

Blackness Area Community Council
Minutes from Community Council Meeting 21st September 2016

1 ***Attendees:***

Council members: Merv Archibald (MA), Nick Paul (NP), Sharman Faulds (SF), Martin Knott (MK), Kathryn James (KJ), Martin Watt (MW) Dave Lawson (DL),

2 ***Apologies:*** Cllr Adrian Mahoney, Melanie Lamb and Helena Paul

3 ***Community Police Report***

3.1 Nothing to report for last month

4 ***Approval of Previous Minutes of 15 June 2016***

Approved

5 ***Actions from Previous Minute***

5.1 Neighbourhood Watch.

ACTION MA & MK to locate last two signs.

6 ***Future Events/Fundraising***

6.1 **Winter Ceilidh:** Possible dates 12th or 19th November.

ACTION: MA contact School in relation to the hall and the Ceilidh band.

6.2 **Spring Ceilidh:** Possible date 18th March

ACTION: KJ to post notice on website canvassing opinion

6.3 **Bonfire:**

ACTION: MA to enquire with village

7 ***Community Projects***

7.1 **Public Toilets:** the council need additional detail.

ACTION: MA to speak to council

7.2 **Blackness is Beautiful:** Ongoing

7.3 **Goalposts:** have been removed

7.4 **Carpark:** long discussion

ACTION: item enquiring community opinion on carpark in next newsletter

8 ***Budget***

DL reported the current balance in the account is £4,8481.34, made up of £915.25 BACC monies and £3566.09 held on behalf of the Christmas Fair fund - see attached budget summary.

9 Councillors' Update

Apologies sent

10 Planning Update

10.1 P/15/0644/FUL - 4 West Terrace, Application turned down, has gone to appeal

10.2 19B Mannerston Holdings – Seeking retrospective planning permission

11 Any other Business

11.1 **Flight path trial:** long discussion on flight trial. Airport consultation now complete, BACC commented on behalf of the community as part of this process. The airport has yet to respond to requests for data. Blackness survey data discussed. The airport will have a second consultation within six months and the community council needs to make a comment before this time. Discussion on holding a coordinated meeting with other Community Councils and pass on the survey questions allowing these council to gather data across the area.

ACTIONS:

NP to ask Helena about providing the survey data for the website (**KJ** to upload);

MA to contact local community councils via Brian Pirie and offer the questionnaire for wider consultation

11.2 Bo'ness beer festival weekend of 7&8th October

11.3 The Burn from the bridge to the Forth is blocked and may cause flooding

ACTION: MA to speak to planners for advice on how to tackle

11.4 Lanark Scottish Country Small Holder Fair this weekend (25th September)

ACTION: NP to send information to KJ for website

12 Date of next meeting; Wednesday 19th October 2016

7pm - AGM

7.30pm – routine monthly meeting