

# Biggar Community Council

**DRAFT - Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 17/10/22**

**By zoom meeting.**

## Elected Members

Name/Role	Present
Jerry Sumpster – Secretary	Y
Bobby Colquhoun – Treasurer	A
Jimmy Ritchie	Y
Roger Curtis	Y
Peter Rae	A
Gillian Gardner	A
Caz Alcorn	Y
Laura Shirley (Co-Opted)	Y

## Other Members

Name/Role	Present
Neil Ingram – Associate	Y
Anne Lindsay - Associate	A
Al Stewart - Associate	Y
Robin Laing – Associate	A
Ben Waine - Associate	A
Ian McAllan – Ex Officio/SLC	Y
Alex Allison – Ex Officio/SLC	Y
Ralph Barker – Ex Officio/SLC	Y
Mairi McAllan – MSP	A
David Mundell – MP	N

Two members of the public

#	ITEM	OUTCOME
1	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b> Apologies are recorded above. NOTE email received from MSP Mairi McAllan has indicated that whilst she cannot routinely attend CC meetings, she extends a standing offer to meet with any CC should they wish to raise any specific matter with her.	<b>NOTED</b>
2	<b>NOTIFICATION OF AOCB</b> A number were raised, see AOCB	<b>SEE AOCB</b>
3	<b>ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> August 2022)	<b>APPROVED</b>
4	<b>Outstanding Actions</b>	<b>REVIEWED &amp; UPDATED</b>
5	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<b>NONE</b>
6	<b>MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</b>	<b>NONE</b>
7	<b>POLICE REPORT FOR BIGGAR</b> There was no crime report received this month.	<b>NOTED</b>
8	<b>SLC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS</b> Councillor McAllan advised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clydesdale Close: Still progressing re artist selection. Jerry commented that he had been in corresp with Glenkerie administrators who commented that they are very keen on this application.</li> <li>St Isadore's planning/trees: Advised that no decision has yet been made re trees planned to be felled.</li> </ul> Councillor Allison advised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gillespie Rubbish Uplift: SLC's position is that notwithstanding the charitable status, the free uplift is only offered to domestic premises.</li> <li>Delegated Powers re Warm Rooms: with winter coming SLC have delegated some powers to the Chief Exec and plans for 'warm rooms' re under review. There is substantial funding available in a variety of pots for organisations wishing to provide 'warm rooms' over the winter period.</li> <li>(both BYP and the Gillespie are considering provision and will look to work together to pool volunteer resources, which will be key to this type of project).</li> </ul> Councillor Barker advised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeted intimidation: aa local family had reported this and the three councillors had become involved as the Police were reticent to provide</li> </ul>	<b>FOR INFORMATION/NOTING</b>

support. Cllr Barker asked that should we learn of similar occurrences we should let Cllrs know. It was noted that there had been some comments on social media that day around intimidation. A member of the public suggested that the introduction of Community Wardens might be a solution.

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| 9  | <b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>  |                              |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circulated prior to the meeting, attached.</li> </ul>   | NOTED                        |
| 10 | <b>WINDFARM MICROGRANTS</b>  |                              |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Microgrant applications approved:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One application declined, Neil will advise the applicants</li> <li>○ One application still under consideration</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | NOTED                        |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Other matters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jerry advised that he is pulling together a crib sheet for the new community councillors around the grant reporting process.</li> <li>○ Jerry also advised that the top-up from Clyde vi SLC has been chased again today and can be expected by close of business Tuesday.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | NOTED<br>NOTED               |
| 12 | <b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>  |                              |
|    | <p><b>Land between Hope Gardens &amp; Northback Road</b> – Neil confirmed he had approached SLC re extension to the 2 weeks deadline but had heard nothing back. Further commented that he is aware that Robin has approached Story Homes re Skate Park feasibility, but contacts appear to have moved on and Neil has provided him with some alternatives.</p> <p>There appears to be some concern around the loss of footpath access to the High Street in the current proposals and it was agreed that BCC would lodge an objection to this proposal. Neil will draft an objection and circulate prior to sending in to SLC Planning. <b>Clydesdale Way</b> – Neil advised that there are plans underway to approach the UKs Levelling Up funding pot for some sections of the Clydesdale Way. He will provide updates to the CC as matters progress.</p>   | NOTED<br><br>ACTION Neil     |
| 13 | <b>OTHER MATTERS</b>   |                              |
|    | <p><b>Bonfire Update</b> – following a visit to the site of the bonfire last week Al advised that the SFRS sent two new resources unfamiliar with Biggar, who are seeking risk assessment re the fire. They provided several contacts able to do this, but on approach all have claimed they are unable to perform this type of risk assessment! Other options are under investigation. Ken Wratten of SLC advised that it might be just days before 31<sup>st</sup> Dec that a decision is made re the licence, which would likely result in major expense having been incurred with no guarantee that the bonfire can go ahead!</p> <p><b>Community Action Plan Update</b> – The minutes of the final meeting of the steering group, together with a summary financial account had been circulated prior to the meeting. The steering group have identified several groups to take matters forwards, each of which has been contacted. The steering group now takes more of a back seat, but is happy to provide data and background regarding the survey results.</p> | NOTED<br><br>NOTED           |
| 14 | <b>AOCB</b>  |                              |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hall booking for November meeting: booking form to be sent to SLLC, Jerry has passed the form on to Roger to complete and send to SLLC.</li> <li>• Remembrance Wreath: Jerry proposed that as Remembrance Sunday falls between business meetings we agree to pay £35 - £45 from Business account for the costs of a wreath which Jimmy will lay on behalf of BCC/the town. Approved</li> </ul>  | ACTION Roger<br><br>APPROVED |

- Flanders delegation: Janet provided an update on the meeting later this month. Approval was sought to spend up to £50 from the Incentive Fund on a gift to the visiting group, this was approved.
- Buses: Janet provided an update on the recent meeting with SPT, advising that the Invitation to Tender plans are looking positive at the present time, although the proof will be if any Bus companies apply!
- Paddling Pool Risk Assessment – Cllr Barker to provide BCC with a copy of the risk assessment,

**ACTION** – Janet to submit Incentive Fund microgrant application.

**NOTED**

**ACTION** – Cllr Barker

**15 Date of next full meeting**

There will be an inaugural, public meeting of the new CC members on 27<sup>th</sup> October in the Municipal Hall at 7pm.

Subsequent meeting will be on 21<sup>st</sup> November in the Municipal Hall at 7pm

**ACTION** Cllr McAllan to circulate agenda

**NOTED**