

Whitehills & District Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 15th October 2015 in the Whitehills Public library.

Present: Ross Balharry (Chairman), Robert Mackie, Anne Balharry, Alistair Wiseman, Stuart Ironside, Duncan Leece, Mick Moloney, Mattie Verster.

Also attending: Cllr Michael Roy.

Apologies: Chas Findlay and Bill Bain.

Minutes of the meeting 17th September 2015, were approved as correct, proposed by Stuart and seconded by Anne.

Matters Arising:

1. Anti dog fouling measures: more doggy bags are now in the shed.
2. Cllr Mike reported that although the bus bay marking has been painted by the bus stop in Knock Street, the double yellow lines in Seafield Street are still to be done.
3. Ross and Duncan followed up a letter about a proposed variation to the plot layout at Ladysbridge Village development Phase 3. After discussion it was decided to leave the developer to speak to the clients and hopefully settle the matter between them.

Police Report:

Sergeant Smith was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for his report of two minor incidents in Whitehills since the last meeting. Appreciation was expressed for the police car presence in the village. Number of staff is still very tight.

Treasurer's Report:

Anne detailed the income and expenditure of the working account since the last meeting. The delayed annual windfarm payment from Falk is on the way. An email was received notifying Anne of two amounts paid directly into the working account: £486 is the expected Administration Grant but the £2615 may have been deposited in error. Anne will follow up.

Bank balances stood at £6705.35 in the working current account, £34433.61 in the gift account and £38765.54 in the Wind Farm Account. Anne was thanked for her report.

Whitehills/Ladysbridge Pathway update

Duncan gave an update. Ross and Duncan had a good meeting with Alistair Ramsay to discuss the matter. There seems to be two stages to the project, the pathway on the east of the road from the village to the crossroads and then from the crossroads to Ladysbridge development area. Alistair is keen to go away from the tar road or there will be AB Council implications. The path, South of the woods is more difficult as there are multiple park owners. Alistair has plans and offered to prepare the costing document and put it out to tenders for potential contractors. He suggested chuckies be used as there are drainage problems with a tarred pathway. WDCC could maintain the pathway and do the weed killer. Duncan was thanked. The project is moving forward.

Remembrance Day Services

Anne ordered the poppy wreathes. There will be a service at the memorial in Seafield Street at 12.45pm on Sunday 8 November and at the cemetery on Wednesday 11 November at 10.50am. Stuart will lay one wreath on the Wednesday, the other by Ross or Bill. Duncan will lay on the Sunday. All welcome to tea at Boyndie visitor's centre afterwards on Wednesday. Ross will contact the piper, Kevin Cook, to hopefully play on both occasions.

Planning Applications:

There were no objections to the two applications presented.

Correspondence:

Cllr Mike confirmed that the barrier at the Whitehills junction with the A98 on the west side is only temporary and will be replaced. The barrier posts to the East are rotten but the barrier is not needed. The flooding at the Inverboyndie junction is going to be addressed in due course.

AOCB:

- Ross has ordered more tulip and daffie bulbs and will let Bill and Stuart know when they come for planting.
- Bill and his friend were thanked for kindly repairing some of the washing line poles on the Low Shore.
- A new cistern has been fitted in the male Loo and Pearl has emulsioned around same.
- A Christmas tree has been ordered and will be delivered on 1 December. Kindly donated by Seafield Estate.
- Fred Clark is still in hospital but hopes to get home in a few weeks.
- Cllr Mike said that there are not going to be any changes in community council boundaries.

There being no further business, everyone was thanked and the meeting was closed.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 19th November, 7.00pm at Whitehills School.