



# Aird Community Council

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2014

**Chairman's Remarks** Welcomed everyone to the meeting , commented on the good attendance, informed the meeting of the A.G.M which would be the March meeting , the plight of the Library, Games Hall etc and if or when they will ever open again as no-one is pre paired to give an answer when approached.

**Sederunt** as per sheet attached

**Apologies**

**Previous Minutes** Moved Seconded

**Matters Arising** Opencast Restoration Meeting. is going to call a Public Meeting to discuss the up to date situation regarding the restoration on these sites and the the shortfall of bond monies.to fill in these massive holes in the ground.

The lack of Police presence again was discussed, correspondence to go to Police Scotland for reasons for non attendance.

Supply of Sandbags. A flood watch is in place and any future chance of flooding sandbags will be dispatched immediately houses that were flooded have had sandbags issued.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to East Ayrshire Council requesting an enquiry into what caused the flooding, was it road drains not being cleaned, pier point not being dredged, the dam floodgates being opened, or was down only to the weather.

**Police Report (Email)** Railway Station Youth Hub was discussed and the Planning's disregard for the Community Councils objection on safety grounds. reported that it was considered and the report was forwarded to the Community Council. Chairman reported he had not received this report it could be due to all mail still going to the past Secretary and not forwarded on.

## Windfarm Report

\_\_\_\_\_ reported on the Meeting of 19th February the following Grants to local Organisations were :-

Glenafton Athletic	Airator for park	£1,200;00p	
Parish Church	Holiday Club	£700;00p	
Bowling Green	Banking Repairs	£1,000;00p	
Swimming Pool	Cafe Upgrade	£1,000;00p	Defer for Invoice
Sports & Charity Club	Shirts Trophies	£500,00p	Defer Bank Info
Working Men's Club	Heating	£1,000;00p	Refused

**The Total Grants awarded to Organisations was £4,400;00p**

## Correspondence

Police Report	Noted
Coalfield Communities Newsletter	Noted
Water Level Indicator	Discussed see A.O.C.B

## E.on Report

Afton Wind Farm which was passed some 10 years ago subject to radar impact negotiations . Which after many years of extensive and expensive agreements have resolved that problem, only now for the Councils Planning Department to pull the whole project in to be re-assessed. when there are only small material changes to the plans which were first submitted. the grandfather rights that we as a Community Council have been claiming. could be the reason for the scheme being withdrawn bringing everything Into line with the section 70 agreement.

## Newsletter Group

Chairman reported that due to the flooding and the temporary closure of the Community Centre the newsletter would be a couple of weeks late.

## Coalfields Communities

A report on the coalfields Communities Meeting was given With a publication which could be printed and given out at Community Council Meetings.

## Treasurers Report

The Treasurer has an apology in although there had been £200 for The newsletter the only expenditure since last meeting.

## A.O.C.B

A full and somewhat heated debate took place concerning The traffic situation which was about to hit the Town when the coal Lorries from the Hargrieve opencast site goes into full production With up to eighty vehicle movements a day coming through the Town.

Several people spoke on how to put a stop to the lorries, especially with the School and Nursery School next to the Trunk Road and already a very busy road with wood lorries, HGV articulated lorries and delivery Vans and lorries a, a disaster waiting to happen and that is before the holiday period with caravans and tourist traffic moving through the Town.

A.O.C.B (cont)

Questions were asked about the progress of the meeting with other Community Councils within the wind farm catchment areas to discuss the setting up of a Windfarm Fund outwith East Ayrshire Council. It was agreed that it would be Better to wait until after the Community Councils A.G.Ms.

Discussions took place on the proposed miners memorial to the NewCumnock Miners who died in the local pits. It was explained that more information is being Requested and after it is collated the community would be consulted as to where it should be sited, then funding could be applied for.

The closed boig road was discussed and when was any work due to start to bring It back into use. There has been no money set aside for the repair of the bridge In this years budget and no appatent engineers report as yet so how long is a piece of string.

**The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair next meeting March 26th 7pm  
which will be the A.G,M**