

## Overtown and Waterloo Community Council 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Meeting Minutes

### 1. WELCOME & SUBMITTED APOLOGIES

**Present:** Josephine Smith, Kirsten Reilly, Jean Brown, John Brown, Gwen Syme, Fiona Fotheringham, Nancy Kerr, Phyllis Brooks, Findlay Barr, Colin Simpson, Stuart Chidley & Jo Chidley

**Apologies:** Gayle McGuire, Mandy & Peter Eaton-MacLean

#### a. REVIEW AND AGREEMENT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from the June meeting were read. We spent rather than donated to the Christmas stalls. Apart from this it was agreed to be an accurate account.

Proposer: John Brown

Secunder: Josie Smith

#### b. NOTIFICATION OF ANY LIKELY AOCB ISSUES

New school

Quadrennial elections

#### C. TREASURER REVIEW

Started 4<sup>th</sup> June £891.84 we had two hall rentals at £10.40 each and we are sitting with £871.16

Grant is to come and has been reduced from £666.66 to just under £600.

Balance when the grant comes in will be approx. £1400

Gwen has prepared all of the documents ready to hand over.

Community Council would like to extend their thanks to Gwen for all her hand work over the years.

#### SECRETARY REVIEW

All the room bookings for the following session have been booked under Joanne's name. This needs to be changed over to Pete's address.

Investigation with regards to Funding Scotland – this is funding that isn't council led but can be accessed by the community. They don't seem to have many applicants. **Action point – Nancy Kerr to pass her email address so we can send details on for Brighter Village to also use**

PAS date TBC – agreed that having them attend at the October meeting is too soon for this session. Agreed to try and book them for the November meeting – **action point Jo/Kirsten**

PAS is a voluntary group of planners who come out and give free advice to community councils on planning and developments in the area.

#### b. LOCAL COUNCILLOR COMMENT/UPDATE

Fiona Fotheringham was present and gave the following update. Council has been in recess over the summer so meetings are now re-starting with a council meeting early next month.

#### Outstanding items from before summer:

Brighter village hanging baskets – when the grass cuttings were stopped the hanging baskets were also stopped. It's too late to put this on for PB Participatory budgeting for this year however we may be able to get it in for next year as part of the community vote for what we want the money to be used for.

Pather & other surrounding areas have the flower planters however the main road through Overtown has been completely missed.

Budget setting in February 2020 so we need attendance at the events before hand to send in our requests for what the money should be spent on. The money covers Wishaw to Shotts so it is very competitive. Fiona can keep us updated on when the events are being held and what the deadlines are.

Voting forms are out & can be done online (closing date Friday) – link for PB to be added to our social media – **Action Kirsten to set up with £10 agreed to boost post on our social media for the local area.**

Jonathan Smith is the contact in the council that is working on this pilot programme

Add to November's minutes to re-visit in preparation for Feb meeting.

We can write to the council (contact Jonathan Smith) for any further feedback/suggestions for what the remaining budget can be used for.

No seasonal workers were taken on this year due to the grass cutting cut backs/maintenance. Private contractors have been brought in to assist the council in the worst effected areas.

A better system is needed for emptying dog bins – currently people can call and ask them to be emptied however they are no codes on the bins. It would be more effective if there were codes on the bins to identify them and a number to text to. Youth communities and empowerment community – they have made direct link with fly tipping and the £25 uplift fee and fly tipping and fires.

Funding sources for Murdoson Fertisit (?) – anything health related or activities we need support for they can be approached. Always meet on the last Thursday of every month at the Holdsworth Centre.

Community Matters meetings are every 3 months (from Wishaw to Shotts) - **Action point – contact Claire Louise at NLC about venues & dates.**

Bus stops – no plan for digital displays at the bus stops in this area. These are likely subsidised by First Bus in other areas.

Horsley Brae/Brownlee Rd Junction – Coming through planning but no progress as yet. Fiona is on planning so if she sees any emails coming through about it she will let us know. They are looking at it again but it will come through planning. Any comments from the CC should go through the planning department.

Findlay had the information that they are going through the tendering process and will add a filter lane if you are going to the right and anyone coming down the hill has to go down to the bridge and loop back.

### Quadrennial Elections

We now have 9 members

Closing date for member forms to be submitted by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

We can have up to 5 co-opted members

**Action point – Co-opting to be confirmed at October meeting**

**Update old chart with member/co-opted member details**

### October meeting

Planning for the coming session – what do we want to do in the area? How can we positively impact the community?

Co-opting

Update on the houses on Castlehill Road

### Old School Houses

Work started on the 12<sup>th</sup> August this year and completed by mid August 2020. The site will be closed over Christmas.

The main concern is the traffic. There is going to be warning signs and all traffic is to come down from the M8 and access the houses from the main gate. All traffic will have to enter this way – one way system going in and one way system coming out. No right turn. You have to access in from the gate, go around the back and out the other side.

Keeping the façade of the school & enough space for a car per house. All within the boundary of the school wall.

**Action: Check the minutes before submitting if anyone is named individually rather than as a community.**

Date of next meeting : Tuesday 1st. October