she could arrange a LAPS meeting so that the community can meet with different services and discuss concerns.

Richard O'Hara thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed.

Next meeting: To be confirmed.