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BRIGHTONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Brightons Community Council aims to improve the amenities and quality of life for people in Brightons & Rumford and to encourage community participation. They are a constituted group of volunteers with strong networks with Falkirk Council, police, government and environmental agencies. We welcome individuals or groups who may wish to seek help, raise concerns or hear about issues affecting Brightons/Rumford. Our meetings are non political, informal and open to everyone. Feel free to take a copy of these minutes, email us or attend any of our meetings, held on the last Thursday of each month, in the community centre hall behind the church buildings.

MINUTES OF MEETING Incorporating Agenda for Next Meeting

HELD AT: Brightons Community Hall

DATE: 30 March 2017

PRESENT: Tom Grieve, Peter Queen, 4 members of public, J Shepherd, Cllr Hughes, PC Steven Lorimer. Evelyn MacDonald, Wallacestone P Head teacher, George Saliagopoulos from Gladman.

APOLOGIES: J Alexander, A Cross, Cllr Murray, Moira Heeps, R Barrie, (Apol from B&V Napier next meeting)

MINUTES: The minutes of Feb 2017 were noted & accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Welcome: TG opened the meeting.

Police Report:

PC Lorimer has been working with the Primary School to discourage inconsiderate driving behaviour by parents. Penalty tickets have been issued to drivers and formal letters sent to offenders. 37 calls to the police. House break ins at Polmont have been detected with arrests. Dog patrols have and will be used to apprehend offenders. Ensure keys especially for cars are not within view of house doors and windows.

Youths have been consulted on the dangers of throwing stones at cars near Sunnyside Drive.

Police Scotland have an on line survey to get your views on the police, and how it develops for the future, open to public -

www.consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/2026

Community Safety Team reported 59 ASB reports for the East area which includes Brightons. Dog fouling complaints are being followed through in Standrigg areas and Waggon road. Community Safety Team 0808 100 3161

Ring 101 for non emergencies.

PC Lorimer can be left messages via phoning 101, his number being 196.

The new community Sergeant is now Jim Dougal jim.dougal@scotland.pnn.police.uk

TREASURER'S REPORT: BofS statement at 19/10/16 was £1085.85 unchanged

CORRESPONDENCE was placed on the table and discussed with those present.

Planning Applications: Domestic applications including withdrawal of application on Maddiston Road.

Standrigg Road Gladman Scotland provided information and initial proposals for a housing development at a site on south side Standrig Road, Brightons/Wallacestone next to the cricket field perimeter. They are currently seeking views from interested parties and providing opportunity for parties to get familiar with the proposals or provide information and views, prior to submitting formal applications to FDC. They are suggesting around 110 houses for the site. They are hosting an open meeting for those wishing to exchange further information, on 27th April @ Reddingmuirhead Community Centre
They hope to issue official planning applications in the Autumn after consulting FDC and the communities. George was thanked for consulting with us and for his time and presentation.

A.O.C.B.

Local Development plan FDC have issued initial proposal document. This is being circulated with committee. Public urged to get involved.

Grange Centre Cllr Hughes advised FDC have agreed all Education Halls will be staying open, including the Grange Centre. Community halls will be staying open, for now, or transfer to committee owners. Support is available to groups wishing to take on running of community halls.

Housing Repairs Cllr Murray reported issues to FDC, who in turn have instructed operators to be courteous and operate a better managed flow of traffic at the sites.

Large Good Vehicles - Park Avenue.

Residents are dissatisfied with FDC response which does not address the issues. It was agreed to provide further details to FDC and request a fresh approach to the issues of poor access/signage.

Drainage School advised that the drains have been cleared and functioning well. Other drains are also being cleared along with other maintenance.

Traffic lights Erskine hill FDC contacted and replied that there have been a series of faults with the systems. These are being rectified. TG carried out survey and confirmed some improvements already in place.

Road/Pavement repairs FDC advised Redding Rd pavements would be included in next works schedule of repairs, Timeframe not given, so will be requested.

Garden Aid – Request from resident for assistance at pensioners address.

Hedges at former Legion Overhanging, causing reduced visibility.
Excellent improvement noted at Homelea, following trimming of hedges.

Shipping Container Complaints raised over recent siting of a container at North Craigs, Rumford.

Drainage Resident enquired if FDC could supply materials for residents to instal drainage facilities at unadopted road in Rumford.

Cllr Murray Rosie has advised that she will not be standing for re-election at the next elections, due to her own decisions. She very kindly has gifted £25 to the Community Council to spend within the area. Our best wishes and thanks were noted to Rosie.

Cricket Club advised their work continues to get recognised at national sport level, and they are to be visited by top class officials and players. Well deserved plaudits.

Unconventional Gas (fracking) the Scottish Govnt have issued a consultation on the much debated process. Closing dates for entries to the Govnt is 31st May.

FDC Open Space Strategy FDC issued a final adopted copy.

Wallacestone School Evelyn MacDonald provided an interesting update on news & insight from the school. Some of this includes a recent gain of £32k to help reduce the impact of poverty on childrens education, well being and prospects. A welcome opportunity, the school is working closely with all stakeholders and network of other education partners to make best use of this funding. She was also able to advise that the school is at maximum capacity. Any new housing in the area, means class sizes would be pressurised further as catchment children are obliged to be given a place. The update was welcomed by all those present and generated an interesting dialogue with all those present.

With no further business to discuss for the meeting was brought to a close.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE 27th April at 7pm.

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