



Prestonpans

Community Council

Agenda

Tuesday 14th June 2016
Prestonpans Town Hall 7pm

Welcome by Chair

Apologies

Police Report

Adoption of Minutes 10/5/16

Bank Closure

Library merger consultation

Our current public consultation on former power station land

AOCB

Close meeting



Prestonpans Community Council

Minutes Tuesday 10th May 2016

Apologies: Greta Anderson, Willie Innes

Present: Jimmy Yule, Zoe Inglis, Linda Laing, Martin Whitfield, Mike Inglis, Graeme Hutchison, D J Johnston-Smith, Calum Miller, Tam Gibbons, Brian Weddell, Alan Hunter, John Reynolds, Ferhan Ashiq, Owen Wilson.

MOP: Andrew Stevenson

Jimmy opened the meeting by presenting Mrs Margaret Kay with a painting of Prestongrange Parish Church and a bouquet of flowers. Margaret is stepping down from the PCC at the end of May due to health reasons after 15 years loyal service, 10 years as Treasurer. We all wish Margaret well and thank you for the work carried out and her service to the community.

Police Report:

PC's Peter Bradley & Walker Nixon handed out the Police Report from 12/4/16 to 10/5/16. There have been 234 calls to police for the Prestonpans area, resulting in 51 crimes being recorded, 17 of these have been resolved. Officers pursuing positive lines of enquiry in relation to a number of other crimes.

Crimes listed, antisocial behaviour, substance misuse, violence, house breakings, thefts, road traffic, aggravated & abusive behaviour, abusive phone calls/sending abusive messages, domestic abuse incidents.

Calum advised that cars were still parking on the grass verges on Schaw Road. Officers stated that in Scotland this is not an offence. Complaints of double parking at the lodge – gatehouse and Prestongrange Terrace.

Matters Arising

Zoe advised that the notice boards are now installed in the High Street & Bankton/Hawthorn Road. ELC are storing the benches until roof works are completed at the Town Hall. Planting opposite Town Hall to be completed. Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations – await funding of £333 from Area Partnership.

Adoption of Minutes 12/4/16 - Proposed Graeme Hutchison, seconded Martin Whitfield.

Cala Homes Development Levenhall

Discussions took place, if planning permission is received we should ask Cala to fund a project. The entire infrastructure cannot take the capacity of traffic, no convenient shops, consensus is that it will cut down the green areas. A vote was taken on the proposed application:-

For – 5 Members.

Against – 9 Members.

Secretary's Report

Closure of council offices in Aldhammer House - to move services to Library.

ELC stated that these changes would result in existing opening hours changing from 32 hours to 46 hours at the proposed shared facility. It was unanimously agreed that PCC would object to these changes subject to further information being received and that a council representative should be invited to attend the next PCC meeting to provide this. Jimmy criticised a lack of publicity for the public consultation, lack of information available and the length of time given for the public to respond. The consultation closes on 10/6/16.

New Notice Boards. Zoe advised that the new notice boards are costing an additional £250 as the painting was not included in the original quote.

Sub Group Meeting Update

Calum advised that the sub-committee had drawn up a draft plan for the land for the former Cockenzie Power Station site and adjacent land which would be submitted to the on-going consultation which is being funded by ELC & Scottish Enterprise. The draft proposals outlined for each "block" – will be displayed in our new local notice boards and we would like as many local people as possible to be a part of the discussions as we develop our proposals for the future of the site.

Treasurer's Report

Ferhan advised that the Public a/c balance as at 31/3/16 stands at £4,517.95. LCB £16,374 less Xmas Lights £1,626, War memorial £2,357 with £5 k uncommitted.

Funding

£400 Preston Athletic YFC – trophies etc.
£300 Nutritionist Healthy Eating – Cooking class donation.
£400 Preston Lodge RFC – Primary 2-7 – Strips.
£300 Red School Youth Centre – musical project.
£500 Friends of Cuthill Park – Planting/Bin.
£200 Prestonpans Guides – new resources.
£1,000 Prestonpans Gala. 18/6/16
Uncommitted sum £6,251.79 – Xmas lights – seek clarification with Lilian Pryde
– action Zoe/Martin.
Kiddies Gift Bank Appeal 2015 Calum advised that £427.88 left over would be
donated to Prestonpans Gala – Graeme to provide Calum with a receipt.

CAPP Meeting was cancelled but PCC not advised.
Prestongrange Church Roof ongoing works – funding required – looking for
community council support.

AOCB

Andrew Stevenson, Lighthouse advised that at the end of term youth work
presence would commence Mon/Wed/Fri.

Ferhan advised that there would be a seat coming up on Prestongrange Mining
– action Zoe/Ferhan.

Tam stated that youths had been throwing stones at the murals in Cuthill Park
which were landing on the Bowling club green.

Added Note: the bench in Cuthill Park has been vandalised, the arm on the LH
side has been broken off, noticed on Sat 28/5/16 – broken arm has been put in
the container for safe keeping.

Meeting Closed 20.35