**Minutes of Drylaw Telford Community Council Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday 30th March 2016**

1. **Welcome**

Alex Dale as the Chair welcomed the Community Council members.

1. **Attendance**

Alex Dale (Chair), Ian Greenhalgh (Secretary), Jackie Brown (Treasurer), Malcolm Jeffrey, Cllr. Gavin Barrie, Cllr. Nigel Bagshaw, PC Jim Crook & Eileen Brash joined for Thomas Tierney Award.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Moira Tasker, Martin Hinds, Mhiari Curran & Councillor Lesley Hinds

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1. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Proposed by Jackie Brown seconded by Alex Dale.

1. **Matters Arising from Meeting**

**Reports**

**Police Report**

PC Crook gave us a brief update on operation ‘RAC’ and its success in solving housebreakings in the area. He explained that although operation ‘RAC’ is city wide most of its manpower is concentrated in the North. He asked our views with regard to the ‘dusk to dawn curfew’s’ it was felt that although it was useful it could move housebreaking to daytime hours. CC members preferred position was that stronger custodial sentences where handed out to assist Police in breaking this ‘cycle’ of housebreaking peaks and troughs. PC Crook advised that members of the DVP team where patrolling Cycle/Footways in plain clothes.

**Councillors Report**

Councillor Barrie received only one issue with DTCC area and that was an issue of a house fire in a flat in Easter Drylaw and it related to a door being damaged, he is dialogue with North Office on the matter,

Councillor Bagshaw gave an update on the open spaces that could be converted to allotments, he had contacted Ross Woodside from ELGT who explained he was still trying to access funding, this is ongoing.

Following a full council decision to allow CEC to compulsory purchase on lands on the Tram Route this could speed up the process to push through our efforts to finalise plan for a second footpath to Telford at the side of the Telford Shop.

**Treasurers Report**

Jackie advised that she was in the process preparing end of year annual accounts and these will be made available for approval at our April meeting

**AOB**

Alex explained that because of the ongoing vehicle damage to the entrance of Drylaw Park where access path is not wide enough to accommodate the size of CEC service vehicle’s accessing the park, He suggested we should submit a NEP application to widen the path, add a second footpath on a desired line parallel to the end house and also create an off road parking area on open space to the front of the Children’s Home (Vans already parking there at night), Council agreed for this to go forward

**Thomas Tierney Award 2015.**

Councillor Gavin Barrie presented the 2015 award to Eileen Brash for her community work namely on behalf of EDRA and DTCC.

**Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 27th April 2016

7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre