

Minutes of Belmont and Kincaidston Community Council
Thursday 8th FEBRUARY 2024, Belmont Academy 7.15pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Cara Bennington (Secretary), Ian Douglas (Treasurer), Colin Hall (Planning and Licensing), Carol Campbell, Dennis McLellan, Claire Dunn, Matthew Grant (SAC Link Officer), Councillor Mary Kilpatrick, Mrs Daniela Van Niekerk (Visitor).

APOLOGIES RECEIVED: Graham Gault (Chair), Linda Pirrie (Vice Chair), Flora Fleming, Hezekiah Adesina, Donald McLean, Councillor Chris Cullen, Councillor Brian McGinley.

In the absence of our Chair and Vice Chair, Dennis McLellan was invited to be Chair for the evening. We had not been able to get access to our room until almost 7.30pm because the janitor could not be found to open the door until that time. Further time was lost when the Secretary tried to start a Teams call with one of our members at home in order to provide remote access to our meeting, but this did not work but will be pursued again. The secretary announced that the meeting was not quorate as we only had 6 members in attendance and we need to have 7, however, the secretary forgot that we had a resignation recently and so our numbers are now 11 out of a possible 13. This means that we only require 6 members to be at the meeting to be quorate. The meeting proceeded in any case.

Community Police Report –Sergeant Andrew Kelly had provided the January Police Report. Councillor Mary Kilpatrick asked if there were figures on the report to indicate a percentage reduction or increase in comparison to the last report. Secretary reported that these percentage figures are not provided by the Police, however, it is something that the Secretary could do once receiving the report for the meeting. A graph could be kept showing fluctuations in numbers of incident reports. The Secretary should also email out the Police report to all members once it is received rather than only bringing the report to the meeting and reading from it. In some cases, the report has not been available at all or has arrived on the same day as the meeting.

Approval of minutes Last meetings minutes (January) were approved – proposed by Ian Douglas and seconded by Dennis McLellan.

Matters arising from the previous minutes – regarding last month's minutes mentioning weedkiller causing harm to pets, the Secretary reported that she had emailed Fiona Ross, Service Lead for Neighbourhood Services and asked for information relating to spraying of weedkiller on public spaces and that Ms Ross was coming to the meeting. Unfortunately, Ms Ross did attend the meeting. (This was due

to her coming much earlier and not finding a janitor to speak to and leaving the school after waiting some minutes).

Administration and correspondence – Secretary read out the items on the agenda listing events and correspondence received since last month. Feedback from the South Ayrshire Access Panel visit made by three BKCC members was very positive and informative. Councillor Mary Kilpatrick spoke about the history of the Access Panel and how pleased she is that it is starting back up after Covid. She mentioned that she had attended the funeral of Michael Dunlop who she said had been an initiator of the Access Panel.

Treasurers Report – The balance of the BKCC account at 8/2/24 was **£2599.60** consisting of an admin fund of **£912.32** and a defibrillator fund of **£1687.28**. Since the last meeting the account has paid £8 for a taxi fare for a member to get to the meeting. The secretary handed over four receipts to the Treasurer to process.

Planning and Licensing Report – Colin reported that no planning applications had been received this month in our area.

Place Planning Survey Discussion – In the limited time that we had to discuss the Place Planning survey it was decided that three office bearer members of the BKCC, will meet with a contingent of the Forehill, Holmston and Masonhill CC to take further the discussions around how to get opinions from the communities in respect of what they think about their “Place”.

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm.

Date of next meeting – Thursday, March 7th, 2024, in Belmont Academy at 7.15pm.

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