

Minute of meeting held on 17 March 2010 in Burngreen Hall

PRESENT: Alex Machray Jean McLachlan Margot Macmillan
Scott Johnson Alan Stevenson Charles Coulthard
John Freebairn John Smithson Jim Hutchison Ian Jarvis

ALSO PRESENT: Constable Martin Docherty [part-time]
Members of the public
Councillor Mark Griffin

1. APOLOGIES: Carol Sullivan
Councillor David Key Councillor Jean Jones
Local Press

2. POLICE REPORT: Constable Martin Docherty stated that from 298 reported incidents, 48 crime reports had been completed and of these 21 reports had been sent to the Procurator Fiscal. The reports mainly involved disorder and vandalism with no major incidents apart from 2 serious assaults and a fire in the former Burngreen Lodge premises.

3. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR POLICE: No specific issues were raised. The Chairman thanked Constable Docherty for attending the meeting and providing a short report.

4. GENERAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:
Charles raised the issue of the rail missing from the path in Westfield. The Secretary confirmed that this had been reported to NLC for action. John Freebairn raised the issue of cleaning the burns in the Burngreen area. The Secretary had raised this with NLC but there were problems in disturbing the habitat of several species.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING:
Charles Coulthard, seconded by John Smithson, proposed the adoption of the minute of the March '09 meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE MINUTES:
The issue of cleaning of Ebroch and Garrell Burns at Burn green area was discussed. [Subsequent to the meeting, discussions had taken place between Fiona Murdoch and John Freeborn on this subject. Please see email attachment from John]

7. REPORT FROM TREASURER:
The Treasurer advised the balance of the Administration Account at the end of February was £1,186.52.

8. REPORT FROM SECRETARY:

The Secretary advised the balance of the Projects Account at the end of February was £1,032.71

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

The correspondence list was reviewed.

10. LICENSING AND PLANNING:

The weekly planning lists received over the past month were reviewed.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

Margot gave a progress report on the improvement work being carried out at the former Old Man's Rest at Stirling Road. Ian circulated copies of the new edition of Kelvin Valley Park News.

12. HERITAGE AND HISTORY:

It was noted that an initial planning meeting for "Scotland in Bloom" would take place on Thursday evening. The possibility of organising a temporary museum was to be discussed with NLC Museums Department. [Subsequent to the meeting, discussions were held with NLC and an update will be provided at the April meeting]

13. OTHER REPORTS:

a. Rotary

Charles provided a short report on behalf of the Rotary Club.

b. Lennox Golf Club

Alan provided a short report on behalf of the Golf Club.

14. WEBSITE:

The management fee for the next year was agreed. Rebuilding of the website was something for future consideration. All members were asked to review the content and presentation of the site and feedback any suggested changes to Margot.

15. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Scott requested that NLC consider using/leasing the former toilet building in King Street for community benefit. Councillor Griffin agreed to discuss this with Councillor Jones.

Margot was concerned that X-ray equipment was being removed from the Health Centre.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 May 2010 at 7.00pm.