

Chair's report for 2018 / 2019 Forehill, Holmston and Masonhill Community Council.

*John McGuire:* I want to sincerely thank all the members for their efforts and say that this report reflects the member's hard work, enthusiasm and ideas. Together, I think we created an environment where folk can speak and be heard and want to get engaged and come back to the next meeting.

The web pages, our Facebook and even the old-fashioned notice boards get our messages across. So thanks for that

We picked our headline initiatives for this past year being Litter Picking, fund raising and improving Castlehill woods. All under the banner of "improving our area".

At the South Ayrshire Decides event we got £2500 for the circuit of paths in Castlehill Woods and spent it on hard core and hire of machinery. Our members and some local volunteers spread this on the paths, and we improved drainage. But we ran out of material. So, 95% complete and we'll get the rest finished soon. We justified these funds well with Survey Monkey and a good presentation. Thanks all for the support.

There's been some work done on Glencairn Park, but more needs done. FHMCC can decide how it prioritises for the next period.

We raised the issues about parking and street lighting at Forehill shops with SAC and improvement have been made.

The funds raised, whether at the Sally Buxton nights or just wee stalls at school events allowed us to make donations to Forehill and Holmston Primaries, Castlehill Church bowling team, Whiteleys Retreat, The Big Lunch, The Food Bank and Nan McCrindle's Granddaughter who represented Great Britain in swimming.

We listened to the presentation by CAB, but I think the jury is still out on this.

We agreed that we want to make the area better to live in by planting bulbs and trees. Enquiries are on going re this. I heard someone call this 'beautification'!

I want to say a special thanks to our SAC Link Officer for all his help. Also thanks the Councillor Chris Cullen for his direct support and involvement. Thanks too, to Councillor Brian McGinley.

A big thanks to the folk in the room, the members. They made this work.

Thanks for the privilege of being your chair.

John McGuire