

Denny & District Community Council

Meeting Minutes

3rd March 2008

Meeting held in Denny Business Centre - Carronbank 7p.m - 9p.m.

PRESENT:

Community Councillors: Jennifer Steel David Dow
Roy Robertson Colin Belbin
Mick McIntosh Ray Richards
Christine Bell
John Cooper

APOLOGIES:

John Rintoul
Chrissie Docherty

Local Councillors:

Councillor Alex Waddell
Councillor Johnny McNally
Councillor Jim Blackwood

Regular attendees: Lindsay Burns – Denny High School

Guests and members of the public: Michelle McCallum - CTRA

Minute Secretary: Christine Bell

	<u>Chair's Introductory Remarks</u>	Action
	<p>John Rintoul has passed on his apologies to the Council. He regrets that he is currently unable to attend meetings due to a recent change in his domestic circumstances. The meeting conveyed full understanding for his situation and send John and his family their very best wishes. In future all communication concerning Community Council Business will be redirected to the vice-convenor until John wishes to be included.</p> <p>Jennifer Steel will Chair the meetings until John returns.</p> <p>Jennifer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.</p>	
1	<p>Business- Members of the Public Present</p> <p>Michelle McCallum CTRA.</p>	
a.	<p>Michelle provided an update on the 'COMMUNITY CLEAN UP' event she has organised for Sat 26 April 10.00 -1.00p.m. Gala Park Dunipace. The park will be cleaned and Dunipace Primary School will be used as a base and for the prize giving's and party afterwards. Look out for posters with details nearer the time.</p>	

b	<p>Bridge over Avon Burn at Allan Cres Michelle and CTRA are still in communication with Falkirk Council regarding this. The bridge is due to be started asap. Hamish McPhee is the key contact at Falkirk Council in relation to flood defences and the bridge issues.</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of Feb 2008 Meeting</u></p>	
a	<p>Were confirmed as an accurate account of the meeting. Proposed by J. Cooper and seconded by D. Dow.</p>	
b	<p>Detailed Minutes. The amount of detail contained in the minutes was discussed at length. The Minute Secretary stated that they were lengthy mainly due to the fact that they are the only record available of what is discussed at meetings. Some members were in favour of succinct minutes whilst some preferred to have as much detail as possible. The minute secretary agreed to try to strike a balance between both and review the situation again at the next meeting.</p>	
c	<p>Points raised from previous minutes Mick McIntosh attempted to raise a matter on page 3 , expressing a wish to make a statement. The Chair ruled this out of order as it was already the agreed subject of a meeting to be held with Iain Tough, the Democratic Services Manager, to which the Member was invited and it was therefore considered inappropriate for separate discussion at this meeting. Mick McIntosh stated that he would be making a formal complaint against the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The meeting was informed by the Secretary that the Community Council would be fully informed of the outcome of the discussions to be held relating to this matter. In the event of their being no resolution the business would become the entire matter of a special closed meeting of the Community Council.</p>	
d	<p>Letter issued by Roy –17th Feb Discussions at Community Council Meetings John Cooper raised the letter sent by the Secretary advising members what could be discussed at C.C. Meetings and whether or not the procedures mentioned were the proper ones to be adopted in challenging the Chair’s ruling. The meeting noted that the Secretary advised that the procedures outlined could be revisited by the Council and be changed.</p>	
e	<p>Town Centre Re Development No official update from Falkirk Council on the proposals. The Falkirk Herald article was discussed re the concern of St Alexander’s Church members at the Area Forum meeting, regarding the position of the supermarket loading bay. This has still to be resolved. Mick advised that J McNally is pursuing a resolution to this. The Secretary informed the meeting that Cllr. Craig Martin Convenor of the Economic Development Committee will attend April meeting to update on redevelopment proposals.</p>	

