

Torryburn & Newmills Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held in the Crown, Newmills Monday 13 June

Present: John Emery-Barker, Mary Emery-Barker, Bunty Watson, Kate Stewart, Robert Dennis, Heather Dennis, Mrs Black(Parent),

Apologies : Susan Donald, Linda Facey, Stephanie Blackden?

MATTERS ARISING

School ROAD; Discussion took place regarding the meeting at the school 25/5/16, with Wemyss/Savilles, Headteacher, Parent Council members and SD representing the Community Council. Copy of part of original title deeds were shown at the meeting by Savilles' solicitor (David Gane) stating that the council was responsible for the upkeep of the road. They say that in no way their responsibility. SD sent letters to Fife Council, MP and MSP regarding this with options and suggestions what can be done regarding the traffic /parking issues and the upkeep of the road. The Press was also contacted, and an interview with J E-B was published. No feedback received as yet from the above.

Cllr Stewart has requested to see the documents from Savilles, to enable her to show to Fife Council their responsibilities.

The Community Police have been to the school at least twice to advise parents about the safety/parking issues. JE-B stated that it is over 6 months since Phil Clark was asked to do a speed/safety survey regarding this.

The Travel Action Group (TAG)/ Parent Council are putting out a survey to staff, pupils and parents to move things forward.

OLD BRIDGE: Still ongoing dispute regarding the ownership of the bridge itself. The land on the east side is owned by Wemyss/Savilles, the land on the west side was owned by Fife Coal Board and then the Forestry Commission, then Dunfermline District Council and subsequently Fife Council- but even this is still in dispute. And as for the bridge , no one claims that they own it. If we can find out who does own it, then perhaps our Development Trust could perhaps buy it and hopefully get funding to help preserve it.

There is supposed to be a Right of Way over the bridge, Cllr Stewart said she would contact Alison Irvine on our behalf to see if this is the case.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

More bark has been dumped upsetting many people. Discussion took place.

TORRYBURN JEAN

Linda Facey has taken TBJ to a professional stone mason to have the paint cleaned off. He has her at present as is doing this service free of charge, and will be returned to us quite soon..

WAR MEMORIALS : Robert Dennis met with David Wall. They will be erected in the Village hall. The clock was also discussed, JE-B to contact Ian Headrick to see if he or anyone from the history group has a photo.

FINANCE : £1350.68 (grant for £229 for Floral Enhancement rec'd) Accounts not back from Auditor at present.

POLICE : Torryburn: 6 calls- no charges

Newmills, 4 calls, 2 crimes, 1 Charged

BEACH CLEAN UP took place Sunday 12th June, 4 members of the Com Council present, 15-16 from the rotary Club, NO members of the public.

Thank you letter to be sent to the Rotarians via Stephanie (SD?)

The children had also done a 'Clean for the Queen'.

COUNCILLORS' REPORT There are to be major changes to the 2 bus services that serve our villages, basically Stagecoach said that it is no longer financially viable to run them as they are doing at present, especially the evening services. There is a Consultation regarding this tomorrow in Kincardine with Stagecoach. JE-B to attend, and Cllr Stewart.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dunfermline Advocacy contacted us re giving a talk at our meeting to let us know what they do and how it can benefit our community. SD to contact them and invite them to our September meeting

AOB Ash lagoons Liason Committee to be held 16/6/16. ME-B

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 8th Crown 7pm

- PLEASE NOTE IT IS OUR AGM AND THEN NORMAL MEETING