

Biggar Community Council

DRAFT - Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 21/2/22 via Zoom

Elected Members

Name/Role	Present
Lesley Craise - Chair	Y
Janet Moxley – Secretary	Y
Bobby Colquhoun – Treasurer	Y
Jerry Sumpster	Y
Laura Shirley	Y
Jimmy Ritchie	Y
Roger Curtis	Y
Peter Rae	Y
Gillian Gardner	Y
Caz Alcorn	Y

PUBLIC – 2 members of the public also attended.

Other Members

Name/Status	Present
Neil Ingram – Associate	Y
Anne Lindsay - Associate	Y
Al Stewart - Associate	Y
Robin Laing – Associate	N
Ben Waine - Associate	Apology
Ian McAllan – Ex Officio/SLC	Y
Alex Allison – Ex Officio/SLC	Y
Eric Holford – Ex Officio/SLC	N
Mairi McAllan – MSP	N
David Mundell – MP	N

1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (17 Jan)

Approved

2 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- **Biggar Burn Survey.** BCC/Lesley to check whether SEPA plans to survey the community before launching a BCC Consultation
- **Medical Practice.** Practice will try to bring people waiting on foot outside, into waiting area, taking care to separate patients
- **Biggar Saskatchewan.** have sent complimentary Sweatshirts and a certificate, the latter will be put on the notice board.

Action Lesley

For Noting

For Noting

3 WINTER RESILIENCE

- Should BCC apply for funding for a back-up generator to be located at Gillespie Centre, as a place of central community support, and in case of a prolonged power outage in the town?
SLC understood to have a statutory duty re emergency planning - **Ian and Alex to enquire of Ken Wratten re SLC contingency/resilience plans.**

Action Cllrs
McAllan &
Allison

4 HOGMANAY BONFIRE

- A community event, not the responsibility of the Cornets, who lead on building the fire.
- Paperwork for the Bonfire should be dealt with by the Community Council.
- Lesley asked whether SLC would be able to obtain scientific reports on the safety of the bonfire to supplement those obtained by BCC, but the SLC Councillors felt that this was not likely to be possible.
- Lesley asked for more BCC members to join the Bonfire sub-committee, but there were no volunteers.
- Al suggested that other members of the community might wish to get involved, but Lesley clarified that only BCC members or associate members can sit on BCC sub-committees.

BCC to seek heat transfer calculations for a larger, 10m x 10m fire
Contact Martin Gray t SGN for outcome of excavations to find gas pipe
Ask Cleland Sneddon, SLC CEO to assist in making a case for the Bonfire

Action Lesley
Action Al
Action Cllrs
McAllan &
Allison
Action Jimmy

Apply for Public Entertainment Licence & Road Closure Order

5 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- **Carwood Rd crossing** remains a concern within the community.
Cllr McAllan has been pressing for reductions in the speed limit, particularly now that there are more activities for young people at Loaningdale. As a result, the 30-mph limit is being extended to the Loaningdale entrance. Story Homes will be providing “village gateway” traffic calming features (coloured surfacing and zigzag road markings) and will be installing a pavement across the frontage of their development to Northcrofts Rd as part of the next phase of their development. Ian will continue to press for the speed limit to be reduced to 20 mph. There seems to be little scope for a crossing given the layout of this road.
Cllr Allison suggested that a direct access from Pentland Reach to Loaningdale would be helpful. He pointed out that recent changes to the Highway Code gave pedestrians greater priority and increased the onus on drivers to take them into account.
Lesley felt that the pavement needed to be widened adjacent to ReMax and/or double yellow lines painted.
A member of the public suggested a zebra crossing.
- **Graveyard Wall** Jimmy reiterated that the graveyard wall needs attention.
- **Mercat Loan pavement** Gillian has reported this uneven pavement.

For Noting

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For Noting

6 POLICE REPORT

- Report was provided for the period 16/1/22 – 21/2/22 and is available on request.

For Noting

7 SLC COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Allison

- Cllr Allison reported that the SLC budget for the next year has been taking up councillors’ time but is now nearly finalised.

For Noting

Cllr McAllan

- reported that work to prevent pavement flooding outside Charcoal Grey is now complete and seems to have been effective.
- Work on the A702 informal crossing on the A702 near the Station Rd junction has been delayed but should start before the end of the financial year. The design will allow it to be upgraded to a light-controlled crossing in future.
- Member of public added that crossings without light control are unsafe for the visually impaired.
- Member of the public stated the crossing at CEx does not provide a safe route across the car parking area.

For Noting

8 TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Account balances**
- Business Account Final balance £187.27. No change.
- Clyde Windfarm Account Final balance £1045.32
 - £276 microgrant to Biggar and District Men's Shed and
 - £500 microgrant to the Gillespie Centre*.

* The latter should have come from Clyde Extension Fund and will be adjusted and reported at next meeting.
- Incentive Account. Final balance £3525.75, of which
 - Glenkerie Windfarm Microgrant Fund. Final balance £985.85. No change.
 - BCC Incentive Fund. Final balance £516.52. No change.
 - Clyde Extension Fund. Final balance £1670.27. No change.
 - Community Action Plan fund. Final balance £353.11. No change.
- **Expenditure Authorised.**

Incentive & Business account expenditure approved for stationary.
Receipts to be submitted to Bobby for reimbursement.

For Noting

Action Janet,
Laura & Neil

9 INTERNAL ISSUES

- Agreement sought to defer several items to an internal meeting (under clause 11e of SLC scheme).
Lesley to propose date for meeting.

Approved
Action Lesley

10 MICRO-GRANTS

- **Gillespie Centre** - £500 – Hot water boiler – Clyde Extension
- **Biggar & District Men's Shed** - £276 – Secondary Glazing – Clyde

Approved
Approved

11 CLYDE EXTENSION PUBLICITY

- **Press Release.** SSE have yet to publicise this 'new' fund, incl the ability to mke quick decisions on amounts up to £5000
Laura will give them a reminder.
- SSE have no plans to create micro-grant funding available to Community Councils (beyond the residual COVID moneys held by BCC)

Action Laura

For Noting

12 PLANNING MATTERS

- **Survey re St.Isadores Housing proposal.** Survey and report completed, finding were balanced both for and against. Report has been sent to SLC Planning recording survey results thus without BCC expressing a view.
- **Market Road Social Housing** – Clydesdale Housing Association are seeking endorsement from BCC for a proposed exception to current zoning. Members felt unable to do so without gauging the views of the community.
Janet to draft a survey to seek public opinion.
- **Covenanter's House change of use application.** Consensus was that BCC should not survey the community and should not make any representation on this matter.

For Noting

Action Janet

For Noting

13 AOCB

- Lesley attended meeting of community planning partnership, which has been meeting without the community! There is a move to get CCs involved.
 - Health & Social care Partnership, Lesley has been approached to see if we wish to become involved, and Lesley has volunteered to liaise.
 - Presentation to Dr Goldie.
Contact Iona to understand arrangements for Andrew's retirement presentation.
- Date of Next meeting 21st March**

For Noting

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Action Janet