

Chryston Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 26th August at Chryston Parish Church

Attending – Brian Elder (Chair), Roy Boyd (Treasurer), Norma Corrigan, Stuart Dallas, Tommy Echlin, Danielle Harris (Secretary), Brian Rice, Alex Taylor.

Guests – Cllr. Claire Williams, Ed Wood (proprietor of Old Bank Café).

Apologies – Collin Little (Deputy Chair).

Chair Remarks - The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting - Adoption was proposed by R. Boyd and seconded by N. Corrigan.

Business Arising – All photography competition prizes have now been awarded. Winners will be posted on the website and included in the next issue of the Beacon newsletter.

Whilst NO₂ monitoring is only carried out in 3 locations throughout North Lanarkshire, there does seem to be some GIS data on air quality available. D. Harris will look into this.

[Action DH]

Secretary Report – Correspondence received from Ed Wood (guest) inquiring about viability of engaging with the community council to discuss his business plans.

Planning – Tattoo parlour at 6 Moorpark Ave (Ref. No: 23/00651/FUL) permitted. Garnikirk Estate owns the road which will be used to access these premises but it seems their permission was not sought.

High School extension (24/00268/FUL) permitted. Concerns were raised over the planned floodlights and yet another 3G pitch.

Finance – R. Boyd provided the monthly accounts report. All receipts have been collected and settled and the annual accounts sent to the auditor. The annual grant has not yet been received and consequently plans for branded items and a replacement laptop have been paused.

[Action R. Boyd & Cllr. Williams]

Northern Corridor Community Volunteers – S. Dallas gave a report on the progress of the NCCV group: in 2023 7 ex-council planters were obtained. A grant allowed flowerboxes to be purchased and filled. 11 businesses now have a flowerbox outside their premises. Some businesses choose to make a small donation to have their flowerbox maintained by the volunteers, funding further NVVC work. Additional grants applied for and awarded in 2024 permitted more development: there are now 24 planters and 20 hanging baskets placed around the Muirhead/Chryston area.

The remaining graffitied areas will be painted in the next month, as recent adverse weather conditions has prevented this being carried out as planned.

Community Police Report – 27 calls in total from Chryston. Of these calls 8 crimes were recorded with the breakdown as follows:

- 1 x Theft by Housebreaking

- 1 x Theft of a Motor Vehicle
- 2 x Theft from a Motor Vehicle
- 1 x Offence of Dangerous Dog
- 1 x Road Traffic Offence
- 1 x Wasting Police Time
- 1 x Sending of Indecent Message

Of note, the housebreaking was committed at a business premises and the theft from motor vehicles relates to miscellaneous items. One being a nozzle and the other the registration plates (which would most likely be used for further crimes).

Roads and Lighting – R. Boyd cleared the accumulated pine needles blocking the gutter and drain at the bus stop near Braeside Garage.

Beacon – B. Elder requested ideas for the next edition of the Beacon newsletter from the group.

AOCB – There have been several reports of door-to-door callers offering to carry out small jobs like clearing gutters, but becoming quite aggressive when challenged. A notice regarding this will be placed on the noticeboard. It was also suggested that it might be helpful to post some general advice on avoiding scams, etc.

[Action B. Elder & D. Harris]

A. Taylor noted that the overgrown foliage on Drumcavel Rd. which was obscuring speed signage has been cut back.

T. Echlin commented that there seems to be no maintenance carried out in or around the suds pond on the Jubilee Path. The gate has been broken for many months now. The lane leading to Glenarty Drive is also exceptionally overgrown. This has previously been reported but no response has been forthcoming.

Concerns were raised at the Community meeting on Wednesday 21st regarding the state of school transport and the situation with Bedlay Cemetery. The next Community Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th November (venue to be confirmed). Cllr. Williams suggested that it would be good if a member of Chryston Community Council could attend.

Closing Remarks - The Chair thanked all for their attendance.

Next meeting – Monday 16th September at 7:30pm in Chryston Parish Church.