

SALTCOATS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD 17th JULY 2017

SALTCOATS TOWN HALL

Present : Allan Rice, Hazel Haddow, Martha McNicol, Niamh Williamson, Marcus Hazel McGown, Lettie McLaughlin, John MacDonald

In attendance: Councillor John Sweeney, Councillor Jean McClung, Councillor Ronnie McNicol, Insp Brian Skimming, Christina Pieraccini, Margaret Yuille, Joan Cambell, Anna Martin

Apologies : Gary Parker, Billy Colclough, Kyle Haddow, George Lafferty, Cllr Jim Montgomerie, Cllr Davina McTiernan, Kyle Haddow

Item	Notes/Actions
1. Welcome	A.Rice opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the 3 rd public meeting. Thanks to all in attendance and pleased to see community councillors, elected members and members of the public. Fire safety information given and request that any questions arising be kept to one at a time for sake of recording the minute.
2&3 – Present/In attendance	As above
4 - Declaration of conflict of interest	– none noted.
5- Apologies	As above
6. Minute of Meetings held 19th June 2017	Minute of 19 th June 2017 – proposed by M. Hazel McGown, seconded by Lettie McLaughlin

<p>7. Police report</p>	<p>A Rice welcomed and introduced Insp Brian Skimming who has been with the Saltcoats station for 5 to 6 years. Brian advised that he was keen to keep to local information as this is most significant to all present.</p> <p>Public consultation in June and July to identify priority concerns. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling assault crimes • Drugs • House breaking • Drunk and disorderly conduct & other anti-social behaviour. <p>From the total of 463 calls received, about 20% relate to actual crime. The remaining percentage was from other agencies or to provide assistance as required.</p> <p>Of the 71 crimes reported, 40 were detected :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 road traffic offences. • 5 common assaults – of which 4 were detected • 1 house breaking • 16 other thefts: including theft of wheelie bins and 5 shoplifting offences • 6 drug related <p>Reassuring to note that there were no serious assaults reported. Local police presence to support recent Gala event which was successful despite the weather. No disorder was noted.</p> <p>Orange Order Parade – These are scheduled around the country and this year it was North Ayrshire's turn to host. Around 2000 people joined the parade with approx. 1500 spectators. The march took 1.5hrs to finish and there were no real challenges to manage. Two people drinking in street only issue of note.</p> <p>PC Skimming opened up the meeting to the public for any questions.</p> <p>ARice raised issue of graffiti around the GP practice in Raise Street and at Jack's Rd facing onto the park at the Electric Governors house.</p> <p>Response: This will be taken back to the team for discussion. To date graffiti has not presented as a big problem.</p> <p>Hazel Haddow asked if the cost to support the Orange Order Parade was known.</p> <p>Response: This depends on how events are graded; for example the Sea Queen event attracted no charge. In relation to the Orange Order parade this information would not be known locally and no figures available at this time.</p> <p>Question raised in relation to parking in the area. Noted that in Hamilton Street in particular people are parking all day and restricting access to shoppers and disabled drivers.</p> <p>Response: A range of measures have been tried in the past including education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on whether traffic wardens should be reintroduced. • Where could we provide alternative parking. • Community officers often move people on. <p>No effective solution at present. In relation to this and enforcing the 3hr time limit PC Skimming will take back to the traffic management group.</p> <p>Allan Rice posed the question to the elected members.</p> <p>Response: No information at this time if this will be coming to cabinet.</p>
<p>8. Matters arising from previous minute</p>	<p>Deer signs- Ongoing online enquiry. Hazel now has a reference number and case is open. This was reported to NAC and there was a request for temporary signs in meantime.</p>
<p>9. Questions - open to the public</p>	<p>Cllr John Sweeney advised that this is his first meeting since being elected. Feels there are links with 3 Towns Locality meetings and Cllr Sweeney has volunteered to be involved in the sub group. Requested a change in their agenda and will feedback any useful information to Allan Rice.</p>

