**Minutes of Drylaw Telford Community Council Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday 27 th January 2016**

1. **Welcome**

Alex Dale as the Chair welcomed the Community Council members.

1. **Attendance**

Alex Dale (Chair), Ian Greenhalgh (Secretary), Jackie Brown (Treasurer), Mhairi Curran, Eileen Brash, Malcolm Jeffrey, Martin Hinds, Aoife Christle, Christopher Somerville, Cat Hedley, PC Andy Morrow.Cllr. Nigel Bagshaw, Cllr. Lesley Hinds, Cllr. Gavin Barrie

Michelle Thomson MP, Aissa Watson (MP Secretary),

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Sean Wood, Cameron Buchanan MSP,

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting November 2015**

Proposed by Martin Hinds seconded by Malcolm Jeffrey.

1. **Matters Arising from Meeting**

**Reports**

**Police Report**

PC Morrow informed the Community Council that more plain clothes police were operating in the area concentrating on stolen motor bikes for Operation Rack.

Inspector Sutherland has taken over the Drylaw sector.

Proactive response to calls has been reintroduced since Christmas.

Aoife Christle reminded the Council that parking at the school gates remained a problem and Sean Wood will be approaching the PTA over this matter as there will be

increased traffic once the new nursery is built.

Lesley Hinds had attended a meeting at an open evening and showed proposed plans and drawings for the nursery. Cllr. Bagshaw informed the Council that submissions could be made at planning meetings. The school could make suggestions for parking as part of the planning consultations.

**Councillors Report**

Lesley Hinds informed the Council of plans for the new nursery to hold approximately 60 children. The old nursery building would then become classrooms. This demonstrated the increasing popularity of Ferryhill School.

The areas surrounding the Skate Park is very waterlogged and the drainage will need to be improved for future use.

Cllr. Nigel Bagshaw followed up on the issue of fly tipping. He informed the Council that he had spoken to Steve Cuthill and that his teams were at present working their way through other areas.

Cllr. Bagshaw was pushing for a final agreement on a path at the derelict land next to the shop in Telford and section of land has been identified for use as a path.

In Wester Drylaw recycling bins have been removed from the flats and replaced with communal bins. Rubbish is being tipped at the side of the flats and Nigel will investigate.

**Treasurers Report**

Jackie Brown: £1,165.00 in the bank.

**EDRA**

No report

**Telford**

Priority Parking consultation period is now finished. If the proposal is passed the Community Council will support it.

**INP Groups**

ELGT is organisation that may have spare hours to help tidy up the land between Telford and Drylaw. Cllr. Bagshaw will request extra help from Steve Cuthill.

Moira Tasker has connections with SUSTRANS who may also be able to help.

There is also a proposal to launch a Friends of Drylaw Park on the opening day of the Skate Park that might act as an environmental group for the park area.

Alex Dale has been informed that the Capital Funded programme will finish renewing the pavements at Easter Drylaw Drive.

Aoife suggested that as the pavements were being renewed the lighting should be renewed at the same time.

Alex gave notice of the Celebrating Drylaw and Telford meeting on 2nd February 2016.

**Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre Funding**

Time was put aside to talk about the situation of funding for the Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre. A grant from Health & Social had been passed for approx £45K.

‘Children and Families and The Breakfast Club had still to be offered a grant. The grants had been initially turned down but with the full backing of the three councillors present provision was made to continue support.

Questions were raised around the completion of forms and also extending the use of the centre for more activities and groups.

The Community Council fully support the Neighbourhood Centre and will help where possible to maintain its important role in the community.

**Thomas Tierney Award**

Alex Dale will put out nominee forms and they will be made available on the website.

Results will be gathered in February and the presentation made in March.

**AOB**

An odd message on the email was not replied to as it made no sense.

**Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 24th March 2016

7.00 pm

Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre