

Denny & District Community Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday 3rd Dec 2007

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

PRESENT:

APOLOGIES:

Community Councillors: John Rintoul David Dow
Roy Robertson Ray Richards
Mick McIntosh
Chrissie Docherty
John Cooper

Christine Bell
Jennifer Steel
Colin Belbin

Local Councillors: Councillor Waddell
Councillor Blackwood

Councillor Mc Nally

Regular attendees: Jim Marshall – Falkirk Council Community Services
Deborah Punchon – Falkirk Herald

Lindsay Burns – Denny High School

Guests: Olivia Burns Community Warden
Franca Cianni Community Warden

Minute Secretary: Christine Bell

	John Rintoul opened the meeting and offered everyone present a warm welcome.	Action
1	Minutes of previous meeting 12th Nov 07. It was decided that the minutes of the last meeting would be gone through and any updates to each item listed would be addressed and recorded.	
2	Denny High School Prize Donation. Lindsay was not present at tonight's meeting therefore there is no update. Will address again at next meeting. C.C. group need some guidance on what the appropriate financial value of this award should be and the form it should take. David will contact S. Millar for advice.	D.D.
3	Town Centre Regeneration. Denny Development Group Meeting 22nd Nov. Update from David and Mick from the meeting: Mick reported a generally positive meeting with the whole regeneration team present. New drawings were presented but would be released after the traders have a chance to view them at the public meeting planned for 28 th Nov. Community space was discussed at length. Currently no space allocated. C.C. suggested they should reconsider this so council will investigate possibilities. It was mentioned that there could be something within the library which will be considered. In general, it was felt	

<p>by C.C. and others that a large community space in the form of a fully functioning community centre is what Denny needed which could be multi functional and useful for both large and small public functions. There would simply not be enough space to accommodate this in the plans so the local elected members were given the task of looking into other possibilities within the area and revert with some ideas</p> <p>.</p> <p>Although new plans were examined at the meeting it was stated that they were not fixed and there was still some flexibility. Developer agreed that changes are easier made now before finalisation.</p> <p>It was agreed that the regeneration work would have to be done in two phases in order to function as smoothly as possible during the work in progress. Library will go into employment office area and others in porta-cabins. Town Square is now to be where TSB is currently. Supermarket and service area now planned to be at the opposite end of the town square opposite hospice shop area. Douglas Duff did offer to come to meet with C.C. to explain proposals if required. The C.C. to advise if this is desired.</p> <p>Ray expressed concerns about the position of war memorial and traffic flow during armistice day service but it is said to still be flexible at this stage.</p> <p>Roy expressed concerns re the service entry for new supermarket location opposite St Alexanders Church. He also has concerns about the accuracy of information. It appears that the regeneration project priority is still being driven by private interests and not the public's best interest. To this end, Denny is still in dire need of a community centre which is not happening at the moment. Broompark centre was mentioned but it is not considered by Roy to have adequate space.</p> <p>Councillor Waddell updated the group on where he felt things were up to at present.</p> <p>Further questions to Councillor Waddell and the Dev Team :</p> <p>Q. Roy asked how many current traders intend to relocate to new development? A. Not yet confirmed. Details still being negotiated. Mick was told that the majority of the current traders will be taking units in new dev.</p> <p>Q. Roy asked what has been agreed in terms of supermarket ownership. A, Mick confirmed that two supermarket chains were currently in negotiation with the council but neither can be disclosed yet.</p> <p>Ray was told Post Office is proposed to move. This has not been mentioned at any meeting and the consensus is that it is staying in present location.</p> <p>John Rintoul expressed that it is important that as many C.C. members as possible go to the next public meeting. Alex encouraged the group to involve as many members of the public as possible. John Cooper stated that it is not the responsibility of the C.C. to inform the public of forthcoming meetings. John Cooper concluded that communication from Falkirk council is still very poor despite attempts to try to improve things in the past.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>D.D. M.Mc</p>
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**Guest Speakers – Denny Community Warden Olivia Burns
Community Warden Manager – Franca Cianni**

Roy Conney and Olivia Burns are the wardens for Denny.
Franca Cainni provided an outline of their function as below:

ASB initiatives in Falkirk consist of a strategy group including police, community services, health services such as victim support and childrens services etc.

Within the group there is an information sharing protocol which helps develop services.

They also have the conflict resolution service – specialist teams who develop solutions to problems with ASB. Early intervention routes. Falkirk investigation support team, helps to deal with serious persistent ASB issues and cases and has a seconded police officer.

Mediation team also operates, to provide help for individuals to take responsibility for their own situations and help resolve them. Also out of hours services available from Falkirk Council noise team to investigate problems of noise pollution. Wardens have the power to issue fines of £100 for non compliance in noise pollution breaches of the law. They have not been used by Falkirk team yet.

Community warden services are seen as the eyes and ears of the community.

Majority of work is reporting on ASB issues. Been effective in reducing fear of crime for residents. Assist police but don't replace them. Provide links between services and the public.

Currently Wardens operate in Grangemouth, Boness, Denny, Stenhousemuir, Camelon and Hallglen. Survey showed 90% positive response to the warden service. Are part of problem solving partnership.

Funding for wardens runs out at end of March so all are hopeful that the service will be continued. They would like to continue and expand to areas they can make a difference in.

Olivia Burns addressed the meeting to inform of current initiatives in Denny:

Roy Cooney and Olivia have been in Denny for approx 1month. Olivia is from the area and previously worked with children. They patrol on foot as much as possible. Particular focus is on town centre. They are engaging with lots of youth groups from different areas. Other youths are coming into the area. Andy Nisbet Community Police officer has recently taken up the post works closely with the wardens. Concentrating also on Little Denny Road area, Bulloch Cres and Bridge Cres. Environmental issues are a concern. Bridge Cres area are trying to get a youth shelter so wardens are supporting that. They are planning to get involved with the youth for Denny group. Keen to get involved with any community group. In the coming year they plan to go to local schools to talk about how they can work together.

John Rintoul thanked the guests for the contribution and identified that the community council would support their work and expressed the desire of the C.C. group that funding is made available to continue with this valuable service to the community.

John conveyed that their attendance at future meetings would be most welcome.

It was agreed that the community council would send a letter of support for the warden service to Falkirk Council.

The meeting was concluded by John Rintoul thanking everyone for their contribution.
The next meeting is due to take place on **Monday 7th January. Happy Christmas to all.**

R.R.