

Torryburn and Newmills Community Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Crown, Newmills on Monday March 14, 2016.

Present: John Emery-Barker, Mary Emery-Barker, Susan Donald, Bunty Watson, Stephanie Blackden, Robert Dennis, Heather Dennis, Kelly Hart, Jane Harvey, Willie O'Donnell

Apologies: Cllr Kate Stewart, John Duffy..

Minutes of previous meeting proposed by Mary Emery-Barker, seconded by Bunty Watson.

MATTERS ARISING:

SCHOOL: Traffic management and catchment area. Have to speak to Kate Stewart. John will meet Council re Queen Margaret School and parents told they have to pay for transport to get their children there - Yet a bus goes from High Valleyfield!

SIGN: Should have on that says Danger where there is mud because of rain. Heather – cost of sign?

JEB ask Countryside Trust.

Alice O'C I will ask Council about a sign and email you. Scott Blyth should know the cost.

OLD BRIDGE: Who owns it? Stephanie Blackden is still investigating. Coal Board bought it in 1900 sold it in 1931. Forestry Commission owned, then onto Dunfermline District Council or Coal Board. Looks like successor to Coal Board own the land and she is still chasing.

ASH LAGOON LIAISON COMMITTEE – may be a meeting on Thursday.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: Due to inability to get Accounts audited unable to apply for grants. Hoping to sort out and John Duffy will apply for them.

Interest in combining Torryburn Development Trust with Community Garden. Alice O'C said Fife Environmental Council would help us fill in form. There is lots of money. Go and see them.

JEB: Been to Culross. Kelly H: Yes but no info.

FLORAL ENHANCEMENT: SD said same very small number of people buy, plant and care for flowers – no-one else so why bother.

JEB suggested giving to community garden.

Alice O'C suggested half for garden £130 for tools. AGREED

Kelly H to email JEB with list of what is needed.

VANDALISM SCHOOL: nursery plants destroyed and kids on roof, so plastic put up. Jane Harvey has seen kids and reported to Police.

March 22 Community Engagement Meeting at 7pm, police will be there.

AOB:

Japanese knotweed – still there. emailed, no response.

Dropped kerbs: DONE

COUNCILLOR REPORT: Flooding up in Tinian Crescent. Fire Brigade had to pump out homes, including disabled woman, whose house under water. Fault Ochilview Housing. Thought that was cleared up years ago. Fife Council meeting Ochilview Housing Association at meeting.

FINANCE: £1240.61

LONGANNET: Who is ensuring that Scottish Power clear up. JEB, lots of trees were planted when it was meant to be bushes.

Need to ensure Scottish Power don't disappear without dealing with land properly.

Robert Dennis: Need a bond of cash to force them to repair land.

AOB:

BOOKLET: Stephanie B suggested printing a community booklet like Crossford do. Heather Dennis suggested creating a facebook page. No volunteers to do so.

ROAD OUTSIDE SCHOOL: Jane H said potholes outrageous and drivers swerve to avoid them. It is a private road, used by public but not maintained.

JEB: Asked if road could be adopted by Council. Council Transportation said that road must be up to standard., so who pays for that?

Next Meeting Monday April 11 in Crown, Newmills at 1900.

AGENDA:

Apologies

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

Matters arising

Finance

Police

SPEEDING (mentioned at meeting with School Head teacher)

Councillor Report

Correspondence

Planning

AOB

Date of next meeting