3	<p><u>Secretary's Business</u></p>	
a	<p>In addition to the visit by Craig Martin to the April meeting Roy has arranged a visit by ATMOS to outline their wind farm proposals at Earlsburn North.</p>	
	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p>	
b	<p>Path Network Document – Feedback required by April to the Secretary. C Bell is meeting Mandy Brown Falkirk Council Outdoor Access Officer on 31st March to clarify some details before she informs Roy of what she wishes to feedback. All other C.C. members can equally provide feedback if they wish. The deadline for feedback to the Falkirk Council is Wed 30th April at noon.</p>	All
c	<p>Green Space Strategy – Deadline for feedback approaching. All who have not provided feedback to Danny Thallon –Falkirk Council Development Services are urged to do so asap.</p>	All
d	<p>Community Wardens – Letter form Mrs Hood re further funding for another 3 years confirmed by F.C.</p>	
e	<p>SEPA- Thermal Treatment Criteria – SEPA is to publish the technical criteria for thermal treatment of waste soon. The Secretary and Mick McIntosh both expressed a wish to attend an Information Seminar organised by SEPA</p>	M.Mc Roy
f	<p>Michael Mathieson –Letters were received concerning the following:</p>	
1	<p>Consultations on Flood Management in Scotland 23rd April closing date for submission of comments. The documents can be downloaded from engineering@scotland.gsi.gov.uk Comments to the Secretary for a collective C.C. submission.</p>	All
F2	<p>Consultation on Road Safety Strategy – Document avail on web.from Ian.c.robertson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk Commnets to Secretary for collective feedback.</p>	All
F3	<p>Modernising Planning Appeals – Consultation paper – Appeals procedure being changed PAN 81 is latest guidance and Secretary advised that we should investigate getting copies for all C.C. members. Streamlining of the planning process is being proposed and concerns were raised that the intention was to make it easier for unpopular developments to be pushed through. The document is available from planningappeals@scotland.gsi.gov.uk Comments to the Secretary for collective response.</p>	All
g	<p>Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes from Council You and Your Trees – Trees and Development – Biodiversity and Develpoment Copies of the above can be requested from Elsbeth.forsyth@falkirk.gov.uk</p>	All

h	<p>Planning Permission for a licence - premises at West Boreland Rd Denny The application has been withdrawn.</p>	
I	<p>Community Police The Secretary has spoken with Jim Fleming from Central Scotland Polic, Denny . A Community Officer should be attending our meetings in future.</p>	
J	<p>Licence Forum Meetings attended by John Rintoul The treasurer will ask John Rintoul his intentions about attending future meetings and report back to the C.C.</p>	D.Dow
4	<p><u>Treasurer</u></p>	
a	<p>Air Training Corps.- The ATC still owes money for wreaths. Lindsay Burns said that while the membership had gone up recently the unit is struggling financially. It was agreed that a letter offering a waiver of the moneys owed should be sent.</p>	Roy
b	<p>Upgrade of the Community Woodland area by the CSFT. David complained to Mike Ewart- Sustainable Development Officer of CSFT regarding motorcyclist and horse riders using the paths. CSFT looking at signs for to warn motorcyclists and have spoken with police re the issue. Horseriders can and will be allowed to use the paths. It will be a policing issue to ensure the paths are used safely.</p>	
c	<p>Rita Hunter Award Lindsay confirmed it is desired for best improvers for 1st/2nd/3rd years. Will confirm precise details with Mr Millar and revert asap. It was agreed that it will be called the Rita Hunter Trophy presented by the Community Council.</p>	L.B.
d	<p>Expenses Payment will continue as in previous years with claims to be submitted if any expenses are incurred in doing Community Council business. Car mileage fixed at 25p/mile and a claim form is to be created for use by claimants.</p>	D.Dow
5	<p><u>Any Other Competent Business</u></p>	
a	<p>Fly Tipping Meeting – Tuesday 11th March Crieff Hydro Hotel – Mick will attend and report back at next meeting.</p>	M.Mc
b	<p>Night time lighting at Falkirk High Building Site Lindsay raised the issue of lighting at the new school at night and the meeting agreed that it seemed excessive.</p>	
c	<p>Recent Crush Incident at Denny High School Lindsay reported that the incident was dealt with well by the school staff despite a poor response from the NHS and emergency services. New safety measures have been put in place in the school to help prevent repeat.</p>	

<p>d</p> <p>e</p> <p>f</p>	<p>Policing Feedback – email from Mick McIntosh to all C.C. members. Mick circulated a copy of an email from the ASCC requesting oral evidence to the Scottish Parliament Justice Committee. He confirmed to the meeting that the deadline for this is May so it can be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Flooding issues Christine raised the issues of recent flooding and that Stirling St in Dunipace - Rosebank area is particularly bad adding to the problems in Carronvale estate. It was suggested that the local authority needs to review its drain clearing and maintenance schedules. The Secretary will write to the council requesting an explanation of the situation and confirmation of the actions required to fix the problem. It was suggested that we as a group invite Hamish McPhee flood prevention officer Falkirk Council to come to a meeting in future to discuss issues.</p> <p>Downloading and photocopying data for use by C.C. There was a discussion about the facility for C.C. members to use easily in accessing the web for documents and for photocopying. Currently the library can be used without cost to access the web and the Town House provides photocopying facilities.</p> <p>Meeting Closed. Next Meeting Mon 7th April</p>	<p>Roy</p>
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