<p>10. Questions to councillors</p>	<p>Allan Rice asked about possibility of the gates at St Matthews school being left open for the boys playing 5 a side football.</p> <p>Response- KA Leisure highlighted complaint from the hockey teams who pay a fee for use of the ground. If gates were left open this would be unfair. No damage of note other than the hockey goals being moved on occasion. Cllr John Sweeney is on the board of KA Leisure and will raise the point for discussion.</p>
<p>11. Sea Queen event</p>	<p>Lettie McLaughlin, Gary Parker and Marcus Hazel McGown attended the event which was a success despite the weather. People doing the face painting were invited into Town Council tent out of the rain, which gave the Cllrs an opportunity to speak to them about the group. The event was smaller in size compared with historical days and the weather did impact with some rides being called off. Organisers noted as being a bit down about the criticism and one point raised in terms of food vans and impact on local businesses. General discussion on this followed. Allan Rice also attended for a day and a half and noted the event as very good.</p> <p>Big Saltcoats Bake Off event at planning stage for next year. Any ideas/support welcome. Hoping to invite celebrities Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry.</p>
<p>12. Media Group Report</p>	<p>Marcus Hazel McGown – Now has passwords set up and Facebook/Twitter pages should be set up this week.</p>
<p>13. Treasurer Report</p>	<p>Bank account number and sort code available, still to obtain PAY IN book for Participatory Budget sum (PB). Only two groups received the PB sum requested with Saltcoats Town Council being one of them. Sum received £1800. May still be possible to do bank transfers, although caution proposed as the account may not be fully functioning as yet. Rough estimate of outgoings will be available tomorrow by John MacDonald Claims for ink cartridges and paper may be submitted.</p>
<p>14 Planning Group Report</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>15 Licensing Report</p>	<p>Sea Queen did apply for a license to sell food and allegedly only notified the day before that this was refused. General discussion followed. Licensing committee obtain report from Building Control on safety of rides, Environmental Health check food safety procedures and if all risks are within safe limits the license will be granted.</p> <p>It was noted that M&D withdrew two of their large fun rides which meant the road did not need to be closed.</p>
<p>16 A.O.B</p>	<p>On a sad note Mr Gary Parker has decided to resign, therefore Saltcoats Community Council along with Elected members wish him well and thanks given for his support over past few months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Marcus Hazel McGown – Council tax/arrears- no paper copies available as all accounts are now produced by digital means. It was highlighted that older people in particular may be unfamiliar with how to use these, resulting in late payments. Sherriff letters have been received demanding instant payment. Marcus will be raising this with Citizens Advice centre. Cllr John Sweeney advised that he has been able to resolve fairly quickly any that were brought to his attention. Stirling Park will add around 10% fee. Advice/feedback was requested from NAC as it becomes available. b) Car stickers – discussion on spelling of ‘LUV’ or ‘LOVE’ for design. Agreed that print out and an actual mock up would be provided for all to see. Marcus will action this and provide samples for next meeting. Asked if everyone was happy with Red/Black colours; again would prefer to see before making final decision. c) Saltcoats CC posters- discussion on whether to remove dates or not. Agreed that a timetable of dates be added to avoid having to repost every month. d) Putting Green & Sensory Garden – As Billy Colclough was unavailable for comment this will be taken forward to next meeting.

	<p>e) NAC roundabouts – these have been refurbished for the golf event. All looking good and maintenance free. Question raised if any others would be done. No response at this time.</p> <p>f) Liability Insurance – Grampian noted as paying round £9 per month. Local authority should not recommend any insurance company in particular. Highlighted that any information/comments from the Town Council must be ratified by the whole group before issue, otherwise it may lead to significant cost if anyone wanted to sue. Lettie McLaughlin will follow up on this and obtain quotes for same to bring back to next meeting.</p>
17. Date of Next Meeting	The next public meeting of Saltcoats Community Council will take place on Monday 21 st August, 7.00pm in Saltcoats Town Hall. Allan Rice closed the meeting at 8.00pm.
18 Confidential Matters	Members only

Minute prepared by Karen Sweeney Monday 17th July 2017

Approved by Marcus Hazel-McGown

Seconded by John MacDonald