

Penpont Community Council

Minutes of meeting held 3/3/09(subject to adoption)

Present

I.Crosbie, F.Cuthbertson, J.Templeton, H.Patterson, Y.Dick, J.McIntosh, W.Harkness, Sgt Bruce Robison

1. Apologies

M.Reid, S.Dalgliesh, Cllr Dykes, Cllr Wood

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed **HP**, seconded **JT**

3. Police Matters

Sgt Robison is the new Sgt at Thornhill

A quad bike was stolen from Stepends farm, Penpont, and also two minor thefts in the area. Domestic fuel thefts are still a problem in the area.

Please be vigilant and report suspicious behaviour with a description and registration number if possible to local police or anonymously to crime stoppers.

A wall along Pringleton was struck by a farm vehicle, police are investigating.

Speeding is still a problem at both the Pringleton end and the Briar Bush end of the village.

At the Grennan Road/Briar Place give way sign vehicles are not stopping Sgt Robison will look into both these matters.

Police have been patrolling Penpont and have issued a fixed penalty at the end of February for speeding.

Operation Patriot – this will take place during the Easter holidays and will be trying to stop unsociable youths in the area if anyone has any incident with unsociable youths contact the police.

4. Treasurer's report

A very satisfactory balance reported.

5. M.U.G.A

We have accepted the sports Scotland grant. We are waiting for planning approval for the lights and need to meet other requirements eg. get approval for booking schedule before starting work.

6. Consultations

- (i) Thornhill Hospital – Alan Wilson sent a letter asking the community council to support locals to try and stop the closure of the hospital. **HP** reported that M.U.N.A.C.C has already written on behalf of all community councils in Upper Nithsdale to oppose the closure. **JMcI** to put an article on web site.
- (ii) Emergency planning questionnaire – available at the post office
- (iii) Changes in the Scottish planning system – when this comes into action this will lead to all community councils having an enhanced role.
- (iv) Opportunities for female offenders – Emma Kerr (community service supervisor) is looking for anyone in the community who would be willing to take on an ex offender on a placement, any one interested please contact her for more information.

7. Any other business

- (i) Closeburn community council – have requested a letter of support for them to buy Clauchrie wood and turn it into a community wood **CC** to write a letter of support.
- (ii) Penpont community council have donated £100 to help Keir Brownies to start up.
- (iii) Dabton gardens open day is on Sunday 24th May and they would like to borrow the teacups. **FC** to phone both Dabton and Mary Crosbie to make arrangements for this.
- (iv) **JT** had the idea of taking some of the teenage children to the new skate park at Carlingwark – would this be worth looking into or has anyone any other ideas?
- (v) Senior citizens trip. The trip that was arranged to go to the Trossachs has turned out to be unsuitable. **HP** and **JT** have looked into going to East Kilbride and then Burnside tearoom at Sanquhar. **HP** asked if she could claim travel expenses for travelling to see how suitable these places would be it was decided this would be fine and **WH** would arrange a cheque.
- (vi) Robert Osborne asked if he could borrow a section of bar and the coolers. It was decided we would charge £100 for this and **IC** will take charge of this and make sure everything is returned in order.
- (vii) Mary Crosbie has asked if she could replace cups, saucers and mugs in the hall **IC** to speak to Mary and arrange how many would be needed
- (viii) A complaint was made about the potholes between Burnhead and the caravan site **FC** to speak to Cllr Dykes.

Next meeting will be 7th April @ 7.30pm