

## Torrance Community Council -

Meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Torrance Community Centre

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Present: Chic McKain, Martin Sproul, Brian Quin, Rene McGarvie, Hugh Kershaw, Denis Bell, Cllr Anne McNair, PC Steve McInnes

Also present: 4 members of the public

Apologies: Morven Quin

1. **Minutes of previous meeting:** not completed due to bereavement.
2. **Chairman's report:** Chic spoke about the need to register for data protection as a result of the Chair and Treasurer attending a n East Dunbartonshire Council meeting. Still being looked into.
3. **Treasurer's report:** The banking details have been sorted with new signatories in place. EDC grant is expected soon and we have £834 in the bank.
4. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary was absent but the only item of correspondence was the forthcoming renewal of the public house licence for the Wheatsheaf. The Community Council felt there were no grounds to object.
5. **Torrance Greenspace:** The Chair of Torrance Greenspace Group, Aileen McKenzie, took the floor and spoke about the proposals that were in place for the marshland area between the primary school and Michael McParland Drive. Aileen also spoke about the group's plans to develop the area behind the bus shelter and adjacent to the Village Inn. At this point Aileen asked for funding to enable her group to plant bulbs in the flower tubs situated throughout the village. It was agreed by TCC and Aileen that the purchase of bulbs should be made from West Carlston Garden Centre to support local business.
6. **Police Report:** PC McInnes informed the meeting that on 6<sup>th</sup> October 08 a knife had been found in the playground of Torrance Primary School. The Weaver's Cottage ( beside the Spar Shop) had been found insecure and appeared to have been used as a hang out for local youths. PC McInnes was given information by the Chair regarding ownership of the cottage which PC he said he would follow up.

**7. Cllr McNair's report:** The council have intimated that the Christmas tree will be in place by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008 and the light will be added within a few days of this date.

The new school hall was officially opened on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008. (Chic and Brian attended on behalf of TCC).

Pass Plus Scheme: EDC has £100 grant to give the first hundred applicants for the pass plus scheme.

**8. AOCB:** Changes to the Community Council Constitution were discussed. Hugh supplied an updated version with minor changes. Chic will liase with Diane Campbell of East Dunbartonshire Council as to the suitability of these.

Chic wishes to pass on his thanks to Liz Taylor for laying the wreath at the War Memorial on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

Chic also stated that he felt the Village Notice board is situated in the wrong place. He suggested that a more suitable siting would be at the bus shelter (next to Village Inn) or beside the Post Office. He will contact Nigel Hooper of the planning department in furtherance of this.

Rene will contact the Kirkintilloch Herald regarding advertising the switching on of the lights.

Arrangements have been made for the Santa Suit to be given to Martin's father-in-law.

It was decided to hold an interim meeting in the Village Inn on 18<sup>th</sup> November to finalise arrangements for the lights ceremony.

**9. Date of next meeting:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009 7.30pm Committee room, Torrance Community Centre..