

Minutes of Carlops Community Council

Thursday 26th January 2023, 8.00pm
In Carlops Village Centre and by video link

Present:

Committee Members: Marty Lee (Chair), Guy Walters, Hannah Walters (Secretary), Kate Morss
Community: Murray Campbell, Peter and Wendy Raine, Alex Hazlewood, Sally Charleton, Colin Hall

In attendance: Viv Thomson (Councillor)

Apologies: Jim Eccleston

Matter arising from meeting of 29th September 2022:

Minutes were agreed.

Standing Items:	
Secretary's report: Emails received from: SBC, survey regarding upcoming council spending The Bridge, survey regarding future of Chambers Institute – both circulated through CCC email list. Oliver Munden (Avison Young) regarding Rutherford – see under Planning	Info
Treasurer's Report: At start of period: £871.68 (including delayed SBC grant) Outgoings: annual Zoom subscription, Christmas trees, Hogmanay fireworks Balance £252.80, but contributions still outstanding from CVC and Church towards cost of trees and fireworks	Info
2023 SBC grant expected in May (£540)	Info
ML noted that outgoings must now be reported to SBC with explanation of 'community benefit'	
Police Report: No incidents reported within Carlops and environs, but theft of quad bikes reported at Baddingsgill Farm in early December.	

Councillor's Report:

Viv noted that the SBC Emergency Planning Officer (Andy Mclean) is keen to visit communities and advise on planning for emergencies. We briefly discussed the pros and cons of joining the Resilient Communities scheme.

Viv and Eric are on the SBC Planning committee, so unable to discuss planning applications currently under consideration.

AOB:

- 101/102 Buses: Contract for 3 years looks to have been won by Houstons of Lockerbie. No timetable details yet, but it looks as though 2 off peak week day runs will be lost. That leaves 10 return runs, 4 from Dumfries, the remainder from Biggar. Sunday remains unchanged, but no news on whether there will be a later return from Edinburgh. Stand Up for our Buses are planning to meet Houstons to try to optimise the service.

JE circulated a message to suggest that in the meantime current users join the 101/102 Bus Users Group on Facebook as passenger updates on delays and cancellations were proving more accurate/timely than the Stagecoach app.

- Smart Meters: There was a discussion around smart meters not working as they should. Currently these are not a requirement and until they are the power companies won't switch from radio signal (poor) to using SIMs that connect to Wifi. A smart meter is needed in order to take advantage of flexible pricing, but needs to receive a time signal to record which pricing 'window' power is being used in. ML to write to MSP and will circulate letter as a template for others to use to write individually.

ML

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8pm, 30th March 2023

Meetings will be held in Carlops Village Centre and via Zoom – link on Carlops.net

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