

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

Belmont Academy at 19.00 hrs on Thursday 2nd November 2017.

1. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present. A special welcome to Claire Dunn attending her first C. C. meeting as a co-opted member.
Sederunt: Con Brennan, Flora Fleming, Ian Douglas, Claire Dunn, Molly Nutt, Don Osborne, Rod Winhall, Joy Mc Dowall.
P.C. Steven Gilmour, Karen Monaghan.
Guests Kevin Braidwood, Operations Manager, Ayrshire Roads Alliance and Ian McPherson Forehill, Masonhill and Holmston Community Council.
Apologies for absence: Brian Law, Seumas McKinnon, Donald Mc Lean, Councillors Cullen and Mc Ginley.
2. P. C. Gilmour delivered the October incidents and crime report. Housebreaking noted 5 no offences, offender has been charged, with an increase in drug offence, 2 no, and 1no drink driving offence. Full report available on web site. Recent car /van thefts, fire raising and vandalism to Kincaidston Bowling Green were reported by C. C. members.
3. Kevin Braidwood A.R.A. informed the meeting of the responsibilities, works and ongoing maintenance of his department. Although a joint venture of two Councils, each operated under their own separate budget. The role of A.R.A. coordinating and policing the utility services was explained. Pavement reinstatement is guaranteed for a period of two years. Councils are in consultation requesting this maintenance and remedials period is extended to 6 years. Winter Service, Grit Bin Policy and request for additional bins along with reporting defects to roads, pavements and street lighting was discussed. Kevin then noted particular points of interest from the council members.
4. No declarations of interest noted.
5. Apologies as above.
6. As agenda.
7. Minutes of October meeting were proposed by Flora Fleming and seconded by Joy McDowall.
8. No matters arising.
9. Treasurer's Report. Don reported healthy balances on all 3 accounts. £571.24 main account, £50 project account and £43.62 petty cash.

Secretary's Report: 19no emails received and 17 no sent out. A sample of the correspondence was tabled, including Cornhill Parking, Castlehill Woods, tree in Belmont Road, Lane at Peggieshill, Landscaping at Tesco Extra and a letter from Claire Monaghan. All correspondence is available to view. Claire Dunn's form for co-option has been vetted by SAC and has now filled the vacant post for Kincaidston.

Planning Officer: no new applications lodged. Rod confirmed an objection on the visual impact of a proposed care home in Dunure Road was lodged on behalf of this C.C.

Link Officer: Karen confirmed the procedure on co-option and in specific form appendix F2.

Fund Raiser: Ian Douglas has made contact with SAC and is now on their mailing list for fund raising contacts and events.

Project Update: Molly and Flora will contact SAC departments and community groups to ascertain their interest and involvement in the Kincaidston Burn and Path Project. A confirmed date in May is now essential.

No Elected members in attendance.

10.C Brennan has a meeting with the Head Teacher of Belmont Academy on 3/11/17.

11.A.O.C.B. Ian McPherson from F.H.M. Community Council, updated the members on the progress so far on their project to improve Castlehill Woods. As a shared amenity, we have agreed in principal to support their endeavours and assist in fundraising. In conjunction with SAC Neighbourhood Services, a strategy and maintenance plan is required to ascertain costs and community involvement.

Ian also updated the members on the proposed cycle path from Ayr Railway Station to Dobbies which would link up to Coylton. This cycle/tourist route has designated funding. The now "preferred" options E and F still pose logistical problems for local residents. As an amenity for Ayr we will support F.H.M.C.C. in pursuing Sustrans to get it right for the adjacent resident and the wider community.

Next meeting: Thursday 7 th December 2017 at 19.00 hrs in Belmont Academy.