

Whitehills & District Community Council
Minutes of the meeting Thursday 21st December 2017
held in St Brandon's, Whitehills at 6.30pm.

Present: Ross Balharry (Chairman), Anne Balharry, Duncan Leece, Alistair Wiseman, Alan Stuart, Bill Bain, Robert Mackie, Stuart Ironside, Chas Findlay, Mick Moloney and Mattie Verster.

Also attending: Cllr Michael Roy, Cllr John Cox, David West, Gordon Paterson and Terry Pickard.

Apologies: Cllr Glen Reynolds

Minutes of the meeting 16th November 2017, were approved as correct, proposed by Anne and seconded by Robbie.

Matters Arising: None

Treasurer's Report:

Anne presented the monthly accounts, detailing expenditure totalling £1013.60 since the last meeting, and an income of £515.00 leaving a balance of £4297.39 in the working current account. An application for £1846.43 from Whitehills School for funds towards a forest school storage shed was received and granted leaving a balance of £73510.77 in the Windfarm account. The Gift account balance remains at £31870.30. Anne was thanked for her work.

Planning Applications: No problems.

Flooding problems – outcome of Ab. Council visit 14th December

David West gave an update on Malcolm Thomson's (Ab.Council) visit and all the work being done. The matter was discussed at length and there is no easy solution. Ross will write to Malcolm, copy to Lee Watson (Principal Engineer/Flood Protection), to express the urgency for this problem to be resolved. In the meantime Chas suggested that David speak to Bill Davidson as he will have local knowledge of the history of the drains and ditchwork having worked for the Water Board for many years. Alan will ask Stuart Geddes if he has any plans for the field drains and whether he may know who the contractor was who did the work in the past. David was thanked for coming to the meeting and WDCC is grateful for all his time, work and record keeping.

Back Path hard-coring repairs/ Painting of Railings on Seashore/ Blocked exit pipes on seawall

The hard coring has been done halfway up the back path. 32 tonnes of core has been used to date. Preparation for the painting of the railings has started but work was held up by the weather. Alistair will draw up a list of all the things that the community workers can help with as they like next year as they need work and have tools. This has been a good community exercise. The exit pipes on the low shore sea wall need to be cleared especially after the recent high tides. Ross will write and ask if cages can be put on the exit pipes to stop stones blocking them.

"Making it Real" arrangements for Feb/Mar 2018

Duncan will check if the school wants to be involved before a date is set late in March 2018.

Correspondence:

- A Christmas card was received from Jimmy Forbes (Harbour Commissioners) re Regatta donation.
- David Richard-Jones – Letter of thanks to CC for being able to speak at previous meeting and expressing dismay at further 35% increase in housing stock approved at Ladysbridge. Cllr Mike said the matter had been well thrashed by the council process involving various agencies. WDCC accept the conclusion but will keep an eye on future applications.
- Ross received a letter to say the bus shelter below Ladysbridge will be moved in the near future.

AOCB: Xmas Lights – All helpers were thanked. It was good to have two young lads helping.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 18 January 2018, 6.30pm in St Brandon Centre, Whitehills.