



Prestonpanns

Community Council

Meeting Agenda
For
Tuesday 10th October 2017
At
7pm in Town Hall

Welcome

Apologies

Police Report

Adoption of Minutes

12/09/17

Matters Arising:

Secretary Report

Treasurers Report

AOCB

Close meeting



Prestonpans Community Council

Minutes Tuesday 12th September 2017

Apologies: Ferhan Ashiq, Calum miller and ELC councillors Fiona O'Donnell, Neill Gilbert.

Present: Brian Weddell (Chair), James Yule (Vice Chair), Zoe Inglis (Secretary), Faith Brennan, Graeme Hutchison, Tam Gibbon, Tony Leach, Andrew Stevenson, Janice Costello, Owen Smith, Findlay Lockie, DJ Johnston-Smith.

ELC Councillors: Lachlan Bruce

Press: Marie Sharpe, East Lothian Courier

Public: Leanne Ward, Dawn Yorkston, John Bellany, Gordon Laing

Vacancies

Brian welcomed all candidates. He said we had received two candidates for the two vacancies in ward one, Nicole Millar, and Roger Bromley. In ward one we had two vacancies and three candidates for the ward two, John Bellany, Leanne Ward and Dawn Yorkston, and had two vacancies. All candidates were invited to say a few words about themselves before those who were present were asked to leave the room while community councillors discussed and voted.

Ward one vacancies

Nicole Millar and Roger Bromley are our new community councillors

Ward Two vacancies

Leanne Ward and Dawn Yorkston are our new community councillors.

Brian thanked all candidates, and welcomed all new community councillors.

Brian sent out our best wishes to Councillor Willie Innes who is unwell.

Police Report

PC Fiona Harrison gave the report. There were 207 reports with 33 crimes and 7 solved.

Q&A

Jimmy, mentioned the 30 + youths hanging around the Pennypit.

Tam, mentioned youths throwing stones on bowling green.

Andrew, Irresponsible drivers parking around schools during drop off and collections.

Dawn, children's safety is a priority.

Gordon, Grant Rd cars parked on pavements.

A discussion was had around all matters. Pc Harrison was going to report back to Sargent McDonald, with a look at stepping up patrols. Graeme suggested flashing 20mph signs. Letters put on cars was also a suggestion.

Adoption of minutes 08/08/17: Andrew and Tony.

War Memorial

DJ was thanked for all the work he is doing on this. DJ reported progress is ongoing. There are issues regarding photographic proof of bayonet. We may have to fund architectural fees. One name will be fixed as it has been proven to be wrong, and second world war plaque needs looked at.

Prestoungange: Masterplan is underway.

Harlaw Hill: This will be included in the next round of speeding information tape.

Defibrilators: Online enquiry form has been looked at and where they are located. Brian is looking at this.

Ironman

We welcomed representation from them. They apologised, and lessons will be learned from their first event in the area. They didn't have figures at hand to analyse. They will improve communication with us, as they are planning the event for next year. They are including a kid's event during the same week, and active schools are getting involved.

Cockenzie Site Sub group

Brian gave an update from meeting in Calum's absence.

East Lothian Plan Consultation

Brian gave an overview, and no concerns raised.

Inch Cape

Concern was raised that we need to form a response now.

Brian to attend planning meeting.

Secretary Report

Recent power cuts an apology received.

Some previously mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Noticeboard at Hawthorn RD, commercial bins being left around it. Council will see what they can do to help us.

Funding application received from the PL pipe band. It was agreed that we would give them £1000k.

Letter of thanks received from The Gala.

Calum attended the PLRFC one club one community day where they launched the kids kit that we help fund, and thanked us for our funding.

Brian is going to attend and represent us on the Pennypit Trust.

Ferhan, Brian and Zoe attending Area Partnership Annual meeting.

Xmas lights

Meeting needed to see what we have.

Goshen

Finlay Lockie gave an in depth overview of the history of the planning application, which was welcomed by all, to help us build our response. It was suggested to invite Ashfield's along to a future meeting.

AOCB

There is a beach clean volunteer event this weekend 2-4pm

Meeting closed: 21:10

The Chairperson asked members present to approve the minute of the previous meeting which elected a new Chairperson and also the May meeting as the June meeting was not quorate.

Moved – DJ and seconded by Graeme Hutchison

Police Report

An officer handed in a written report but had to leave the meeting due to an ongoing incident. The report from 13/06/2017 to 06/08/2017 stated that during this period there had been 477 calls to the Police for the Prestonpans area, 124 crimes had been recorded with 41 of these crimes currently solved. The written report was circulated around the members but there were no questions raised.

Treasurers Report

The meeting agreed to take the Treasurers Report before considering funding requests.

There is £11,422.78 in the Community Council Local Priority Scheme account with approximately £2,500 set aside for the installation off the Xmas Lights.

Funding Requests -:

Miners Memorial

A funding request had been received and was circulated from the Prestonpans Miners Memorial Group and Tom Ewing had come along to speak to the request for additional funding. Following questions to Tom and a short discussion the meeting agreed to the funding request of £1,560 which was moved by Calum Miller and seconded by Ferhan Ashiq.

Dalkeith & Monktonhall Colliery Brass Band

This funding request had been continued from the inquorate June meeting. Following discussion on the membership and activities of the brass band the meeting agreed to partly fund their request with a donation of £600 which was moved by James Yule and seconded by Graeme Hutchison.

