

Grantshouse Community Council

Thursday 12th May 2016 at 7.30pm
in Grantshouse Village Hall

*If anyone attending these meetings, whether addressing the Community Council or not, should let the Chairman, Vice Chairman or Secretary know if they wish to have their names omitted from any comments.
If there are no declarations, it will be presumed that there are no objections.*

AGENDA

	<u><i>Approximate Time</i></u>
<i>1. Apologies</i>	<i>1 min</i>
<i>2. Police Scotland</i>	<i>5 min</i>
<i>3. Neighbourhood Watch Report</i>	<i>5 min</i>
<i>4. NTR update</i>	<i>15 min</i>
<i>5. Previous Minutes</i>	<i>5 min</i>
<i>6. Matters Arising</i>	<i>20 min</i>
<i>7. Treasurers Report</i>	<i>5 min</i>
<i>8. Correspondence</i>	<i>10 min</i>
<i>9. Drone Hill Apps</i>	<i>10 min</i>
<i>10. Outdoor Study Centre</i>	<i>5 min</i>
<i>11. Any Other Business</i>	<i>10 min</i>
<i>12. Date of Next Meeting</i>	
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Anyone is welcome to attend and contributions are encouraged from anyone in the community.

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Present: John Prentice (Chairman), Kym Bannerman, Marion Donovan, Walter Wyse (NHW Coordinator), Michael Cook (Councillor)

Apologies: Angela Robertson, Pat Durie, Ian & Margaret Fleming, PC Richard Toward (Police Scotland) and Joan Campbell (Councillor)

Police Scotland: PC Richard Toward was unable to attend this month's meeting but we have been provided with this month's report which for the Grantshouse Area reads as the following: -

- Incident 3894 of 12/3 – One male stopped at Grantshouse whilst officers carrying out a routine road check. He was found in possession of a small amount of cannabis. Recorded police warning notice given.
- Incident 3745 of 18/3 – Call received from external monitoring company regarding intruders at Windfarm site at Grantshouse. False alarm – they had not been informed that security company RS4 were working on site over the weekend. Meeting to take place regarding lack of communication between Windfarm company and security.
- Incident 1084 of 20/3 – Concern for call received as informant had noticed a van had been parked at the Cedar Café layby for the past week and the curtains were drawn. Van checked and male was asleep inside. All in order. Informant made aware.

Air Weapon and Licensing (Scotland): Following the passing of the Air Weapon and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 the police are now able to provide dates for the surrender campaign and guidance to officers and staff should they receive enquiries from members of the public.

The Air Weapon and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 will come into effect on 1st July 2016. The new law will require any person who possesses, purchases, uses, or acquires an air weapon to have a certificate to legally hold them.

To find out more information please go to: -

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/air-weapon-and-licensing-scotland-act-2015>

Please remember the Non – Emergency number for the Police is 101 (local numbers no longer maintained)

NHW: - Walter Wyse (NHW Coordinator) attended this month's meeting and reported the following: -

- A report has been received in relation to a possible attempt theft of a quad bike in Tweedsmuir. The shed where the quad bike is stored has been broken into; the Quad bike has been tampered with but not removed on this occasion.
- Fraudsters are targeting members of the public who are expecting to make a payment for property repairs. The fraudsters, via email, will purport to be a tradesman who has recently completed work at the property and use a similar email address to that of the genuine tradesman. They will ask for funds

to be transferred via bank transfer and once payment is made the victims of the fraud soon realise they have been deceived when the genuine tradesman requests payment for their services.

CCTV: The secretary had written to the police previously asking if CCTV could be used only for cover of the playing field entrance of dog walkers. There will be signs put up in the residence with the CCTV and also at the entrance of the playing field so others are aware and it's not secret.

Dog Fouling: The fixed penalty for those issued with fines have now doubled to £80. A new warden service through the SBC is due to become live in June 2016.

NTR Plc: The C102 will be closed for 16 weeks for the upgrade of road for the construction of the Quixwood Moor windfarm. It is unclear from the diagrams if the junction that leads to the back road through Quixwood onto the A6112/A1 will be open or closed as this could prevent such a large detour.

Action to be taken: Check with Martin Sweeney on the status of the junction and relate back to CC.

Previous Minutes: This month's minutes Proposed by John Prentice and seconded by Marion Donovan.
(Bridge Painting should have read area as Houndwood not Harelawside)

Matters Arising:

Bollards off A1: The Secretary contacted RES to ask if the bollards would be removed after the Wind Farm is completed. A response from Ruth Elder from RES indicated that the plan is to keep the bollards in place for the lifetime of the Wind Farm as they are concerned that the area blocked off would be used to park cars.

Action to be taken: The Secretary will contact the developer (cc John Prentice jnr and Michael Cook) to ask about bollards and possibility of removing them with "No Parking" clearly stated.

Speed limit at Harelawside: The secretary checked on when signs would be put in place regarding speed limit being dropped from 60mph to 30mph. The secretary was advised by SBC that the request to reduce speed was passed at the BAF (Berwickshire Area Forum) and had to be passed to the legal department to be implemented. The secretary has since been advised that the speed limit will come into effect on Wednesday 1st June 2016 and signs are being made for the area.

