

## Torrance Community Council -

Meeting Thursday 12th March 2009

Torrance Community Centre

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Present: Chic McKain, Brian Quin, Hugh Kershaw, Morven Quin, Rene McGarvie, PC Steve McInnes, Cllr Anne McNair

Also present: Two members of the public

Apologies: Martin Sproul

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Proposed by Hugh and seconded by Brian

The Chair advised that the police report would be done first tonight:

**Police Report:** PC McInnes advised of problems at the back of the new school hall with youths hanging around leaving empty bottles and litter. He stated that the area is covered by camera and with the light nights coming in, he is hopeful of the problem being remedied.

The problems of speeding in and about the village and in particular on Campsie Road was discussed. PC McInnes said that Campsie Road is on a list of places being targeted because of complaints received.

The matter of the wrecked caravan, abandoned on the old garage site on Main Street was discussed. The Community Council had brought it to the attention of PC McInnes before the meeting but he had already been in touch with East Dunbartonshire Council regarding its removal. Concerns regarding its danger because of the state it is in were voiced.

**Chairman's Report:** The Chair has been in touch with the Planning Department again regarding the re-siting of the Community Notice Board. He is awaiting a response. The Chair said there are events and activities he would like to see happening in Torrance over the summer. He said he knows that people are keen on the Gala returning to Torrance, and thought that a smaller version of the Gala or a Barbeque could perhaps be considered.

The Chair continued on an important matter which had come to his notice regarding correspondence not being sent to the Community Councillors. It appears that previous community councillors are still the main point of contact with EDC, despite being advised of the new office bearers contact details on at least two occasions. Cllr McNair agreed to follow this problem up with EDC if full contact details of all

Community Councillors are emailed to her.

A Planning Aid seminar being held at the Caldwell Halls on 14th March 2009 for all Community Councils in East Dunbartonshire, however it only came to the notice of the group a few days ago and by a chance Google search.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer advised that there is a balance of £1883 in the bank. The accounts will need to be finalised by 1st April and submitted to EDC as one of the conditions of funding. The Chair advised that he knows a villager who is qualified and willing to audit the accounts.

**Secretary's Report:** The secretary advised of only routine planning applications this month.

A survey had been received from Alistair Ewing at EDC regarding funding. Again the original request from last year never reached the current community councillors and as he required a quick response, she dealt with it herself.

Advertising of the AGM on 9th April in next week's Kirkintilloch Herald to be arranged. Rene agreed to organise this.

**Councillor's Report:** Cllr McNair said that her attention had been drawn to the upgraded footpath between Main Street and Woodmill Park, and how a horse or horses had caused damage to the soft surface. Cllr McNair felt that riding horses on the path was a health and safety issue if children were on the path. She advised that she would contact EDC's Greenspace officer regarding this problem.

Matters regarding the Millennium path were mentioned by the Chair and how it was not finished off properly. Hugh mentioned the notices on the path regarding horse riding were needing replaced.

**Community Council Newsletter:** The newsletter was finalised prior to delivery. Hugh agreed to print the newsletter and it should be available for distribution by next weekend.

**Village Clean Up:** A village clean up has been arranged for Saturday 28th March. Areas such as footpath and bridge between John McEwan Way leading to Forth Road and the path behind the school leading from Michael McParland Drive were identified for action, together with the play area and path behind the bus shelter on Main Street, adjacent to Rackie's Brae. It was felt that as Woodmill Park had been the subject of a clean up last year by the Torrance Action Group it would not be included this year. However, it was noted that there is still a litter issue in that area. Alistair Biggart, Chair of Torrance Community Initiative (TCI) who was attending as a member of the public agreed to raise issue of litter on Woodmill Park at a future TCI meeting, as they are the trustees of the park.

**AOCB:** A plea as made by Alistair Biggart, requesting that the Community Council assist in organising a ballot regarding the issues surrounding the TCI's refused planning applications. It was felt that the community council were unable to discuss until a review of leisure facilities undertaken by EDC was completed.

**Date of next meeting:** AGM, Thursday 9th April, 7.00 pm and meeting at 7.30

thereafter. Torrance Community Centre.