

PENPONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 2/3/10 (subject to adoption)

Present: I. Crosbie, EA. Hughes, F. Cuthbertson, G. Dykes, M. Crosbie, S. Crosbie, A. Morton, H. Jones, B. Robinson, S. Dalglish.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed by **FC**, seconded by **MC**.

2. Matters arising

GD confirmed that minutes do not need to be sent to library – we will just carry on as normal.

3. Police matters

Scott McDowall is liasing with D&G Sport & Leisure re. midnight football. This will possibly not begin until next winter – not actually played at midnight.

Incident in village mid Feb. – enquiries ongoing.

State of road on Moniaive side of village has been reported. **GD** informed us this is being attended to.

Crime figures from last quarter of 2009 have been published in latest issue of Quadrant. **BR** summarised that all crime is down with exception of other crimes which shows an increase of 0.6%. Crime is on decrease and detection rates are fairly high.

4. Financial matters

A very satisfactory balance was recorded. **HJ** proposed that we minute names of three signatories responsible for signing cheques – Eliza Morton, W. Harkness and I. Crosbie. Two out of three signatures needed. Seconded by **EAH**.

HJ asked if MUGA would be audited separately from other account. All information is in hands of treasurer and can be extracted if necessary. It was agreed that since it is all in the same account it should all be audited together.

5. Grants and funding issues

Three grants have been applied for – Senior Citizens, Gala and Admin.

HJ and **IC** spent 3 hours filling in the fifteen page forms. Windows in hall need replacing. **GD** will look into whether we can apply to hall funding.

HJ asked if we need to apply for funding from windfarms each year. We need to identify a project to spend the money on. **IC** to check with M. Reid what the procedure is and when we need to apply.

EAH would like to look into a community windmill.

HJ raised the issue of speed signs again. Could this be a project for windfarm money? This would need to be done in liaison with roads dept. with regards to power, sockets etc needed. **HJ** willing to look into laws and costs and bring proposal to next meeting.

6. Hall maintenance

Tile broken on roof. New windows needed as mentioned previously. Showers to be done as soon as MUGA is cleared.

7. MUGA Update

Getting busier every week. Birthday party booked for next week. Picnic table to be moved up nearer MUGA. An honorarium will be paid to IC for keeping charge of MUGA bookings etc. Lights are very bright. Two sets have been switched off. May need to make hoods for them to ensure light is directed downwards. Need small storage bunker for balls, rackets etc. IC to look into netball stands, hockey equipment, basketballs etc. Kids have been caught climbing into MUGA. IC to look into signs to be put up on fence.

8. Any other business

- (i) Thornhill hospital. CC is fully behind option B for the Thornhill Hospital closure. Consultation has been put back for 18 months. Sub-committee to collate data from questionnaires which were put through doors. HJ would like to join sub-committee. We already have 2 representatives. IC to check with Scott Jardine whether it is only 2 from each CC.
- (ii) Encourage community to be aware of benefit fraud. HJ to put notice in noticeboard.
- (iii) S. Harkness would like CC to write to Duke to thank for grant for repairing Joseph Thomson house. HJ to get details. Invite someone from JT group to come to CC to update us.
- (iv) Ownership of hall. IC to look into this – perhaps land registry in Edinburgh.
- (v) Letter in Standard re. state of roads around village and councillors lack of effort. We would like to thank GD for her support and help in getting roads fixed.
- (vi) Treasurer – ask Eliza Morton to attend next meeting – IC.

Date of next meeting 6/4/10 at 7.30pm.

Date of next gala meeting 11/5/10 at 7.30pm.