

Sighthill, Broomhouse & Parkhead Community Council

Minutes - Thursday 27th March 2008 in Sighthill Community Centre

Present: Keith J Bell, John Aitken, Betty Milton, Carol Swan, John McEwen, Bill Fraser CEP, Sgt Croft, Nick Elliot-Cannon, PC Graeme Howie, John Daly CEC Housing Property Services, Peter Matthews.

Apologies: Yvonne Weymss, Donald Wilson, Ron Cairns. Betty has intimated that Bill has

Minutes: P. John Aitken S. Betty Milton. John McEwan was present. General Account was £1165.69

Matters Arising: Nothing

Broomview House: John started to explain about the process, the asbestos removal, securing site, arranging blowdown (mid-August), etc. It is anticipated that the site will be completely cleared by January 2009. Due to the building's construction, the blowdown method is the only safe option.

OPSF: - Betty thinks that the plans to amalgamate the forum have been postponed. There's a meeting in April which will hopefully resolve the issue. John raised the issue about a letter he'd received advising him of his €650,000 win on the Spanish lottery. These are normally targeted by area, so he'll advise Graham about this. Bill raised the issues of special needs provisions. Betty will see if she can raise this with one of her groups.

Neighbourhood Partnership: Betty and John attended. They found it quite daunting but were looking forward to the next one.

Treasurer's Report: - General Acc £1166.36, Election Acc £319.21, Petty Cash £7.23. Carol now has a new form for claiming expenses, and Betty was the first to use it as she had had to use a taxi to get home from the NP meeting. Carol

Policing Matters – Bill wished to acknowledge his thanks to the prompt response from the Police to a recent incident at the Empowerment offices. Still awaiting the safety audit report for the underpasses. Been in contact with Betty re lollipop lady. A male has been arrested for the recent knifepoint robberies, including the one at Parkhead. There is a positive line of enquiry with regard to the underpass robberies. With regard to stoning buses, a decoy bus is being used to try and apprehend the culprits. There is an issue with the playground at Murrayburn Primary being used for anti-social behaviour, although there is sufficient reporting of the problems at the time, meaning Police resources aren't being targeted where they might be most appropriate. There is an issue with a shop selling alcohol to minors. PC Cleghorn will be liaising with colleagues in licensing to mount an operation.

Transportation: - Issues regarding access to the Gyle centre. This is being tackled by the Equalities Transport Advisory Group. Next meeting of Transport Forum will take place on Wednesday 2nd April, 1pm at South West office at Westside Plaza.

Licensing: - Nothing.

Planning: - Nothing

AOCB: No update on pedestrian crossing being built on Gorgie Rd. Concerns were raised about the planned 'walkabouts' and how the dates were fixed without consultation, no evening walks, etc. John raised the issues about tenant's federation leaflet. Keith to investigate. Betty is concerned about parking on footpaths at Parkhead Gdns/Ave.

Dates for Future Meetings

Thursday 24th April