

## Minutes of Belmont, Kincaidston and St. Leonards Community Council.

Belmont Academy at 19.00 hrs on 11 th May 2017.

1. The Chair Con Brennan opened the meeting. He thanked the Vice Chair Flora Fleming for her work as acting chair during the last session and welcomed Councillor Cullen to the meeting.  
Sederunt : Con Brennan, Flora Fleming, Molly Nutt, Don Osborne and Rod Winhall.  
Karen Monaghan ( Link Officer).  
Councillor Chris Cullen.  
P.C. Allan Robertson and P.C. Bobby Clark.  
Members of the Public: Ian Douglas and Joy Mc Dowall.
2. No declarations of interest.
3. Apologies for absence were received from: Andrew Bryden, Brian Law, Seumas Mac Kinnon, Donald Mc Lean and Councillor Brian Mc Ginley.
4. The items noted on the agenda will be discussed under Any Other Competent Business.
5. The minutes of the April Community Council meeting were accepted and proposed by Flora Fleming and seconded by Don Osborne.  
There were no sub group meetings.
6. No matters arising from the previous minutes.
7. Correspondence and Secretary's Report:  
14 no. emails received, 5 no. of interest we read out / mentioned and 8 no. replies were actioned.  
ALL CORRESPONDENCE AVAILABLE TO VIEW.  
It is apparent that the promised notice board being constructed by Belmont Academy Technical Department will not be realised.  
Costs and specification for a Community Council printer were submitted and accepted.  
Treasurer's Report:  
Don reported an anomaly to the accounts. He confirmed the accounts will now go to the auditor on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May with a covering letter to explain the imbalance.  
In order to minimise the use of petty cash it was proposed and accepted that tea/coffee would no longer be reimbursed and that a monthly account would be set up with a taxi firm. Flora to organise.  
Link Officers Report:

Karen explained the now requirement to introduce a Complaints Poceedure into the Bluebook. Confirmation of delegate required by 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Karen also highlighted 4 no. dates for Community Councillor training with registration forms to be returned by 5<sup>th</sup> June. There is no date as yet to changes in boundary which will effect this Community Council.

#### Planning Officer's Report:

Rod confirmed that 1 no application for a loft conversion and dormer windows was lodged for a house in Meadowpark .Decisions on previous applications, 2 no in Ewingfield Road and Corton were approved and a new build in Longbank Road was refused.

A discussion on the Corton Development with changes from the original plans followed.

Rod is to set up a sub group to include Ian Douglas and Flora Fleming to meet with the new agents.

#### Police Report:

The officers reported no housebreaking or motor crimes compared to April 2016 but an increase in assaults.

The members reported on dog fouling in the area and cars speeding on Chalmers Road and Belmont Avenue.

PC Robertson confirmed he would report these concerns and mentioned that parking in Fenwickland Avenue is an issue and causing problems especially as it is a bus route.

#### 8. Elected Members Report:

Councillor Cullen confirmed that he is already dealing with numerous local issues and that the SNP will be working with Independent and Labour Councillors as an administration.

#### 9. Ordinary items of Business:

Joy Mc Dowall requested that we make representation to the Council on the reinstatement of a boundary fence at Kincaidston Playground.

(Councillor Cullen confirmed that evening that he had sent an email to Lesley Bloomer on this matter.)

Flora Fleming reported on the forth coming Participatory Budget event.

#### 10. Any Other Competent Business:

Expenses: Petty cash restrictions covered in Treasurer's report.

Projects for 2017/18. The members were asked to bring proposals for a project to the next meeting. The adjacent Castlehill Woods was mentioned as a joint project with Forehill, Holmston and Masonhill CC. Format for web site : it was agreed to use the secretary's email address as a contact for all members. Smart Multimedia will present a draft format for approval.

Recruitment: Will be advertised on the web site and a notice board. Both Ian Douglas and Joy McDowall agreed to be co-opted onto the Community Council.

Ian was proposed by Don Osborne and seconded by Flora Fleming.

Joy was proposed by Molly Nutt and seconded by Flora Fleming.

The meeting closed at 20.21 hrs

NEXT MEETING IS ON 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE at 19.00 hrs in Belmont Academy.