

Biggar Community Council

DRAFT - Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 03/10/22 In the Municipal Hall, Biggar.

Elected Members		Other Members	
Name/Role	Present	Name/Role	Present
Jerry Sumpster – Secretary	Y	Neil Ingram – Associate	Y
Bobby Colquhoun – Treasurer	Y	Anne Lindsay - Associate	A
Jimmy Ritchie	Y	Al Stewart - Associate	A
Roger Curtis	Y	Robin Laing – Associate	Y
Peter Rae	A	Ben Waine - Associate	A
Gillian Gardner	A	Ian McAllan – Ex Officio/SLC	Y
Caz Alcorn	Y	Alex Allison – Ex Officio/SLC	A
Laura Shirley (Co-Opted)	Y	Ralph Barker – Ex Officio/SLC	N
		Mairi McAllan – MSP	N
		David Mundell – MP	N

Four members of the public (incl. Lesley Craise following her resignation at commencement of the meeting)

#	ITEM	OUTCOME
1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES Apologies noted above. Roger had agreed to undertake Chair for this meeting. Lesley Craise was in attendance following her presentation of the Chair's Report at the AGM the preceding this business meeting but is now recorded as a member of the public.	NOTED
2	NOTIFICATION OF AOCB Whilst no AOCB was raised at this point, there were at least 3 matters subsequently raised that should have been declared at this point! See AOCB.	NONE SEE AOCB
3	ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (15 th August 2022)	APPROVED
4	Outstanding Actions	REVIEWED & UPDATED
5	Matters Arising	NONE
6	MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC Whilst no items were raised by members of the public in attendance at this point, there were at least 2 matters subsequently raised that should have been declared at this point! For ease, I have included these in AOCB.	NONE SEE AOCB
7	POLICE REPORT FOR BIGGAR There was no crime report received this month. Roger provided a brief report following his attendance at a recent Police Liaison meeting held online. The main theme coming out of the meeting is that the police are aware that they have not been liaising enough with community councils recently. This is due to the pressures of the pandemic which has meant that when, for instance, people have not been able to get ambulances, they have called on the police, who have had to become the first responders for many social needs as well as preventing crime. They are also looking to recruit an extra 400 front line staff, full-time and part-time.	NOTED ACTION: Jerry publish links to report and survey COMPLETE

**FOR
INFORMATION/NOTING**

- He continues to receive approaches re speeding; it is best that if this is witnessed, and the registration number or vehicle owner I know, then report by dialling 101.
- The grant application for the Clydesdale Close mural has resulted in several questions back from the funder, including checking the process for selecting an artist and asking for assurance that the equivalent of minimum wage will be paid to the artist.

NOTED

- ## ACTION ON BCC

COMPLETE

- APPROVED**

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NOTED

- NOTED**

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- ACTION:** ~~Publish this on web~~
~~& F/book~~ **COMPLETE**

ACTION

Neil to seek extension from SLC planning
Robin to contact Story Homes seeking a 12 month stay of execution, to allow feasibility study

NOTED

Community Action Plan Update – Lesley had covered some of this in her Chair’s report, and Jerry was able to advise that a further update will be provided to BCC after the Steering Group meet on 10th October. There followed a challenge from Janet Moxley who is associated with the Biggar Youth Project, alleging a debt due to BYP by CAP/BCC, culminating in her threatening solicitor’s letters and social media posts alleging financial impropriety by CAP Steering Group. The secretary advised that this matter

NOTED

was not competent business for BCC and that she should contact the CAP Steering Group direct.

101/102 Bus Route – Janet Moxley updated the meeting with the plans for a survey and an update regarding the Invitation to Tender, which will be issued before Christmas and will be managed by SPT, with whom Stand Up for Our Buses have a meeting on 13/10, which will include other key parties.

NOTED

14 AOCB

Members:

- Graveyard Wall – Jimmy raised further deterioration of the wall with Ian McAllan
- Jimmy advised of an elderly businessman who had taken a fall in the shop recently and lay there for some length of time before being discovered. With winter is coming he suggested we all need to be wary and look out for our neighbours.
- Ian McAllan was asked to investigate the possibility of Flashing lights detecting speeding on entrances to town.
- Neil advised that SLLC are now seeking full commercial fees for hall hires, and queried whether this included “Seniors” groups, Ian McAllan advised that he did not believe so, but will check.

ACTION – Ian McAllan

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Public:

- Update sought by Thelma Ingram regarding Crossing at Station Road – Laura advised that a team appeared to be out surveying the site recently, but nothing more known.
- Thelma Ingram stated that the Crossing at Corn Exchange is not marked correctly, meaning that there are cars parked across pedestrian pathway and that the buses are often unable to turn due to this parking. This would appear to be a BEAR issue, but Ian McAllan will check.
- Peter Rae has had little or no response to his email to members regarding Flanders Delegation meeting in Biggar Museum meeting on 26th October. Secretary urged all to reply to Peter’s email.

NOTED

ACTION – Ian McAllan

ACTION – All members

AOCB and Matters Raised By members of the public:

These are asked to be declared early in the meeting, on the basis that this then allows the Chair to monitor the time taken on items earlier in the agenda, and to draw matters to a conclusion to ensure that AOCB and Matters raised by Members of the Public can be accommodated within the bonds of a meeting of reasonable length. The failure to declare at the appropriate stage in the meeting means that there can be no guarantee that the items can be heard.

ACTION – Members to please declare AOB per agenda.

15 Date of next full meeting

The next meeting will be in person on 17th October in Municipal Hall. This meeting will be chaired by Roger, BCC members should mail agenda item requests to Roger in good time.

ACTION – Jerry has emailed SLLC to check the bookings for the next two meetings.