

**Galashiels Community Council**

**Wednesday 5th October 2022**

**Focus Centre**

**6.30pm**

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance**

Judith Cleghorn, Rick Kenney, Tracey Alder, Richard Romeril, Jane Mele, Jim Johnson, John Birnie, Bill White.

Cllr Jardine

Cllr McKinnon

Cllr Steel

Cllr Sinclair

Michael Thomson - Border Telegraph

4 Members of Public

**1.Welcome and Apologies**.

Judith welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies–Alexa Seagrave, Marion Romeril

Judith reported that Marion is at present in hospital, we send her best wishes.

***2.* Minutes Approval.**

An accurate Minute of the Meeting September 7th was Approved by Jane Mele and Seconded by Richard Romeril

**3. Matters Arising N/A**

**4.Police Update**

New Sergeant Corrinne Bird is hopefully attending the next meeting. Jane voiced that she felt that Gala was not being served by the police as it should be. Hopefully the new Sergeant will be able to address this.

**5. Subgroups**

All details as in Reports sent out by Tracey

**6. Chairs Report**

Langlee

There are issues in Langlee with uneven pavements and steps. Cllr Sinclair has been a walk around with Judith.

Warm and Welcome

Judith and Tracey are hosting a warm and welcome 2 days a week on Monday and Tuesdays for people who are struggling with heating their homes. They can come and keep warm and have a cuppa and a chat.

Christmas Event

This was discussed with the CC members, and they all agreed that after the big event previously planned had been shelved as it was a lot of money to spend, £2500 was more than enough to spend just to put something in between the Heartlands Market and the Rotary Market on 3rd December. We have a road closure for on the day. We have asked Bill Jeffrey for a bit of guidance for on the day.

The week before the BRCP will be doing Elves on the train.

**7. Treasurers Update**

As report

**8. Secretary’s update**

n/a

**9. Vice Chairs update – Planning and Licensing**

Rick Kenney went through the current planning and Licensing applications

John B brought up the extra 41 houses on the Persimmon development, has anyone seen the planning applications for again the access is in the C77. Also, if the land was deemed contaminated 2 years ago how is it suitable now.

Bill White was sure that the application for these houses was all in the original application. Rick will contact Carlos Clarke to find out about this.

**10. SBC Councillors Comments and questions**

**Cllr Jardine**

Station Brae, no dropped curb here, would this not be a good idea? Cllr Jardine will look at this.

Bow Butts Close /Gala Aisle there has been wall movement so a closure will be put in place shortly.

**Cllr MacKinnon**

Been looking at getting some railings painted and at drains that have been backing up with sewage.

**Cllr Sinclair**

Reports of a dangerous dog out at Langlee. Owner has been reported and any further incidents with this dog should be reported. Police and SBC are working together on this.

**Cllr Steel**

Cllr Steele is looking at more ways to publicise to CC and public on how to get in touch with the police as it still seems to be a problem. Dog fouling still a big issue all over.

Vandalism at Public Park is being looked at by Cllr Steele.

**11. AOB**

**CC**

Speed limit at Lowood Bridge seems to be 60, 40, 30,20for just over the course of a mile. Cllr Jardine will look in to this.

Bill White – Railings at the Old St Peters School need painting, they are rusty. Cllr Jardine said this was already being looked at.

Planting of roundabouts was once again discussed briefly.

SBC response team- it is seemingly harder and harder to try and get through to a department within SBC are people still working from home? Cllr Jardine replied that yes people are working from home, and this will continue as its easier for certain workers to pick up kids from school, look after children in holidays to name just some advantages.

**Public**

Gala in Bloom

Garden Competition organised by Tracey, saw some awesome gardens this year. Due to holidays and other events, the presentation will be towards the end of October.

Gala Aisle will not be getting cut as it is earmarked as biodiverse.

November 25th Volunteers night at Focus.

**Date of next meeting – November 2nd 6.30pm at Focus Centre**