

KIRKPATRICK FLEMING AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH MARCH 2016

Members present:- Colin Brown, Maureen Sharp, Kath Richardson, Stephen Muir, Michael Buckley

Councillors present:- Archie Dryburgh, Denis Male

Villagers present:- None

Police present:- Ewan Fraser, report given

Apologies:- Craig Peacock

Minutes of last meeting:- Agreed.

Matters arising from those minutes:-

Archie confirmed that DGHP agreed that they own the play park and it will be put on their maintenance schedule.

Archie contacted Jock Laidlaw at Autolink re our previous concerns and correspondence relating to the exit slip road on the northbound carriageway at Junction 21 of the M74. Autolink have a meeting with their Road Safety Auditor on 23rd March and have added our concern about the slip road to their agenda. He says he will update Archie in due course. There was another accident there recently when a car driven by someone from outside the area came off the slip road and crashed into a car on the B7076 driven by a local resident. He had come from the service station had had headed north on the motorway by mistake when he had intended to head south.

Chairman's report:-

Colin has had a response from the Police re the horse on the playing field. A horse is allowed to wander if the owner is responsible.

Archie pointed out that although the play area behind the hall is maintained by D&G if in the future the equipment there is no longer functional it will not be replaced by D&G.

Secretary/Treasurer's report:-

A letter has been received from Sheila Clunie resigning from the Community Council, Maureen will write to her thanking her for her years of service, Archie and Denis asked for her to be thanked for her help and support in the past.

Since the last meeting expenses amounted to £746.50 and income amounted to £741.79.

Our current bank balance is £8522.34.

Hall fees:-

Colin emailed the members of the Community Council last week about the current level of the hall hire fees. The Bowls Club have asked if the hourly rate could be reduced in the summer when no heating is required, they are considering playing throughout the summer instead of finishing in April and starting again in September. One proposal was that occasional users are charged more and regular users stay at the same rate, the rate has been set at £11 per hour for 3 years. Another suggestion was that a standard rate is charged all year and an additional charge is made if the heating is used. After discussion it was agreed that regular user groups are to be charged £10 per hour and occasional users are to be charged £12 per hour, effective from 1st May on a trial basis.

Colin mentioned the possibility of someone setting up badminton classes for children in the hall in the summer months, a similar scheme is running in the Richard Greenhow Centre in Gretna.

Mike asked how the heating experiment is going, the tank was filled up on 16th February and the heating has been on continuously controlled with the thermostat and the tank is still half full.

Potholes:-

The pothole in Hollee that was reported on 26th January and a few others were filled in on 26th February but many of the other 27+ that have been reported between the roundabout and Nutberry Farm remain. The road between Canonbie and the Scottish Borders is bad too, some reported in Grahamsfield on 2nd February have not been repaired and no update given. Arche reported that potholes are being monitored and different fixes are being tried. Potholes are an issue everywhere, not just in D&G.

Minsca Windfarm funding 2016/17:-

The application forms have been received. It was agreed that the front wall of the hall will be one of the repairs listed on the application form – this will cost in excess of £1000. Other repairs are still outstanding on the flat.

Any other business:-

The Baby and Toddler Group are holding a Coffee Morning in the hall on Saturday 2nd April and have written to the Community Council requesting £100 towards the cost of running the event. It was agreed not to charge them £33 for hall hire and to award them £50 towards their running costs for the event.

The Community Council will be holding a Coffee Morning in the hall on 11th June and are hoping to link this with a poster display and launch for the new Kirkpatrick Fleming Life website.

The next Annandale and Eskdale Federation of Community Councils meeting will be held at Kirkpatrick Fleming on 21st April at 7pm.

A Yoga class is starting in the hall on Monday 14th March at 7pm.

Some of the trees at the edge of the playing field are close to the overhead power cables. SPEN are to be contacted about cutting them back.

PC Fraser said an officer can come and talk to residents at a meeting in the hall regarding home safety and security following the recent housebreaks in the area over the last few months.

Date and time of next meeting:- Tuesday 10th May at 7pm. This will also be the AGM.