

**BRIGHTONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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*Brightons Community Council aims to improve the amenities and quality of life for people in Brighton & 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 Brighton/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:** Brighton Community Hall

**DATE:** **28<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**PRESENT:** TGrieve, J Shepherd, Moira Heeps, R Barrie, PC Lorimer, 5 members of public, , Cllr Hughes, Peter Queen, Willie Clark of Neighbourhood Watch, 2 community Safety officers, Cllr McLuckie,

**APOLOGIES:**, B+VNapier, A Cross, Cllrs Kerr, A.Curr, G Mason, J Alexander

**MINUTES:** The minutes of August 2017 were noted & accepted.

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

**Welcome:** TG opened the meeting.

### **Police Report:**

PC Lorimer highlighted. 49 calls to the police. 7 reported crimes. There will be extra patrols at Waterside Gdns.

Approx 50 tickets are issued annually for parking offences esp around Station Rd.

Further to road accident in Rumford, the youth is recovered. The police noted the good community support of R.Barrie and a local off duty paramedic who attended the scene before emergency services arrived. It was also noted the school patrol officer was in many cases ignored by drivers, which is not so encouraging.

Do not leave house doors unlocked, keep keys hidden.

Cllr McLuckie advised that local scrutiny committee are tasking police to follow through issues of wider concerns and FDC is taking a more concerted effort to work with the Police in this regard.

Police Scotland on line surveys are for public comments -"Your views Count". PC Lorimer will try to ascertain how surveys are collated and actioned.

**Neighbourhood Watch** - Willie Clark presented on the development of the organisation and its move towards a more proactive and engaging community service, most notably the Alert Platform. Issues which happen within the community, such as lost person, flooding alerts etc can be relayed to the NHW team, who then broadcast it via phone text, email and social media platforms. It has proved very effective and they work closely with emergency and social services.

To link to them for alerts and further details see-

[Www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://Www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)

It was noted BCC have had no senior officers attend for a considerable time, absolutely no disrespect to PC Lorimer, who does a sterling job. Pavements have been obstructed on main street by a van, Crossgate Head Rd, private, has been coned off. Briar Brae, Give way marking should be installed at merge to other roads.

Anti social behaviour – dog fouling and nuisance/anti social behaviour can be reported to **Community Safety Team** 0808 100 3161. Isobel Weir & Kirsty Hamilton ( with Brian Gloag ) are our new wardens. They presented an update of the support work they are doing in the community, especially engaging with youths in the street to raise good citizenship levels with them. Support materials were left for the group.

Ring 101 for non police emergencies.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** BofS statement at 10/5/17 was £925.85 unchanged.

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

**Planning Applications:** none new. All objections rec'd have been forwarded to FDC, including our own comments.

**A.O.C.B.**

**Hall** ongoing discussions with FDC. Personal committee Public insurance to be taken out. Further updates will be advised.

**Road/Pavement potholes repairs, signs** Resurfacing and repairs are on going. Cllr Hughes advised street name plates to be replaced Ercall Rd and Newlands Rd. BCC to check that FDC intend to repair pavements on Redding Rd.

**Vehicle speeds** FDC have been asked to review the roads and pavements in light of the recent and previous traffic incidents.

**BT Building** BT have advised they will confirm works schedules. They have been chased again.

**Quarry Park beds** MH awaiting feedback from justice dept. Cllrs to follow this up on our behalf.

**Car park in quarry park** Cllr McLuckie will follow up surface repairs, concern raised over uneven surface levels

**Hanging Baskets** costs of £ 65.88. The generous time given by volunteers was noted. FDC been chased to clear Lawrie park beds & surrounding maintenance to allow replanting.

**Standrig Road** approx 118 Residents comments sent to FDC on new applications. It was advised the centre white lines are erased, and the Sunnyside to Maddiston Rd give way markings are erased, causing road safety issues.

**Child Safety** a noted rise in numbers of children not using cycle helmets.

**Braes High** Iain Livingston has offered to give BCC an update on the school, which will be accepted.

**Briar Brae** Hedges overgrown

**Election** Community Council Elections will take place before Xmas, FDC to issue details.

**Wild flowers** Will be planted in park, time & volunteers permitting. Was also suggested engaging Wallacestone primary to plant bulbs.

**Armistice** a wreath and donation were agreed, £52

**Maddiston CC** It was noted the sad passing of John Wotherspoon.

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

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE 26 OCTOBER at 7pm.**

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