

POLMONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Draft) MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: **7.30pm Monday 23rd April 2018** at Greenpark Centre, Polmont

PRESENT: R. Taylor (RT), M. Stuart (MS), R. James (RJ), C. Johnstone (CJ), E. Hutton (EHT), R. Walker (RW), A. Curr (AC), A. Harris (AH), Cllr M. Nicol (MN)

APOLOGIES: PC Steven Lorrimer, Neil Griffiths

Item	Discussion / Decision	Action
1.	<u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u>	
2.	Minutes of last meeting 26 th March 2018 were accepted – Proposed by CJ & Seconded by EHT	ALL
3.	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
4.	<u>Police Report:</u>	
5.	Police Report is available to anyone who would like this.	
6.	MN advised that PC Lorrimer has received numerous complaints regarding people parking on pavements in the area.	ALL
7.	<u>Community Safety:</u>	
8.	No Report available	
9.	<u>(MN) Councillor Report:</u>	
10.	MN advised that Gilston Development will go before full council meeting in May – this will be presented to the Council by the Planning Authority.	ALL
11.	MN advised that the Ineos Bo'ness Road Appeal is being processed & could be months before further information is available.	ALL
12.	MN advised that the old Polmont Community Hall was sold recently for development as a dwellinghouse.	ALL
13.	MN continues to receive concerns about smells & emissions from Avondale/Landfill – MN feels that SEPA are not effective at enforcement.	ALL
14.	MN understands that SEPA attended the site last week but were too late to take any action.	ALL
15.	MN has written to SEPA regarding the ongoing issues in this area.	ALL
16.	AC asked about the white powder being applied to the waste – this appears to be lime & is to aid with the bio-degrading process.	ALL

17.	MN advised that L&C waste intend to expand the landfill & have purchased the adjoining land/farm.	ALL
18.	Correspondence:	
19.	MS advised that Police Scotland will be available between 12 & 2pm on 24 th April 2018, as they are holding a Community Engagement Meeting in the carpark of Meadowbank Health Centre/Sport Centre – all welcome.	ALL
20.	AOCB :	
21.	TCV	
22.	Rosie Walker from TCV attended the CC meeting & advised that they are involved with the following: -	
23.	Community Projects with many groups within the Central Belt	
24.	Tasks in Stirling take place mid-week & have recently been involved in planters in local schools	
25.	Friends of Kinneil – involved with large wildflower meadow & are present on site every Thursday	
26.	TCV also have Green Gym Sessions	
27.	RT asked is TCV could assist with works to the burn in Parkhill which is eroding the banking – RT asked for advice from TCV as to how we could fix this.	
28.	RT also asked if TCV could assist with removal of Himalayan Balsam within Parkhill – RW advised that this can be chemically treated, however this would need to be on an ongoing basis & would require the appropriate spraying licence – also care would have to be taken due to proximity of adjacent watercourse.	
29.	RW advised that she has worked with Fishery Groups who have spraying licences.	
30.	TCV usually work for groups once they have raised funding for their projects.	ALL
31.	MS has checked the recent Planning Application off Wholeflats Road (P/18/0201/FUL) for a small power station development – MS advised that this appears to be of a very small scale & located some distance from Wholeflats Road & should therefore not affect CC.	MS
32.	Aldi notice board – MS has discussed this with Aldi & they would prefer is this board could be located outside the store. RT advised that this may be open to vandalism - MS will keep discussing this with Aldi – ideally a small board inside would be best.	MS
33.	RT advised that the recent Polmont Litter Pick as a success with over 60 people involved with Old Polmont Church providing refreshments etc – CC expressed many thanks to all who attended/assisted	ALL
34.	RT advised that Whiteside building should be demolished & site cleared for 30 th April 2018	ALL
35.	RT – Weedingshall – no information available on the status of this building	ALL

36.	CJ expressed disappointment at the Local Authority Education Dept Representative at the meeting regarding Gilston within St Margaret's School – CC once again expressed their dis-belief that Health Board & Education authority say they have capacity!	ALL
37.	CJ expressed frustration at lack of parking at Polmont Station – could adjacent land be purchased or utilised for parking? Network rail own/control land further down the carpark access road.	ALL
38.	MN will check with Network Rail to determine if there is any available land/space to allow further parking provision.	MN
39.	DONM:	
40.	28 th May 2018 @ 7.30pm – Greenpark Centre, Polmont	ALL
41.	Meeting closed at 8.46pm	ALL