Preston Athletic Youth Football club Funding Request

Graeme Hutchison asked the Chair if a funding request form had been received from Preston Athletic Youth Football Club to support a youth tournament taking place at Middleshot on Saturday 12th August. The Chair asked Graeme to forward on the application which the chair and treasurer would consider and send on to cc members for consideration.

Matters arising from last meeting held on 13th June -:

The Red School: There had been no incidents to report over the school holidays.

Inchcape: Cllr. O'Donnell advised the meeting that a report was going before the Planning Committee in September. Cllr O'Donnell also mentioned that Inchcape were meeting with representatives from Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council and members asked if Prestonpans Community Council could also be included in this consultation.

Harlaw Hill speeding vehicles: Mr. Cater asked the meeting where he should progress his concerns and told the meeting that new signage had been installed but in his view this was inadequate. He also said that the Police had advised him that their hand held radar gun had been stolen. There was discussion around Cllr Innes suggestion at the previous meeting about East Lothian Council setting up speed recording equipment over a period to monitor the actual speeds of vehicles on Harlaw Hill and the Chair agreed to pursue this with Cllr Innes and the council. In response to a question Mr. Cater said that the speed should be monitored at the narrowest point on Harlaw Hill.

Meeting with mining museum: DJ reported that a very constructive meeting had taken place with ELC's Head of Museum's on the future of the mining museum following the failed lottery bid by the Battlefield Trust. East Lothian Council are to carry out a feasibility study and prepare a business plan to progress the upgrade of the museum and DJ had been assured that Prestonpans Community Council would be fully consulted by the council.

Friends of Cuthill Park: Cllr O'Donnell advised the community council that following a meeting with cc members and Cuthill Park trustees at end of June Strive had been approached to consider governance and training issues and were going to engage with trustees.

Under this item Jimmy Yule advised the meeting of a problem of youths throwing stones from the path in the park onto the bowling green which was damaging the bowling club's cutting equipment. Cllr's O'Donnell & Gilbert undertook to take this up with ELC officers in particular in relation to the unfinished work on the path by the contractors.

State of wall at Goshen Farm: The Chairperson advised the meeting that he had followed up his predecessor's e mail to Ashfield Commercial Properties with another e mail to ask if they were going to repair the damage to the perimeter wall. It was also noted that repairs were currently getting carried out on the wall opposite the park and ride at Wallyford.

East Lothian Plan Consultation: A question was raised as to the status of the plan following circulation of a 'recall' e mail from the PSG Area Partnership. Cllr's O'Donnell and Gilbert said they would check this with ELC and the Chairperson undertook to ask the council to extend the consultation deadline to enable the community council to discuss and agree a response at the next meeting on 12th September.

Xmas Lights: The treasurer updated the meeting and advised that we were in the fifth and final year off the contract. Treasurer has been tasked to find out the cost of a) purchasing the existing lights b) purchasing new lights (same as existing quantity) c) Rental off new lights (same as existing quantity) d) purchasing existing lights and rental of new lights (same as existing quantity) – possible discount.

Secretary Report:

Airspace Change Programme: Edinburgh Airport had forwarded their report on the 2nd ACP consultation which had been widely reported in Scottish media. Tony Leach had attended meetings on this issue on behalf on the community council and was of the view that the options in the report were vague and had focused mainly on peak times. The meeting agreed to note the report which Edinburgh Airport were submitting to the Civil Aviation Authority.

North Berwick Community Council: Planning Aid Training on 15th August fully subscribed and NBCC are going to try and arrange further training.

EVO Cycling Tour of Britain: Correspondence from the organisers advising that the first leg of the cycling event will pass through Prestonpans on the morning of Sunday 3rd September.

Poppy Scotland Sportive 2017: Correspondence from organisers about charity cycle fundraiser which includes Prestonpans on Sunday 24th September.

Defibrillators for communities awareness campaign: Correspondence with contact details for savings on community defibrillators. Agreed Chairperson contact them to establish if they keep an inventory of defibrillators in Prestonpans.

A.O.C.B.

Edinburgh Ironman event: Graeme Hutchison raised several concerns in relation to the Ironman Triathlon which was held in early July. These included the organisers charging £10 for car parking, loud music being played on a tannoy system from 6am on the day of the race and Graeme also asked why East Lothian was not more prominently displayed by the race promoters given that most of the event was taking place in the county. It was agreed

that the community council would take these issues into consideration if the organisers planned any future events.

Cockenzie Power Station site : Calum Miller expressed concern at lack of progress on council's masterplan for the site and suggested that the community council re-convene sub group tasked with looking at options for the vacant site. This was unanimously agreed.

Foundation Stone : Cllr O'Donnell advised the meeting that Scottish Power had contacted ELC in relation to the uplifting and laying of a commemorative foundation stone from the former power station site. Jimmy Yule informed the meeting that both former Treasurer Margaret Kay and Jimmy had arranged for the stone to be moved to Prestoungrange Mining Museum and for a stone table top at Cuthill Park. Cllr O'Donnell agreed to check this out with ELC officers.

Roadside Commercial Advertising: Graeme Hutchison informed the meeting that he had been approached by a resident in the new estate concerned about the proliferation of posters and banners on fencing by the side of roads and at roundabouts. After discussion the Chairperson undertook to clarify council policy with ELC.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next Meeting: 12/09/2017