

Maryburgh Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26th April 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: - Morris Colven (MC) Jenny Maclennan (JM) Tom Thomas (TT) Liz Sinclair (LS), Andrew Steel (AS) John Linley (JL) Sgt Martyn Turner (Police Scotland)

Apologies for non attendance were tendered by Andrew Matheson and Jamie Dunsmore.

1. Chairperson's Remarks.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed all present and accepted apologies on behalf of those unable to attend. No councillors were in attendance due to the 'purdah' legislative rulings, barring all pre-election involvement by those already in office seeking re-election.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

With an amendment to item 3e requesting the removal of the wording 'Whenever that is?' the minutes of the previous meeting were duly confirmed and adopted. Proposed by AS, seconded by LS.

3. Police Report.

Sgt Martyn Turner was in attendance and indicated that from a total of 700 incidents in the entire Ross-Shire area during the last month, only 11 incidents required a police response/action in the Maryburgh area, all for relatively minor offences. Residents are reminded to contact police on 101 for non emergency incidents and to utilise the 999 system for any serious offences. Anti-social behaviour by moped riders has been noticed in the village and surrounding area. Anyone witnessing any disturbances are advised to dial 101 as soon as possible and preferably while the incident is ongoing.

4. Matters Arising

Due to no Councillor or Treasurer presence, all previous Action Points still required their respective feedback and/or further updates.

With regard to **Action Point 01/17** the Treasurer has received an application form to complete in order to formally apply for the money to be allocated to MAC.

Hopefully after the forthcoming local council elections, at the May CC meeting, Councillors should once again be in attendance and **Action Points 02/17, 03/17** and **04/17** should be further addressed and/or finally resolved.

5. MAC Update

Board meeting to be held in next two weeks and the AGM to follow before the end of the month. Accounts have been finalised and submitted to the accountants. Hall bookings are still very good and further volunteer days are planned throughout the summer.

6. Financial Report.

JD was unable to attend due to work commitments, but had circulated a spreadsheet via email outlining our current financial status and summary of the year's accounts as below;

Financial Statement for year to 31st March 2017

Balance in Bank Brought Forward	£1,470.79
Total Income	£1,146.31
Total Expenditure	£1,056.75
Balance in Bank at 31st March 2017	£1,560.35
Cheques Outstanding	£1,313.24
Other Outstanding Debits	£338.00
Outstanding Credits	£230.00
Balance	£139.11

7. Correspondence

One non-pertinent item of correspondence was received, a seemingly dubious email regarding notice boards, containing a hyperlink (which was not connected to by the Secretary) for a company marketing the said items. All emails received requiring survey feedback have been circulated to members by email. It is not considered necessary to print off copies as links can be provided to submit online responses.

8. New Business.

MAC is to run 'promotional' events during the forthcoming Local Council and General Election dates in order to highlight what the MAC and the CC can do on behalf of local residents. Volunteers to man a table on both days are required.

9. AOCB.

a) Memorial Garden

At the last meeting in March, TT proposed that the raised flower bed outside the Amenities Centre be improved and changed to an Alpine style 'Memorial Garden' where residents could lay tributes to loved ones who paid the ultimate sacrifice in all conflicts. TT stated that cost (if any) would be minimal. A large piece of slate, on which suitable 'wording' would be engraved has subsequently been donated to the cause. Enquiries regarding funding the payment for the inscription would be undertaken once a price with a stonemason had been agreed. TT to get a quote for cost of engraving before proceeding, with final wording yet to be agreed.

b) Community Garden (Wrightfield Park)

TT updated the meeting by stating that a cheque for **£786.83** had been received from Scottish Water in respect of compensation for damage caused when the area was excavated to repair a major water leak.

The Treasurer to be advised that the above amount, when deposited, should be ring fenced for the sole purpose of making good the Community Garden.

10. Date of next meeting.

Wednesday 31st May 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Portacabin

Please Note - The AGM will precede the May meeting.

ACTIONS REQUIRED FOR NEXT MEETING

Action Point Ref Date Raised	Issue Arising	Action Required	Responsibility	Remarks
AP01/17 22 Feb 2017	Formal Letter of offer for £47,000 from HC required by MAC/CC	Formal application for funding to be completed and submitted to Highland Council	Treasurer	Awaits submission of application and subsequent allocation of funding by Council
AP02/17 22 Feb 2017	Crash Barrier at junction Dunglass Rd/Back Rd	Highland Council responsible for installation	Cllr Mackenzie to follow up (See item 7b March Minutes)	Awaits update (First raised 2015)
AP03/17 22 Feb 2017	Stile Crossing at foot of Stuarthill Drive	Stile x-ing to be replaced by Gated x-ing as this is a public right of way.	Abelio/Scotrail Cllr Mackenzie liaising (See item 7c March Minutes)	Awaits update (First raised 2016)
AP04/17 29 Mar 2017	Dunglass Road Overgrowing Verge between j/w Rosshill Drive towards Maryburgh for approx 100 m	Highland Council to undertake removal of excess growth	Highland Council Awaits initial contact (See item 8a March Minutes)	Awaits contact with Councillors when they are next available after election
AP05/17 26 Apr 2017	Old 'Roundabout' dormant bank account	Enquiries into 'Roundabout' old bank account/residual funds	AS	AS to make enquiries
AP06/17 26 Apr 2017	AGM	AGM to be set and held (Prior to June 2017)	Secretary	Proposed AGM set for 31 st May 2017 immediately prior to the regular May CC meeting