

Torrance Community Council
Meeting Thursday 12th November
Torrance Community Centre

Present: Brian Quin, Hugh Kershaw, Morven Quin, Barry Small, Martin Sproul, Niall Campbell, Councillor Anne McNair, Mark Brand and community policing inspector, John O'Neil

Apologies: Chic McCain

Minutes of previous meeting: Hugh proposed and Brian seconded

Chairperson's report: Martin Sproul chaired the meeting and as he was not able to make the last two meetings there was no Chairs report.

Treasurer's report: Brian Quin advised that there was a balance of £1801.74 and that he had sent off a cheque to the pipe band for the gala day procession.

Secretary's report: Only routine planning applications for this month. Morven confirmed the hire of the school hall for the Christmas lights ceremony for £72.90 The Association of community councils advised Morven that a representative from Torrance Community Council would not be able to attend their conference as there were no spaces left. Miss Proctor from Boclair Academy agreed to contribute to the Christmas event. Morven felt that as there were so few members on the community council that we should all be doing everything we could for the Christmas event and that we should all be attending meetings to help out, rather than just a few of us. It was agreed that the meeting on Wednesday would be attended by all members of the CC.

Police report: John O'Neil is our new community policing inspector. He advised that there had not been a great deal of crime. There were four road traffic crimes and two assaults including one serious where an arrest was made. There had also been a couple of incidents of vandalism and housebreakings. He gave some advice on how to avoid these types of crime which was included in the last issue of the TCC newsletter. Issues of parked cars and speeding traffic were raised with the inspector, including the bottom of Rosehill Road and Lorries coming onto the pavement at the traffic lights on Campsie Road. He agreed to look into this further.

Councillor's report: Anne McNair advised TCC that the council were looking into road signs all over East Dunbartonshire including the speed sign on Campsie Road. Also that flower baskets would cost around £200 for the up keep. The issue with the Caravan on the old garage site is still ongoing and the council are looking into putting more litterbins in Torrance. Kenny Kerr is dealing with the Christmas Tree and Anne is kindly helping us out with the organising of this.

AOCB: Mark Brand-Guest speaker. Mark spoke to us about the use of core paths in East Dunbartonshire. He is working on a core paths plan and the aim is to get all paths in East Dunbartonshire to link. He is looking into the most popular routes in the area and what people are already using. There is a right of responsible access across Scotland

which means that as long as you are being responsible (closing gates etc) you have the right to use private land as a way of access. A lot of rights of way are not visible on the ground anymore but they have a historical context and many have remained well used. He also advised us that the council can supply rubbish bags, gloves etc for our next community clean up.

Hugh proposed to write a letter to the director of education in support of Torrance Primary School, in light of recent developments regarding the possible school closures in East Dunbartonshire.

The community council decided to concentrate on doing newsletters more often.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th February