

Minutes of the meeting of Craigleith and Blackhall Community Council on 16 April, 2012 in Stewart's Melville Dining Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Eddie Thorn (Chair), Maureen Kane (Sec), Alan Denham (Treasurer), Jack Burton, John Adams, Alasdair Watson, Alastair Nairn, Ian Hewitt, Cllr McIvor.

Apologies: Cllr Hinds, Cllr McKay, John Young, Margaret Richardson.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved by Ian Hewitt, Seconded by Alastair Nairn.

Secretary's Report:

Dates of autumn meetings approved, availability pending. Police and Neil McFarlane will be informed of problems with parking around Blackhall School. All other information sent in weekly email.

Treasurer's Report:

Allowing for an unprocessed cheque, the CC account stands at £1835. 27. This amount is subject to minor change once final statement is received for the financial year 2011-12. See appendix 1 for estimated expenditure.

Planning Report:

Mostly small-scale householder developments. After successful action by the City Council, most offending unauthorised banners in the CC area have been removed. New banners have appeared on the railings at 2 Strachan Road and after 28 days (they were erected about 20 March), Alan Denham will inform Council.

**Matters Arising:**

Notice Boards; Estimate for board was high therefore, Dave Halbert will get second quote. Jack Burton will ask Alan Francey about cost of moving Blackhall St Columba's church board to dip. Blackhall Primary School agreed to hand their notice board to the CC. Dave Halbert made notice board for Sainsbury's and Ian Hewitt will install.

Youth Members; Alasdair Watson spoke to HT of Stewart's Melville and asked if any pupils who board may be interested in joining the Committee. Ian Hewitt felt that boarding students had no link with the community and Eddie Thorn pointed out that members had to live in the CC area. Maureen Kane (Sec) will email HT to ask if any pupils living in the area might be interested in joining.

Guided Walks: Ian Hewitt suggested CC organise guided walks around the area. He suggested 2 CC members on each walk for duration of 1 1/2 hours max and possibly covering: Geological Trail, Stewart's Melville building, Dip, Cycle Path, Church, ME House and Ravelston Woods. It could possibly be posted on Website by end of May/beginning of June. It was suggested that Margaret McArthur might have more information. Ian Hewitt asked members to send him any more ideas.

**AOCB**

Blackhall Athletic Football Club: CC approved a £600 grant for football club set up by John Adams who then gave update on project. He believed further funding will be needed. Alastair Nairn suggested using the football venues to advertise CBCC and raise its profile. The Committee felt this was a good idea.

EH4 Residents Association: Alasdair Watson updated the CC on literature which he received through his door regarding the mosque. As the mosque is not within the CBCC boundary, it was agreed that no response could be made.

Councillor's Letter: Cllr McIvor and Eddie Thorn agreed to take no further action.

Hustings: Meeting will take place on 19 May in Blackhall St Columba's Church, at a cost of £75 for hall rental. The organisation of the event was discussed.

Residents' Priority Parking: The council intend to extend this type of parking in the area. Alan

Denham will assess proposals and decide if comment is necessary.

Next Meeting is on 14 May 2012 at 7.30pm in Stewart's Melville College dining hall.

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Appendix 1

CBBC - Estimated Expenditure 2012-13

**Income**

Accumulated surplus	1835.27
Grant*	605.54
Total	2440.81

**Expenditure**

- Committed

Blackhall Athletic FC - grant	800.00
Hustings meeting - use of Church Hall	750.00
Blackhall Sports Day	50.00
Community Council Meeting	25.00
Inter School Debate - use of Church Hall + Trophies + other costs	200.00
Total	855.50

- Possible

Noticeboard - new - Dip	780.00
Noticeboard - Primary School	120.00
Total	900.00

Total Expenditure 1755.00

Balance 685.31

**Notes**

\*assumes no change

Not included

Information Commission Registration

Printing Community Council Leaflet

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