MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUCHINLECK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 4th June 2014, at 7.00pm
THE BOSWELL CENTRE, WELL ROAD, AUCHINLECK

Present:


Chair:

Apologies: 

Welcome: welcomed all to the meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting: Having been circulated were proposed, seconded and approved.

Matters Arising: None

Finance Report: (Treasurer))
The Cash Flow account remains the same.
Website/Newsletter Balance - £10,398 This amount fluctuates because of Newsletter costs and adverts, we have still not touched the £1000 donation that we received. The cost of advertising will have to increase as the printers have raised their costs. Subscriptions still continue to come in albeit slowly and many people give more while others give nothing.
Maureen advised that we are awaiting the £570.00 allowance from East Ayrshire, and she has queried the non payment of this allowance for last year and has been informed that this is being looked into

Police Report: The reports continue to be e-mailed weekly. PC Kennedy briefly went through these for the meeting, she advised that there was nothing out of the ordinary. Youth crime still continues to be a problem, especially with the issue of youngsters hanging around at Well Road, however if they are doing nothing wrong they cannot be moved on. There had been talk of two cameras instead of just the one in situ, but nothing has happened, Cllr. McGhee will look into this matter. She advised that there is the possibility that officers will be called to assist with policing the Commonwealth Games, which will impact on the number of officers in the local area. Additional foot patrols will where possible be available during the school holidays. The officers were thanked for attending.

Community Action Plan: Lyn Johnstone (Vibrant Communities) advised that 6 groups + the Community Council had expressed an interest, and so an invitation had been sent to each one to attend a meeting to be held on either the 20th during the day or one on the 28th May in the evening, 3 attended the first meeting, and none attended the second which was obviously very disappointing, is it the usual “Auchinleck apathy”?
It was felt that there is interest in the future of Auchinleck as The Big Lunch held on the 1st of June had been a great success. The issue is that it is the same people on the committees and they are finding it difficult to do any more, also there is quite lot going on at the moment, the Fun Day, an Open Day at the Gospel Hall plus the Alive and Kicking Festival, perhaps it would be sensible to put this on hold for the time being and try again later in the year, when people have more time. We also need to explain that the steering group is flexible. The meeting was pleased to note the interest of young persons who are working on the Youth Project, and felt this was a positive step forward. Agreed to place the Community Action Plan on hold for the time being.

Cllr Primrose advised that there is little happening with regard to Auchinleck, pleased to note that the houses have now been demolished in Church Street. She was advised about the concerns raised with regard to the use of 54 Mauchline Road.

Commonwealth Baton Relay: Bunting and banners will be out, and the event was publicised in the Newsletter so hopefully people will turn out to see this. Members noted that Cumnock is making quite an event of this occasion, however it is the day before the Auchinleck Fun Day so perhaps this will get them in the mood. Cllr. McGhee also advised that it is the Marie Curie Walk of Hope on the 20th June so it is an exceptionally busy weekend.

Correspondence: Action Earth - Grab a Grant - details of small grants from £50 - £250 available for practical activities that involve volunteers in improving outdoor spaces, wildlife habitat etc. E-mail from Improvements Service - they are looking to create an informative website for Community Councils, wonder whether we would like to be filmed - meeting declined. Letter from East Ayrshire - Self Promotion of Community Councils, reminding us to use the Pop-up wherever possible at events organised in the area where the Community Council might be present. Further details of the Commonwealth Baton Relay on the 21st June which will culminate in a Commonwealth Carnival in Kilmarnock. Information concerning how to spot "Bogus Callers" meeting agreed that this would be helpful if published in the Newsletter.

Website/Newsletter: Maureen advised that the Website is now uploaded, she would still welcome additional information, photos etc. The Newsletter continues to go from strength to strength she has been approached by persons in Ayr and Kilmarnock who are interested in advertising. The community certainly appears to be embracing it, possibility of looking into just how advertiser feel their business is affected by the response to the Newsletter advert.

Any other Competent Business: Concerns raised re; the surface water lying in Church Street, Cllr McGhee advised that this is being investigated, also concerns about the lack of fencing where the houses have been demolished, residents worried that this will be used as a cut through, thereby trespassing over properties in the area. Cllr. McGhee to investigate. Fencing around the Boswell Centre is off putting, Cllr. McGhee advised that there is a motion to change this, but awaiting costing, ACDI have offered to paint the other fencing. He also
advised that the overhead projector is in situ at the Boswell Centre and they are awaiting the large screen, this could mean the showing of films.

Bookings for the Boswell Centre - there had been a slight mix up with regard to the charge for bookings, this will be rectified, some of the monies held by the Community Council in respect of office rental for ACDI may need to be utilised.

ACDI Fun Day - 22nd June Merlin Park.

Alive & Kicking Festival 1st/2nd/3rd August - leaflets to be distributed to every household possible advert in the Newsletter.

There being no meetings in July/August the date of the next meeting is Wednesday 3rd September 2014.

As there was no other business the meeting closed.