

# **Minutes of the Meeting of Newton Stewart Business Association held at The McMillan Hall on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 7.30 p.m.**

## **Present:**

Mary Prince (Chairman)	Elaine Marr
Kevin Dean (Vice Chair)	Brian Marshall
Julie Hamilton	Graham Nicol
Sara Matchett	Jim Halliwell
Gordon Smith	Alistair Geddes
Gordon Andrews	Chris Morris

## **1. Welcome & Apologies**

Mary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **2. Disc Parking Scheme NS**

Mary introduced Inspector Gordon Smith and Jim Halliwell who outlined the proposal for a disc parking scheme in Newton Stewart main street. The NSBA was in full support

## **Minutes of the Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

Minutes were approved and seconded

## **4. Matters Arising**

Shopping survey – ongoing. Hopefully completed by the AGM. Mary will approach Kim Crosbie to see if adults associated with the Majorettes would be prepared to help with the survey in return for a donation to their group.

Walkers are Welcome – A small group will be formed to launch a petition and move the project forward. Some support has already been collected – Galloway Arms Hotel and at the Walking Festival.

Xmas lights – Kevin raised just under £400 in store and there will also be a stall on pageant day to raise funds

Litter – Elaine contacted the Council and was advised there wasn't a set cleaning schedule for Newton Stewart but there is a cleaner in town everyday.

CCTV – Graham advised the date of follow up meeting - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July in Whithorn

## **5. Chairman's Report**

A positive meeting was held with Scottish Water regarding road disruption and it was agreed that a NS Utilities Working Group should be set up.

Mary attended the Wigtown Local Rural Partnership meeting. Keith Muir presented the Dark Skies over Galloway project.

A Polish day is to be organised by D & G Constabulary offering a cultural and information exchange.

Wigtown Area Committee are holding a meeting themed on businesses and the current economy in Wigtownshire - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July in Stranraer Academy

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

Main Account 1 £930                      Account 2 £1004

1 new member

## **7. AGM**

Date confirmed September 28<sup>th</sup> in Galloway Arms Hotel at 7.30pm. Keith Muir to will be asked to present "Dark Skies"

## **8. AOCB**

Graham and Mary will investigate an email that has been received suggesting that unless £10,000 was raised funding would be lost for the 7stanes bike trail.

Graham updated on the progress of the Biosphere project and advised that after some stalling there was now support and he is awaiting dates for meetings in September for backing by the Scottish Government.

A donation of £100 was agreed for the Galloway Pageant.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 31st August 2009 7.30pm Macmillan Hall,