

TORRANCE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 2008

TORRANCE COMMUNITY CENTRE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mohrag Fischer, Hazel Fergie, Claire Smart, Brian Quinn, Shari Murray, Linda Lister, Councillor Anne McNair, PC Steve McInnes, Sandra Bertagna

Apologies: Laura McGoldrick, Ruth Kent and, Aileen Mackenzie, Morven Quinn,

1) Welcome and apologies

2) Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were proposed by Shari and seconded by Linda.

February's minutes were discussed. TPS is going to be asked if they have any insurance cover relevant to equipment used in the school for the PA system as this appears to be very costly. The excess is quite high, relative to the costs of replacing or fixing the PA system.

Councillor Anne McNair voiced her disappointment regarding the opening of the Xmas Fayre and the Xmas lights switch on being carried out by Cathy McInnes. Mohrag acknowledges that Cathy is a political figure, but commented that she doesn't represent the village of Torrance and is a resident who has contributed to the village over many years.

3) Chairperson's Report

Mohrag received an invite for feedback regarding the local transport strategy 2008 a week after the deadline. Cllr McNair to ask about the possibility of republicising this.

Morven represented TCC at the recent Community Council Liaison meeting in Tom Johnston house. Anne McNair to check out the link on EDC website for volunteering after Claire had tried unsuccessfully several times to get feedback via this route.

Hazel has resigned from the post of secretary and we thank her for her valued contribution and commitment as secretary over the last few years.

Anne McNair to check if there has been an amendment to community councils being able to carry funds over into the next year. This was mentioned at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting.

An apology was received from Curves (ladies gym in Bishopbriggs) who had rammed business cards into the noticeboard, between the outer frame and glass.

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 sweeties, once she gets the receipts together. Greenspace would like a donation towards new flower barrels. Aileen will look into the cost of some of these and it will be discussed later.

Books to Joyce for audit for AGM in April.

5) Secretary's Report

Many thanks to Mr. David Devine from EDC roads department who attended our meeting at our request to discuss the traffic issues we have around the village.

a) Lennoxton Development

Traffic Analysis development regarding traffic calming does not extend as far as Torrance, only the site surrounding area. Speed counts re volume of traffic can be put in place.

Requirements to demonstrate the speed of traffic via speed counts will be arranged. A traffic order could be between 6 months to 1 year.

The traffic team under Ian Ashford would identify count areas. Consultation with local residents would identify areas for speedcounts. Included would be:

Rosehill Rd

Main Street

West Balgrochan Road

Campsie Road

Mill Crescent

Brian Quinn to be the contact for Mr. David Devine from EDC Roads and Infrastructure

Investigation into the possibility of a road crossing point on either Balmore Road or Bishopbriggs Road will be carried out.

No planning applications were received.

6) Police Report

- Vandalism, overnight 19/20 Feb, Campsie Road, smash window of vehicle.
- Theft from a vehicle, overnight 20/21 Feb, West Balgrochan Road, enter insecure vehicle and steal property.
- Theft from a vehicle, overnight 24/25 Feb, Forth Road, steal car badge.
- Theft by shoplifting, 1700hrs 1st March, Spar shop, steal alcohol, two males arrested.
- Vandalism, overnight 29th Feb- 1st March, Craigmaddie Gdns, attempt to remove car badge causing damage.
- Theft by housebreaking, evening of 2nd March, Farm house, Tower Road. Enter premises and steal a quantity of personal property and vehicle keys.
- Theft by Housebreaking, at 2100hrs on 5th March. Enter premises and steal property. Some recovered in nearby field.

Steve also discussed the road death on Tower Road where the driver had taken ill at the wheel. No other vehicles were involved.

He also asked to be vigilant for bogus workers in the area and look out for elderly neighbours. Also be wary of door to door scams.

At the recent pub watch meeting, one of the Torrance landlords handed in a knife which was left outside their pub.

Steve mentioned that the football tournament held at Merkland football pitches in Kirkintilloch will be returning this June. It is a very popular event and he is looking forward to it.

He would like to encourage residents to drop into his surgery on a Wednesday morning.

7) Councillors Report

Anne commended the manner in which the staff of TPS and Damien the janitor handled the first day back after the Christmas break to find that the contractors were starting work for the new hall. Mrs. King had been told that it would not begin until the end of January and did not have time to prepare parents or staff for the impact the work might have on their daily routine.

A fund of £50,000 has been allocated to each ward. The ward councillors will decide on the distribution of these funds to community organisations.

8) Gala Committee

Sandra Bertagna will give a monthly update on the progress of preparations for the Gala day. The date for the gala day/ Campsie show has been set for 7th June this year. She has asked that TCC share ½ the costs for this year's event with the Campsie Committee.

£450 Pipe band,
£ 45 Flowers for hair(3 girls, full cost)
£ 15 Gifts(3 girls, full cost)
£510 Total (£285 from TCC)

The Gala committee will organise the car for the gala queen, the crown and a new throne.

This year's gala queen and attendants will be from Torrance Primary School as there are no girls of primary 7 age who attend school at St. Machans this year.

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.

10) AOCB

Angela Hunter who is chair of Torrance Primary PTA will be asked for updates on the school hall and also the possibility of having a joint Christmas fundraising event this year with TCC since the building of the new school hall means that there will be no Summer Fete.

11) Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting is the AGM. Thursday 10th April 2008 7.00pm – 9.30pm in the Community Centre