

BARRHEAD

COMMUNITY

COUNCIL



Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council

2nd November 2017

<u>2nd Nov</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Present</u> Rosaleen Reilly Chairperson. Rena McGuire. BEM Secretary. Laura Hendry. Treasurer. D MacInnes. Rita McGettigan. Mary Lawson. William McCready Phil Traish. Harry Sinclair
<u>Apologies</u>	Cllr Convery, CCllr Connelly.

Visitors & ERC Cllrs Visitors	PC Debbie Johnstone (Police Scotland) PC Neil Bonsor (Police Scotland) Cllr Buchanan (Leader of ERC) Steven Larkin (Unison) Claire Hutchison (Graduate)
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1. WELCOME Chair – Rosaleen Reilly

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4. POLICE REPORT

Police Report (attached)

Questions

There was a discussion about the group of young people congregation in various locations in and around Barrhead; the problem solving team (Police Scotland) are constantly monitoring the situation.

There will be a Christmas Initiative again this year; there will also be more Officers on our streets.

Police were thanked for their attendance.

5. ERC Budget Consultation

Cllr Buchanan thanked the Community Council for inviting him along to discuss the process of the Budget Consultation proposals for 2018 -2021.

ERC to make savings of 26 Million by 2021.

Budget from Scottish Government will not be announced until December 2017.

Cllr Buchanan spoke about the cuts that had to be made over the next 3 years; all information was provided to all Community Councillors prior to the meeting.

The following questions were asked & answered

Cllr Buchanan gave an overview of area identified for new build.

The initiative this year to buy back ex council housing stock, this allowed ERC to increase their stock.

Developments are under way for a new Housing Development for Robertson St Barrhead. (2018)

Other area which may be available to build; vacant land from demolish Community Centre in Auchenback.

Shank estate ERC only own a small area of the former Shanks site.

Raising of the Flag Day will continue on an annual basis, however the saving which can be saved is on the actual funday element.

ERC has the highest rate of older people over 75yrs of age.

Frontline services will be affected.

There were further questions on Health & Childcare these departments are consulting on all these services.

It was felt that the content of the booklet is very good.

It was also stated that this is a genuine Consultation.

Cllr Buchanan was asked when ERC & Elected Members will start to fight back on the cuts being made by the Government.

Cllr Buchanan was also asked about the recent pay rise to Elected Members, he stated that the information is incorrect.

Recent election reduced from 20 Elected Members to 18, this also reduced the amount of Councillors who sit on the top groups within the Council Cabinet etc, the monies from the saving made by reduction the amount of elected members in effect was divided up amongst the Councillors sitting in specific groups with the Council.

Steven Larking from Unison has plans with the MP Paul Masterton & MSP Tom Arthur as they are very important people; he stated that he has not seen many savings, although there is lots of pressure on his many colleagues who donate their time, instead of being paid for overtime.

6. Approval of Minutes from Previous meeting

Minutes approved by CCllr MacInnes & seconded by CCllr Lawson.

7. Matters Arising

N/A

8. Secretaries Report & Correspondence

1. Election process closed on Wednesday 1st November 2017.

Barrhead Community Council received no new applications.

2. Zurich Insurance Information

3. ERC Winter Handbook 2017/18.

4. Jack Wyllie contacted, he is Secretary to Paul Masterton MP

5. Approved duties for Elected Members, Attending community councils are an approved duty. However; just to clarify matters because it is an approved duty that does not mean that councillors must attend. It simply means on those occasions that they do attend they are entitled to claim mileage allowance. Local councillors are ex-officio members of community council but it is down to them whether or not they chose to attend the meetings.

9. Chairman's Report

N/A

10. Treasurers Report

Funds in Bank Account £744.87.

.11. Report from Delegated to External Bodies & Misc Reports.

12. Committee Reports:

Health.

N/A

Planning & Licensing

N/A

12. AOCB

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