

## **Banknock, Hags & Longcroft Community Council**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008**

<b><u>In Attendance</u></b> -	A Little	Chairperson
	S McArthur	Treasurer/Secretary
	A O'Donnell	Member
	G Binnie	Member
	C Wilson	Member
	I Taylor	Community Police
	J Blackwood	Councilor
	3 Members of the Public	

**Apologies** - Councilor M Oliver -Councilor J.Macnally

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** –

The minutes of the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 07 were agreed as a true account of that meeting.

#### **Business Arising**

A O'Donnell and L Graham are standing down from council.

The Chair thanked them for there involvement.

J O'Donnell and J Penman have been co-opted in there place.

**Gantry** – C Wilson updated the meeting on the current position.  
Contact has been made with the 1<sup>st</sup> minister but still not getting anywhere.

**Action – Counciler Blackwood to take the matter forward.**

**Community Council review-** Chair updated the meeting on the current position and the pending reviews.

**Roads-** Councilor Blackwood update the forum on the ongoing Scottish water renewal.

**Bins-** The Chair highlighted the fact that the bins on this road had not been collected, However after contacting Falkirk council this was quickly attended too.

G Binnie advise the meeting that he had connected Michael Mathewson MP re this matter . A reply was received within 3 days stating that he would look into the matter.

**Lighting- A. O'Donnell** highlighted the lack of lighting at the roadworks. It was noted that the sign age to the roadworks was inadequate.

**Action – Councilor Blackwood to take this forward  
Alex Little (chair) will contact Falkirk council roads dept to action this.**

**Cloy bank-** John Penman updated the meeting. He advised that planning permission was imminent with the section 75 agreement being agreed.

**Downhill Quarry –Concerns** were expressed about the volume of slit coming down the Soup Burn. It was also that the Morrison Burn was running SEPA have been involved and this is being followed up. It was also noted that blasts were still occurring at the quarry.

### **Reports** –

#### **Treasurer / Secretary** –

As before little or no correspondence being received since local elections. –£630.19 in the bank account.

S McArthur asked if anyone would be interested in doing the secretary role.

#### **Constable I Taylor**

27 Incidents were reported since 1<sup>st</sup> December, of which 18 have been detected. The incidents ranged from car damage, youth crimes and anti-social behavior. Vandalism was low at the moment.

It was noted that an increase in reported crime had occurred however could be due to the time of year.

It was also highlighted that the police dogs had enjoyed a day at Ban kier Primary. Both the dogs and the pupils had enjoyed the day.

Feedback has been given that the senior citizens Christmas party had been well received and the people had enjoyed it. The forum wish to thank the police for organizing this event.

It was pointed out that the shops within the area are actioning a drive on not selling alcohol to underage people – the 21 challenge- This is being monitored by the police.

Finally discussion took place on 'Bobbies on the beat'. It was noted that our community police were proactive with regards to this. However it was felt that we should have more. This will be taken to the area forum.

**Councilor Blackwood-** informed the meeting that there was a review taking place with regards to school hours and proposed school holidays.

Discussion took place on this with Councilor Blackwood agreeing to keep the forum advised.

Councilor Blackwood informed the community council about a joint presentation from the emergency services to highlight the effects of unsafe driving. This has been trailed for young adults and it is hoped that all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> pupils will see this.

Full discussion took place on the above.

### **Correspondence** –

Planning weekly bulletin was the only item received.

### **Any Other Competent Business** –

**Local Plan-** Concerns were expressed from the floor that inadequate consultation has taken place. It was also highlighted that the volume of housing which is occurring in the area appeared high in relation to the antisepses proposed.

Councilor Blackwood gave an overview of the Local Plan.

However, concern was expressed that Falkirk council was not taking the public concerns with regards to the lacking in infra structure being provided.

**Action- Secretary to write to planning to highlight this.**

**Area Forum** – Secretary to email all with date of meeting.

**Pavement Parking-** the floor highlighted the fact that large vehicles were parking on the pavement on the main road this was blocking the sight lines of people on the main road by this.

Action Ian Taylor will address this.

Alex Little to contact Graeme Jenkins Falkirk council re the roads problems.

**Denny Tippers-** Comments have been made about the look of the village when both leaving and entering the motorway and how this effects the perception of visitor to the area.

**Action** Counciler Blackwood to contact Denny Tipper re this.

**The Next regular meeting to be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 08 at 6.30pm in the Banknock Community Center .**

**The Dates of the next 2 meetings were agreed:**

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

**28<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

**Chairperson.....**