

## Free to local residents

### BRIGHTONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Brightons Community Council aims to improve the amenities and quality of life for people in Brightons & Rumford and to encourage community participation. They are a constituted group of volunteers with strong networks with Falkirk Council, police, government and environmental agencies. We welcome individuals or groups who may wish to seek help, raise concerns or hear about issues affecting Brightons/Rumford. Our meetings are non political, informal and open to everyone. Feel free to take a copy of these minutes, email us or attend any of our meetings, held on the last Thursday of each month, in the community centre hall behind the church buildings.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING Incorporating Agenda for Next Meeting**

**HELD AT:** Brightons Community Hall

**DATE:** 30 August 2018

**PRESENT:** V Hallows, A Cross, R.Barrie, TGrieve 4 members of public, Peter Queen, PC Garry MacKie, Cllr Hughes, J Shepherd. Moira Heeps, Caroline Lowe, Cllr McLuckie.

**APOLOGIES:** G Mason, PC Lorimer,

**MINUTES:** The minutes of July 2018 were noted & accepted.

#### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

**Welcome:** MH opened and thanks to VH for the FK Herald minutes.

#### **Police Report:**

PC MacKie presented the report highlighting 36 calls to the police over the last period, a few more domestic issues than usual. Otherwise quiet. School traffic is behaved so far. The kid dummies are proving very effective, being used instead of traffic cones, as is additional police attendance.

Halt sign at bottom of Quarry Brae is not being heeded – many near misses. And notes of high speed on Quarry Brae. Cllr Hughes has asked for assessment, and FDC will do speed traffic / count survey. Waggon rd & Homelea Av continued issues.

Scams are prevalent, on phone and computer based. Be aware. Car break-ins in Polmont areas. [www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk) – .

Anti social behaviour – dog fouling and anti social behaviour can be reported to **Community Safety Team** 0808 100 3161.

Ring 101 for non police emergencies.

PC Lorimer can be left messages via phoning 101, and quoting his number, being 196.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

BofS statement at 30/5/18 was £1480.85. FDC grant of £887 rec'd with thanks. This includes per capita and IT funding.  
Public Insurance – is due £ 70.92

**CORRESPONDENCE** was placed on the table and discussed with those present.

**Planning Applications:** minor domestic alterations

#### **A.O.C.B.**

**Hall** MH reported heating is still erratic. Engineer called on 29<sup>th</sup>, and a new timer needs fitted. Also separate thermostats are required. The new boiler is not compatible with existing kit. Other pieces of system are needing replaced. H Wilson of FDC needs to approve improvement but is proving elusive. Cllr Hughes will enquire with HW. The roof has been replaced, which is very good.  
Roller door electrical fittings still not satisfactory. Cllr Hughes will chase FDC

- BT Building** BT have replied, chasing building estates for an update and conclusion to the painting. BT again have been chased.
- Quarry Park beds** the hanging baskets are installed. Some shops are tending them better than others. The bracket at chemist has been pulled off. Disappointing that shops are not looking after them better. Service to be reviewed for next year whether we will continue. Some residents in Main Street have been assisting with the upkeep of the flower beds. Weeds are prevalent again in the beds. MH has sourced person to weed at £15/hr. Agreed to 1hr per fortnight per growing season. Bulbs sourced. Also comment given to public, that if they have spare perennials these can be planted here.
- Briar Brae** FDC (Jason Mackay ) advised works should be done soon. Good progress has been made but sign-age for Willow Brae and school still being chased.
- Road accident** freedom of info stats are to be sought from emergency services.. Ongoing PQ
- Standrigg Rd** Persimon homes. VH advised application is due to go to full Council meeting on 19 September. Lower **Standrigg Rd** app is still with Appeal, no decision yet.
- Station Road** Dot Reid and Raymond Smith to be asked about notification of Utilities work procedures so that we are advised in advance of any planned works.  
TG highlighted this again. Ongoing PQ
- Redding Road Prison junction** FDC replied, advising that statistically the junction does not warrant additional road safety/calming measures on the road. However they did advise that safety conditions of the small development had yet to be carried out, so we will ask the planning dept (R McCall ). and cc JMclLuckie
- Quarry Park roads and hedges**  
FDC replied advising that their policy follows Govnt guidelines. A Letter is sent initially followed by stronger requests for works to be done if req'd potentially a section 91 request. The case of top of Quarry Park road was discussed at length. It was felt that the hedges although trimmed are bowing out naturally, with potential effect to narrow the pavement. It was noted residents have raised the issue of these hedges and visibility problems regularly. BCC to request a survey + poss photo survey with Jason MaKay, and cc Jmcl to help encapsulate the issue.  
Also noted that other hedges are overgrown in the villages.
- Housing** Cllr Hughes gave insight to recent housing decisions in the wider area and potential impacts. Good overview. FDC have removed many houses from the plan, and also reduced the number of houses from the intended supply figures wanted.
- Wallace Crescent** Arden Cottage. FDC advised no planning application is req'd and the new gate/opening does not cause any road concerns.
- BofS Building** MH facilitated a gardener to tidy site, monies paid by the building agents.
- Canal Tow Path** It was suggested we enquire if seating can be placed along stretches of the canal. Cllr Hughes will enquire.
- Briar Brae** An FDC house is vacant but gardens are needing attention. Cllr Hughes will enquire
- Roundabout** Wimpey homes/old cricket ground – is overgrowing / obscuring visibility – PQ to ask Dot Reid, also signage is faded ( R. Steadman )
- Rumford** Fly tipping near the petrol station – Ian Dryden (FDC) will advise though ground is privately owned.
- Braes High** Iain Livingston has offered to give a presentation about the school.

With no further business to discuss for the meeting was brought to a close.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7pm.**

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