MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIGGAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT 6.00 PM ON MONDAY 19 MAY 2014 AT THE MUNICIPAL HALL, BIGGAR

Present: William Buchanan, Gordon Cunningham, Alison Kelly (Secretary), Peter Rae, Jimmy Ritchie (Chair), Cllr Hamish Stewart

In Attendance: Karen Lamb (Minutes)

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Karen Gracie, Graeme Kerr, Anne Lindsay. The Chair apologised for the change of start time made necessary by he and WB’s attendance at another meeting later in the evening.

2. POLICE REPORT

2.1 None. The Chair and PR had recently attended a meeting with Police in Lanark. The Police are aware that they are to attend the Community Council meetings but can only do so if officers are available. A list of dates would be resubmitted to the Police. It has been reported that the main issue at present in the Biggar area is robbery.

2.2 It was noted that presence of traffic wardens will increase to 3 days a week.

2a. SCHOOL REPORT

2a.1 None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21 APRIL

3.1 Nothing to report on the new primary school.

3.2 Biggar Business Group AGM had been well attended. A website is being produced.

3.3 The Chair is to obtain further details on increased cost to Biggar Gala Day committee for Cllr Stewart so that he can investigate.

3.4 The issue of parking at Northcrofts has improved.

Minutes proposed by PR seconded GC

4. COUNCILLOR STEWART REPORT

4.1 Cllr Stewart tabled information on the proposed street names for the Edinburgh Road development. If members have alternative and/or more suitable suggestions they should pass these to Cllr Stewart at an early date (before 30 May) for taking forward at Council level.

4.2 The Commonwealth Games Queen’s Baton relay will pass through Lanark at 8 am on 22 June. It was unlikely to come into Biggar.

5. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
5.1 There have been an increased number of complaints about vehicles parking on pavements.

5.2 The Chair informed members on forthcoming road works and expenditure in the Biggar area including parking areas. Work would be starting on Carwood Road on 6 June.

5.3 Planning permission has been submitted for converting Moat Park Heritage Centre into 3 houses/flats plus a house in the grounds. The Chair would contact South Lanarkshire Council on behalf of the Community Council to endorse these plans.

6. TREASURER REPORT

6.1 PR reported that from the last 2 bank statements there was £406.94 in the business account and £1591.04 (including 14p interest) in the incentives account. There were 2 forms to be signed for the bank. AK to send the accounts to South Lanarkshire Council.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 A report from South Lanarkshire Council on affordable housing had been received. This was available to members.

8. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

8.1 AK reported complaints received regarding weekend partying at an address in the town. The Chair would speak to the family as a first step. If not successful the Council Environmental Health should be contacted for advice/action; Andy Rooney.

8.2 Donald Stewart from the Biggar Medical Practice would attend the next meeting.

8.3 WB raised the issue of a parking bollard appearing at the gas works car park. The Chair to investigate ownership.

8.4 Cllr Stewart confirmed to WB that he had not so far been contacted by David Mundell regarding the condition of the splash road to Skirling. If potholes are in the South Lanarkshire area they can be recorded on line via the Council’s website.

8.5 GC commented on litter and debris in the pond at the public park. The Chair will speak to the workers regarding this in addition to bringing up the condition of the road again.

8.6 PR had received complaints about the roads at Northcrofts and Knocklea but would report that £75,000 is destined to be spent on repairs in due course.

9. AOCB

9.1 None.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10.1 7.30 pm on Monday 16 June 2014.