JUNIPER GREEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Committee Room at JG Village Hall, Baberton Avenue, on Wednesday 16th November 2016 starting at 7pm.

Attendees: Ian Gilmour, Vic Stewart, Cliff Beevers, Alison Walker, PC Ali Murdoch, Nigel Rickard and Councillor Ricky Henderson.

1. Apologies: Russell Salton, Gordon Lyndhurst MSP, John McLeish and Anne Wimberley

Visitors: Jim Ferguson, Ken Davies, Darren Cormack and Cathy Stacey.

2. Minutes of 26th October 2016, Meeting and Matters Arising: the minutes of 26th October were accepted as a true record.

\* Currently Cliff and Vic are in interim chair and vice chair positions until Christmas. Cliff proposed that this be extended to next year’s AGM and Alison seconded it.

\* Cliff proposed that Jim Ferguson be co-opted onto the committee and Vic seconded it.

3. Reports and recent meetings

3.1 School notes: RBS Juniper Green involved in giving out tickets for the Pentlands Book Festival. The manager there, Mike Todd, has agreed to display the tweets from the JGPS children who participated in “Tweet your Street”, and will have a map showing the relevant streets. Ian reported that he had circulated JG Parish Church members with Anthea’s request for mentors to help with an education programme. There had been 7 volunteers from the church.

3.2 Secretary: Russell reported by email that he has updated the JGCC website with such details of the new members as he has. He thinks we need a group photo when we can all get together. He thinks it is important to have a photo of us so that we are recognizable to people in the street, so he would like to encourage those who didn’t provide a photo to do so. Russell will exercise his discretion over what he sends on to members.

3.3 Treasurer: No. 1 account £728.61, No. 2 Account £8,223.43

3.4 Local planning matters: John provided his report in advance.

We support a delay, requested by Currie CC, in comments concerning the Riccarton Village development.

John intends to declare a Community interest in the development of the toilet site.

LDP will go to the full Council in November

3.5 Meetings: Cliff attended a meeting of P1-P3 at JGPS to explain what the community council does. He encouraged them to advertise about the Pentlands Book Festival, particularly the children’s events and asked the group if they could find some residents of BM to join the CC.

4. Police report

PC Murdoch reported parking initiative going well; ongoing enquiries in connection with culpable / reckless behaviour at by-pass bridges - PC Chancellor investigating. No other incidents reported

4.1 Safety committee meeting: Vic thought the next meeting would be in 2017.

5. JG matters

5.1 Pentlands Book Festival: Russell reported by email that the first event, Alan Bissett, was a success and tickets for the rest are mostly going well, with a couple sold out, but the children’s events are mostly going slowly. Cliff encouraged the committee to support one or other of the events yet to come.

5.2 C&B News articles: Cliff sought a volunteer to take on the monthly task of providing a short report of JGCC activities for the C&B News. Nigel volunteered.

5.3 Resilience: Vic reported JG Primary defibrillator will be registered on the Government data base, joining the golf and bowling clubs.

Radio Forth over the next 2 ½ months will raise the issue of local care for the elderly over the winter period.

Merrilees Gait, Lorimer House, St Margaret’s Court are known by Scottish Power over the winter period, to be vulnerable.

Baberton Park, with Ricky’s help is progressing a Residents Association.

5.4 Village Trust/Progress on asset transfer: the group working on this has had several meetings including ones with a representative of the Big Lottery Fund and the Post Office. PO are prepared to put an office back in JG providing the right premises can be found. However, their agent explained that the remuneration was not as large as in years past so other income streams would be needed to make a business viable. For now, the group would have to decide how to move this idea forward.

5.5 Winter Health Campaign: Vic explained PNP support for vulnerable including Baberton Park.

5.6 SES Plan: representation from JGCC, discussion Main Issues Report. SWCF (South West Community Forum) views were endorsed

6. Councillors’ Corner: concern was expressed that Dominic and Bill are not attending meetings. Darren Cormack agreed to pass on our concern to Dominic.

Gordon Lyndhurst is to hold a surgery in Molly’s café on 2nd December 2016 at 2pm, and will be advertised in C&B news.

1. AOCB

7.1 Meal out, agreed to be desirable, venue to be decided.

7.2 Curriemuirend Park, Ricky to meet the Friends of Curriemuirend Park on a separate occasion. Jim Ferguson stated the Park had not been assessed for 2 years, due to the LDP, consequently is in limbo.

Ricky pointed out change from Housing to Park responsibility unlikely, as Parks have no funds to compensate Housing for any transfer.

Joanna Cherry, via Councillor Lunn, expressed the view that the Council is unlikely to sell the Park.

7.3 Walkabouts, - Ricky to ask if these are still ongoing.

1. Date and venue of the Next Meeting, walkabouts etc: Wednesday 18 January 2017.

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