

TORRANCE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY 10TH APRIL 2008

TORRANCE COMMUNITY CENTRE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mohrag Fischer, Claire Smart, Brian Quinn, Shari Murray, Linda Lister, PC Steve McInnes, Sandra Bertagna, Aileen Mackenzie,

Apologies: Laura McGoldrick, Ruth Kent and, Morven Quinn, Councillor Anne McNair,

Members of the Public: Graeme Gillespie, Janice Rosie, Chic McCain

1) Welcome and apologies

2) Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were proposed by Mohrag and seconded by Shari.

March's minutes were discussed. Mohrag reiterated that the decision to ask Cathy McInnes to open the Xmas lights switch on was partly to thank her for starting the ball rolling with the playpark group and securing the first £25,000 for the project. Cathy is no longer representing the village of Torrance politically and is a resident of Torrance who has contributed over the years.

Brian is to contact David Devine from EDC Roads and Infrastructure re the traffic audit throughout the village.

It also appears that much of the correspondence we receive from EDC, many requesting our comments and feedback, arrives past or very close to the deadlines required by EDC. Morven is to contact EDC regarding this for several items. (Brian to advise)

3) Chairperson's Report

Mohrag has nothing to report.

Discussions regarding the status of the planning proposals regarding a new community centre and also the constitution will take place at an interim meeting in the Wheatsheaf Inn on Tuesday 22nd April at 7.30pm. As Mr. Tom Fox from the Scottish Prison Service has agreed to attend the next meeting on Thursday 8th May at 7.30, we should have a brief discussion also on any particular questions we would like to put to him and include for discussions on 22nd April.

4) Treasurer's Report

£795.67 in the account. Awaiting bank statement. Most bills up to date although Mohrag still to be paid for the PA hire and sweets, once she gets the receipts together. A third signatory is required and Claire has agreed to take this on. Brian to organise relevant forms etc. Books have been audited by Joyce for AGM in May.

5) Secretary's Report

No planning applications were received. EDC are making changes to the Planning Regulations. This is one piece of correspondence requiring to be feedback from TCC by a certain date(See item 2). 3 out of 4 points were past the response date when we received the document. Morven is to respond.

Several documents were received, Postwatch Scotland leaflet(put up in Community Centre), Council Agenda 2008 and Planning 2008 Agenda both received and are available to look at if you ask Morven. Brian/ Morven to check with Hall Lets if the charges have been dropped for concessional lets as we only have a few months in the year where we do not have a booking.

6) Police Report

- Vandalism, overnight 24/25th March, Michael McParland Drive, puncture tyres of vehicle and pour corrosive substance on the paintwork
- Theft of a vehicle x 2 and theft of property, overnight 25/26 March, Ferrymill Motors, Campsie Road. One vehicle recovered on Campsie Road. Vehicle outstanding, a Ford Luton van, white, reg X584 RGG. Enter insecure vehicle and steal property.
- Theft of scooter between 2000-2200hrs 27TH March, Wallace Gardens, removed whilst unattended. Recovered in Milton area of Glasgow.
- Vandalism, Spar, at 2130hrs on 28th March. Kick window (8ft x 6ft) causing it to smash.
- No driving licence/ no insurance at 1940hrs on 1st April, Balmore Road, Torrance. Driver charged.
- Attempt theft, overnight 3/4 April, Ferrymill Motors, Campsie Road, attempt to steal pressure washer. Force padlocks on two empty containers.

Further to the above report Steve also mentioned the following:

There had been 2 warnings for speeding on Campsie Road. Bardowie and Balmore areas are also being monitored. He has also discussed the state of the spare ground opposite the dentist, to EDC Environmental Health dept and has asked that they write to the owner of the ground regarding the maintenance of the ground to an acceptable standard. He has also mentioned the state of the area at Barraston Quarry.

He has also been trying to maintain a presence before school hours as a deterrent for parking within the vicinity of the school. This will also give residents an opportunity to approach him with any other concerns they might have.

Steve mentioned that the football tournament held at Merkland football pitches in Kirkintilloch will be returning this June and is confirmed for 3rd June 9.30-2.30pm. It is a very popular event and he is looking forward to it.

He would like to make us aware that there is a road traffic action plan active in the Kirkintilloch, Bearsden and Milngavie areas over the next two months and to be wary.

7) Councillors Report

Anne not available for report.

8) Gala Committee

It was unanimously agreed that TCC will provide the £285 to the Gala Committee to meet half of their costs for the event which takes place on 7th June.

9) Constitution

This had been emailed to everyone again. The old constitution is still in place (paper copies only) and is similar to the new one but updated by EDC. A few points were highlighted as different but as many did not have a chance to read through it all, it was decided to email any points for discussion next meeting to Mohrag, who will check with EDC legal dept. Still outstanding. Any comments re the constitution, please e-mail to Mohrag asap.

Mohrag also awaiting feedback from Morven from the Community Council Liaison Committee.

10) TAG update

Chic McCain came along to give TCC the background of TAG and to their understanding of the current situation.

They have been informed that the planning proposals put forward by the TCI group have been recommended to be rejected, the main issue being building on greenbelt areas.

11) TCI update

Graeme Gillespie came along to give TCC the background of TCI and to their understanding of the current situation.

They are awaiting confirmation that the planning proposals put forward by TCI have been rejected.

12) Open Forum

Aileen asked how TCI planned to move forward now. Graeme Gillespie said that they cannot consider moving forward until they have officially been told that the proposals have been rejected. Graeme also commented that they will be asking Sue Bruce why the review of leisure facilities has not been carried out as planned.

Both groups feel that if the current proposals are rejected, perhaps it is time to look at other alternatives and start afresh, possibly with a new group, looking to work together at other potential alternatives. Both groups agreed to inform TCC when either of them has confirmation from EDC.

13) AOCB

Since Hazel has resigned, it was asked if Morven is willing to take up the post on her own?

14) Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting is the AGM. Thursday 8th May 2008 7.00pm – 9.30pm in the Community Centre

Interim meeting in Wheatsheaf Inn on Tuesday 22nd April at 7.30pm