



Prestonpanns

Community Council

Agenda

Tuesday 9th August 2016

Welcome by Chair

Apologies

Police Report

Update from last meeting

Adoption of Minutes 14/6/16

Update on Power Station Land sub group

Update on Bank Closure

Update on Library merger

Credit Union

AOCB



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Minutes Tuesday 14th June 2016

Apologies: None

Present: Jimmy Yule, Zoe Inglis, Linda Laing, Martin Whitfield, Mike Inglis, Graeme Hutchison, D J Johnston-Smith, Calum Miller, Tam Gibbons, Alan Hunter, John Reynolds, Ferhan Ashiq, Finlay Lockie, Greta Anderson.

E L Councillors: Willie Innes, Steven Brown

ELC : Eileen Morrison, Diane Robertson, Dorothy Elliott

Jimmy Yule, Chairman, opened the meeting by welcoming all.

Police Report:

Attended by PC Fiona Cunningham CBO and Garrett Hughes (Tranent). The police report from 9/5/16 to 14/6/16 – 336 calls were made to the Prestonpans area, resulting in 63 crimes being recorded of which 25 have been solved.

Crimes listed:- Anti social behaviour, substance misuse, violence 7 minor assaults reported, housebreakings, other crimes – 3 pedal cycles stolen, items stolen from 3 insecure vehicles, sofa stolen from stairwell. 8 Shoplifting - culprits reported. One person reported for having no insurance on his vehicle. Several youth calls (Kirk Street) and surrounding areas. Some youths have been traced and warned, others to be identified.

Fiona advised that Peter Bradley and Walker Nixon were the other community officers.

Capp Meeting 10/6/16 priorities are speeding in all areas but mainly on Coast Road. Parking at Longniddry Co-op, youth issues in ward. Martin advised that PCC had not been notified of the date for the previous Capp Meeting. Zoe requested regular communications from Capp Meetings. Alan Hunter spoke about parking problems on North Grange Avenue and double parking on corners.

Library Merger Consultations.

Three officers from ELC attended the meeting, Eileen Morrison, Diane Robertson, Dorothy Elliott, to brief the members on the plans for putting shared services into the library. A lively debate followed and the PCC unanimously agreed to oppose the move for a variety of reasons:-

Lack of Parking, privacy for the public attending Welfare Rights, loss of library space/reference room. Splitting children/adults. Concern on structure of rooms, impact on literacy, putting all services into one place. Library will lose its identity. No space to display pictures.

Bank Closure

RBS announced plans to close its branch in Prestonpans on 9/8/16. Councillor Innes stated that the decision had sparked a lot of anger and that RBS had betrayed the people of Prestonpans, particularly the older and disabled. RBS stated that business had declined by 22% in branch transactions since 2011.

Community Councillors would like to see the bank being replaced by a Credit Union. Ferhan advised that banking would be accepted at the town's Post Office. It was suggested that a strong letter should be sent to RBS.

Matters Arising

Adoption of Minutes 10/5/16 – Proposed Martin Whitfield, seconded John Reynolds.

Power Station Land

Calum Miller apologised to Zoe & Mike Inglis for including their home address on the article which was published in the East Lothian Courier and on-line. Martin suggested maybe we could use the Library address for PCC correspondence. Calum also said that at no time did he say we would build on "battlefield land" and that his comments had been misinterpreted in the publication. Opinion suggested that we produce a second draft for consultation at the next PCC meeting to be held on 9/8/16.

AOCB

The resolution was approved by all for Ferhan Ashiq and Martin Whitfield to sign the change in bank details.

It was resolved that

- The signing rules in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section, be replaced in accordance with section 4; and/or
- The authorised signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 2, be changed in accordance with sections 5 and 6 and the current mandate will continue as amended.

Meeting closed 21.00 hours.