Lighting in other settlements: - The secretary has a questionnaire for the residents at Harelawside into whether they would like lighting in the area. The SBC has advised that if the result is positive then to declare how many lights and where they should be positioned. Other avenues of investigation could be into bollards that light up to give low level light that won't seem intrusive into homes.

Action to be taken: Liaise with residents and collate questionnaire findings. Report to SBC what requirements of the area would be from the results received.

Grass Verges: It was previously reported that the secretary was waiting on a response into extending the CC boundary before contacting SEPA, AMEY etc. as they didn't want to intrude into another CC area. It has since been advised that boundaries don't come into question and contact should still be made to these companies regardless.

Action to be taken: The secretary will email, Scottish water (re foul drain), SEPA (re flooding areas) and AMEY (re barrier between Village and Harelawside). Email Louise McGeogh regarding extending boundary to include all of Houndwood properties into GCC area.

Old A1 Café: Reports of additional graffiti on the bin opposite the Old A1 Café and the Café itself have been received again. No-one has been spotted in the area carrying this out. Can something be done to clean this up please.

Action to be taken: John Prentice jnr and Ian Leslie will look into ways of tidying the area up.

Old Toll House: The Front door has now been sealed and secured.

Woodland: The Felling License application has been submitted, so has the Application for funding to Drone Hill.

Action to be taken: Update CC and community involved when results for funding have been received.

Treasurers Report: - As of the 14th April 2016 the balance of the accounts are as follows: -

Account 1 = starting balance of £993.08.

Items to be paid, £132 Grass cutting, £300 Hall Hire (x2 years)

Account 2 = starting balance of £10.99

Correspondence:

Bottle Banks: A request has been received into temporarily moving the bottle banks to another piece of land due to difficulties and health and safety reasons into uplifting the banks due to overhead cables.

Action to be taken: Email 3D garages asking for permission for the bottle banks to be moved to their land in front of the old fuel tanks.

Greenwood Felling License: Greenwood have applied for a felling license to remove trees in their area. The location and area map can be viewed by clicking on the link [Here](#)

Broadband: It looks like BRISCONA won't be able to bring BB to the area. Other avenues to look into would be CBS (Community Broadband Scotland) Mark Rowley of Lammermuir CC is now leading a drive to get wireless broadband into the Lammermuirs and is looking for other CC's to add scale. John Prentice jnr is involved and will keep Grantshouse informed of progress, this will be a long term project.

Action to be taken: Follow up with John when information is available.

Outdoor Study Centre: It has been reported that the OSC (old community centre) is up for sale via Edwin Thomson for £85,000. There are queries over the boundaries put on the location map. The Grantshouse Community Centre Company Ltd had previously contacted Andrew Drummond-Hunt as they were still interested in the area but hadn't heard back from him to which the CC were advised that he has since retired.

Queries regarding the access boundaries for vehicles were questioned into whether there is adequate space for vehicles to turn around.

Also, it had been brought up but not pushed forwards into whether the land could be used to develop one bedroom homes as there wasn't enough interest in the area being developed into a sports facility.

Action to be taken: Contact Neil Hastie regarding boundaries. Contact BHA to find out if they would be interested in developing the area.

Drone Hill Applications: On the 17th March 2016 the Drone Hill Panel met to discuss funds that hadn't been used over the past 3 years and how it should be divided. A decision was agreed upon by The Drone Hill committee which would bring all 4 CC areas up to the same amount of funding which means that there is just over £17,000 for the Grantshouse Area. Due to legalities the maximum amount of funding that can be applied for in one go is £10,000 (this does not include the usual 6-month quota of £5,000 for each CC). Once one funding round is completed the remainder of the unspent funds can be applied for.

The CC have submitted 3 Funding Applications.

One application for complete works regarding the felling, removing and replanting at the woodland gully. This application is from the Unspent funds.

One application is for a new Laptop and A3 printer for CC use only (especially due to SBC stopping sending hard copies of planning applications).

One application is for the clearing and painting of the walkway bridge at Houndwood.

The Drone Hill Panel are also looking for new members to the panel as the maximum period of standing for non CC members is 3 years. Grantshouse member Walter Wyse is standing down and Marion Donovan (CC Member) and Michael Robinson (resident of community) would like to be a member of the panel. Their details will be passed onto Tom Black from Foundation Scotland who will contact them.

Action to be taken: Once information has been received regarding funding it will be made available at the next available CC meeting.

Any Other Business (AOB):

Howpark Road: When will the work be carried out on the repair to Howpark Road as RES have provided the funding to the SBC?

Action to be taken: The secretary will contact the SBC for a timescale and relate this back to the CC at the next available meeting.

Foul Drain on A1: Reports have been received again that the foul drain on the A1 is still blocked. This is a concern for anyone walking the path with passing traffic spraying fluids onto passersby.

Action to be taken: The secretary will contact Scottish Water into this situation and relate back to the CC asap.

Street Sweeper: The CC was asked if they could find out when the street sweeper is due in the area as there doesn't seem to be any notification in advance meaning vehicles are not moved out of the way.

Action to be taken: The secretary will contact the SBC for details on days and/or times of arrival and relate back to the CC and residents asap.

Houndwood Walkway: Thanks is to be given to whoever organized the trim back of vegetation along the walkway.

Date of Next Meeting: Will be Thursday 12th May 2016 at 7.30pm in Grantshouse Village Hall.