

# Grantshouse Community Council

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 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>Approximate Time</u>
1. Apologies	1 min
2. Police Scotland	5 min
3. Neighbourhood Watch Report	5 min
4. Previous Minutes	5 min
5. Matters Arising	20 min
6. Treasurers Report	5 min
7. Correspondence	10 min
8. Woodland	10 min
9. Broadband	5 min
10. Any Other Business	10 min
11. Date of Next Meeting	

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Anyone is welcome to attend and contributions are encouraged from anyone in the community.

# Grantshouse Community Council

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015

in Grantshouse Village Hall

**Present:** John Prentice (Chairman), Kym Bannerman, Marion Donovan, Margaret Fleming, Michael Cook, Joan Campbell and Walter Wyse (NHW Coordinator)

**Apologies:** Ian Fleming, Pat Durie, Angela Robertson, PC Richard Toward (Police Scotland)

**Police Scotland:** PC Richard Toward was unable to attend this month's meeting but sent our monthly report which is as follows:-

- Incident 1338 on 8/11 – Suspicious incident – Two Males seen on CCTV at RJ Mcleod site at Penmansheil wind farm, whilst site was closed. Key holder contacted who advised no persons would be on site that day. Two Males checked out – They were legitimately carrying out work for NRS Group, Livingston Who have various equipment on site. Due to inclement weather they had to be unable to attend the day before.
- Incident 1392 on 21/11 – Vehicle stopped at Penmansheil for having no MOT. FPN issued.

Dark nights are creeping in and residents are asked to be extra vigilant.

Still be vigilant of doorstep callers and if unsure don't let anyone in.

Speeding and seat belt checks still on going.

Please remember the Non – Emergency number for the Police is 101 (local numbers no longer maintained)

**NHW:** - A scam pertaining to BT is on the go again. Caller is saying there is an outstanding bill to be paid or the telephone will be cut off. Caller pretends to disconnect telephone by placing it on mute. Please beware to never give out financial details. BT would contact you by post.

Other scams circulating via email are pertaining to be from HMRC and paypal. Please beware HMRC and paypal would never contact you by e-mail in the first place they would use post. Do not open or respond to these emails.

Somebody contacted our local counsellor saying they were from windows. When asked where they were calling from they said “a call centre in Grantshouse”. Please be aware there is no call centre in Grantshouse (!) even though the number displayed on caller ID was local.

**Previous Minutes.** This month's minutes Proposed by Marion Donovan and seconded by John Prentice

## **Matters Arising:**

**Grass Verges:** The secretary contacted AMEY regarding the walkway between Grantshouse and Harelawsie. AMEY replied saying they would sort this out asap. In regards to the erection of a barrier this has been passed to the correct department. Any response will be made available at the next meeting.

**Vermin:** Keith and Angie from cedar café have put down poison at their own expense to try and alleviate the problem with rats at Harelawsie. SBC have been contacted but no one has attended yet. The problem seems to stem from grain accidentally or purposely falling onto the road. We need ideas to deter people from littering the layby.

The problem does not seem to be the lack of bins but a lack of enforcement.

The secretary will check with the police what the laws are pertaining to CCTV. A meeting between the SBC, police and the community council should be set up. This will allow everyone involved to see the extent of the

problem and see if this can be rectified.

It would also be advantageous to contact Grantshouse limited to make them aware of the situation as it is on their land.

**LIVOS Energy:** There will be an open day on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM. There will be many items of information regarding Howpark wind farm available.

The community council is interested in having one person as a guardian of this wind farm proposal when it is submitted. This person will help collate all the relevant information pertaining to this application.

Areas to focus on would relate to cumulative, visual and residential amenities.

**Howpark road :** Not much can be done due to the weather at the moment. There have been posts erected in the area of the twin cottages. Stephen has been helpful in digging out some of the ditches to help water drain away.

Paul Matthewson will try to get the road resurfaced. Cllr Michael Cook has been helpful throughout.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The balances in the CC accounts as of the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 are:

Account 1 - £1,091.15

Account 2 - £9,716.07

### **Correspondence:**

**HOUNDWOOD crematorium :** There will be a Carol Concert on the 16<sup>th</sup> December. Donations will be going too St Abbs lifeboats.

**Woodland:** 3D garages have given permission to cut down trees on their land. They have also been asked about their garage, house and other buildings. The CC is awaiting a response.

**Leases:** Possible litigation is holding us back. Scottish borders council will provide the public liability insurance for the woodland area. It would be advantageous to have a professional tree inspector to check out the woodland area annually (This would be a service that would require annual payments).

**Broadband:** Tim Jackson from Gavinton has been corresponding with John Prentice regarding broadband. The community council is looking into broadband service and our local area to see who is affected by poor quality service. It is hoped there will be a good response to the questionnaire/survey that was posted through everyone's door so we can see where improvement is needed. Responses to the questionnaire/survey will be released at the next available CC meeting.

### **AOB (Any Other Business):-**

**Drone Hill fund meeting:** The panel will have the next meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The next round of applications starts on first January 2016 and ends 31<sup>st</sup> march 2016.

On 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 the panel will have a meeting regarding unspent funds.

**Christmas trees:** Gordon community woodland are giving away free Christmas trees to local community councils. Walter wyse will arrange collection of the tree.

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