

Minutes of the
Maghera Community Group
Meeting 28/06/202

Introductions

Michael introduced himself and explained that himself, Matt & John (Chairperson of previous Community Group) came together to try and reform the community group for the benefit of the village. The following attendees introduced themselves to the group.

Attendees

- Michael McCabe
- Matt McConnell
- Ursula McConnell
- John Walker
- Hilary Rodgers
- Alan Leitch
- Neil Murray
- Elaine Muirhead
- Karen Owens
- Gavin McCawley
- Diane Robinson

John Walker suggested we elect the committee before moving on to other business.

John Walker put Michael McCabe forward for Chairperson, seconded by Matt McConnell

Michael McCabe put Matt McConnell forward for Vice Chairperson seconded by John Walker

Others were asked if they wanted to put themselves forward for the role of Secretary – Karen Owens put herself forward and was accepted by the group.

Neil Murray put himself forward for the role of Treasurer and was accepted by the group.








The others present agreed to be members of the group.

Points of interest/focus

- Village Tidy/Council upkeep
- Traffic calming measures (e.g.) Speed warning lights
- Flooding at the corner
- Upgrade of playpark equipment
- Neighbour Watch scheme
- Additional Greenway/walking routes
- Footway behind Maghera Court – RE: Ownership
- Local Internet accessibility
- Signage for the village

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-  Matt McConnell has already been in contact with Water Service following reports of a dangerously corroded drain cover on the lane down to the play-park. This was addressed immediately by the Water Service and a new cover is now in place 😊
-  We also discussed the need to possibly register as a charity. Neil volunteered to look into this, Neil also agreed to setting up a web page for the group that we could use for getting information out to the local community about what is happening or in the pipeline.
-  Matt had agreed to contact Transport NI about the speed calming measures and the flooding at the corner opposite the Bar.
-  Michael agreed to contact the PSNI about any assistance with the speed calming measures and also about starting up a neighbourhood watch programme in the area.
-  John had agreed to chat with Mr Knight (teacher from the local primary school) about the possibility of extending the local greenway and getting him to address to group at some point in the future as the extension of the Greenway is a project he is working on.
-  Possibility of street furniture was also discussed in-keeping with village mill/ tower heritage. Diane Robinson said that she had half of a mill wheel in her garden that she thought might be usable if restored as a feature.
-  A second meeting was scheduled for the 28th July venue still to be decided.