

## Torrance Community Council -

Meeting Thursday 14th May 2009

Torrance Community Centre

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Present: Chic McKain, Brian Quin, Hugh Kershaw, Morven Quin, Rene McGarvie, Martin Sproul, Cllr Anne McNair

Also present: Seven members of the public

Apologies: PC McInnes

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Previous meeting was AGM so no minutes to be proposed.

**Chairman's Report:** The Chair advised that he attended an East Dunbartonshire Community Liason meeting, which consisted of councillors, community councillors and council officers. He advised that a report would be compiled on the meeting for all to see.

Barry Small was introduced to the Community Council as he had come along with an interest in volunteering his time. Barry was proposed by Rene, seconded by Hugh and welcomed to the committee.

**Treasurer's Report:** A balance of £1291.54 is in the funds and there are no outstanding items at this time.

Accounts will be submitted to EDC at Roman Road early next week.

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

A planning application by Spar for an illuminated sign was recently refused.

**Councillor's Report:** There is no update on the old garage site and abandoned caravan. Strathclyde Fire & Rescue attended to examine gas canisters left there, but were satisfied that there was no immediate fire risk. The caravan cannot be removed without owners permission, investigations are on going to trace owner of caravan by EDC. The Chair offered to contact land owner with a view to seeking permission for a community clean up of the site.

**AOCB:** Ian Nisbet, a Torrance Parish Church Board Member was introduced to the group. As a member of the Communications Committee at the Church, Ian discussed the village directory and it was agreed that TCC would take responsibility for this.

The Chair stated that a newsletter should go out in June, possibly before the end of the month.

Sandy Burnie and James Rankin were introduced to the group as the Chair and Entertainment Convener of the Campsie Show Committee. They were in attendance to request that the Community Council bring the Gala Parade to the Campsie Show. Although there was previously a Gala Committee in Torrance, it appeared now that those involved were no longer active. The Community Council agreed to contribute in both time and money. Discussions on the arrangements for the day followed.

Alistair Biggart from Torrance Community Initiative attended to ask for assistance from TCC in arranging a meeting with EDC Councillors with a view to exploring the idea of giving Woodmill Park over to Greenspace or a Community Trust. He advised that he had met with EDC Officers, Greenspace and Central Scotland Forest Trust.

Aileen McKenzie from Torrance Greenspace updated TCC regarding their plans for improving the playpark adjacent to Village Inn and asked that everyone in the village support their application for funding from the Peoples Millions. An estimated £120k is required to carry out their aims.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday, 10th September 2009 7.30pm Torrance Community Centre.