

**Banknock, Haggs & Longcroft Community Council**

**Meeting**

**Minutes – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**Present:** A Little (Chair); M Millar; L Tonner-Murphy; G. Binnie; S Mc Arthur; I Taylor;  
D Henderson; C Wilson; Cllr J. Blackwood;

Visitors: T. Devlin (I.H. Brown); D. Thallon (Falkirk Council); 4 members of the Public

**1.0 Apologies**

1.1 S. McArthur; J O'Donnell; A O'Donnell; G. Binnie; cllr. Waddell; cllr. Orr;

**2.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- 2.1 Previous minutes were accepted with no alterations;
- 2.2 A comment was made to ensure that in future the disabled access to be open at all times the hall is open;

**3.0 Chairpersons Report**

3.1 A Little reported no additional items;

**4.0 Treasurers Report**

4.1 D. Henderson reported a transfer of funds is to undertaken to release the abandoned previous Community Council bank account;

**5.0 Police Report**

5.1 The report was discussed and a copy of the report is attached for reference.

5.2 It was passed on for information that John Penman of Cloy bank is working with the community Police Officer in setting up a youth project in Banknock;

**6.0 Secretary's Report**

6.1 M. Millar reported on all planning applications to date and it was agreed that to speed up future meetings only relevant items to be discussed. All others to be filed and made available

Action – M. Millar to produce file

**7.0 Matters Arising**

7.1 Cllr Blackwood informed the community council that the new council leader appointed is Cllr Craig Martin;

7.2 Cllr Blackwood also informed the community council that he has been appointed convenor of Housing and Social Services; he was congratulated by the members;

7.3 The community council were given an update by D Thallon on the SIRR - STRUCTURE PLAN based on LOCAL PLAN development framework agreed June 2009

7.4 There was a discussion on the new housing and related flooding and SUDS proposal;

- H. Brown are currently developing a plan for application in principle Feb 2010
- The calculations for the SUDS are based on a 200 year event flood projection;
- The proposed gradual release tanks for additional water will be placed under the Park opposite the school;
- The 2 SUDS ponds will be as per the plan;
- The research on the capacity is based on the above 200 year event ;
- The management of the outflow is that it releases the water at a lower level than the rainfall at its worst and the pond and tanks act as a reservoir storing the additional until it is gradually released.

There were concerns from the Community Council on 2 points

- The flooding at present will continue after this is placed;
- The capacity is not going to manage the amount of water falling;

The following assurances were given

- The flood risk assessment will be made available to be seen
- That further considerations will be ongoing as the plan progresses;
- That the research is complete and the calculations are for a 200 year flooding event;
- The fund from the planning gain will be a local community fund;

7.5 Skene quarries to be re-contacted in relation to road cleaning to confirm the frequency and that they do or do not clean the village area;

Action – M. Millar

7.6 Falkirk Council to be contacted regarding the path to the rear of the surgery not being gritted and is currently dangerous for the elderly as it is an access route for the surgery and chemist. In addition concerns were raised regarding gully cleaning in the village as the current type of grit seems to be clogging the paths and channels;

Action- M. Millar

7.7 A member of the public raised concerns that at Kilsyth Road there has been a lack of consultation on the setting of traffic lights directly outside 225 Kilsyth road and the proposed new road alterations. There has been no local consultation or information on this matter.

In addition other members of the public raise concerns about lack of communication  
In relation to planning applications, contact and the general lack of information

Action – Mr D. Thallon offered to look into this and reply to the Community Council and in future to assist in ensuring there is a link for planning issues with Brent Vivian of Falkirk Council;

7.8 A discussion was held regarding the Portacabin storage of Kilsyth Road and the Community Council were informed that Planning permission for this had been refused

## **8.0 Other Business**

8.1 A point was raised with Cllr Blackwood regarding pavement sweeping on Kilsyth Road, the sweeper is doing its job however it is not lifting the grit and soil mess on the pavements.

Action – Cllr Blackwood will look into this with the roads department and revert back

8.2 Currently the last bus to Banknock does not take passengers to Coneypark, however the bus itself does and turns empty passing the passengers walking on the way back;

Action – Cllr Blackwood to discuss with First Bus;

8.3 It was brought to the attention of the Community Council that residents do not know when the meetings are held and it should be advertised;

Action – I. Tonner Murphy and M Millar to produce posters to be put up in local shops and newspapers to be re contacted regarding advertising future meetings;

8.4 The Community Council were informed of the Banknock Tenants and residents association had held its first meeting;

## **9.0 Date of Next Meeting**

9.1 The date of the next meeting will be the 7.00pm, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at Banknock Community Centre;