

Banknock, Haggs & Longcroft Community Council

Minutes of Annual General Meeting – 07 May 2009

Present: A Little (Chair) Cllr J Blackwood; G Binnie; C Wilson; A Campbell; B Campbell; D Henderson; J Penman; Cllr M Oliver; P.C. I Taylor; A Skullen; L Murphy (part)

1.0 Apologies

1.1 S McArthur; J O'Donnell

2.0 Minutes of Previous A.G.M

2.1 Minutes of previous AGM were not available due to a combination of illness/absence

2.2 It was unanimously agreed that an AGM should be held and AL circulated a sederunt.

3.0 Chairpersons Report

3.1 AL gave a report on the activities of BHLCC over the preceding year and covered issues including; - bus services; speed limits; new Denny High School; proposed major housing developments; the Strategic Initiative for Residential led Regeneration; Cowdenhill Quarry; Cloybank activities; transfer of funds from the previous residents association; and A80 to M80 upgrade. Cllr J Blackwood joined meeting at this point. AL also covered other issues including; postcodes for area; new Falkirk Council Local Plan; Road safety issues; and Police liaison and interaction.

4.0 Treasurers Report

4.1 There was no treasurers/financial report. In the absence of the Treasurer AL advised the bank balance was about £2,000.00 and it was agreed that a full financial report would be provided at the next meeting.

5.0 Police Report

5.1 P.C. Taylor provided a statistical report relating to reported crimes and police action in the BHLCC area.

5.2 P.C. Taylor advised the meeting re work being undertaken in relation to neighbour disputes and in particular the work of the Conflict Resolution Team.

6.0 Matter Arising

- 6.1 Cllr Oliver advised of progress re introduction of 30mph speed limit on A803 at Longcroft.
- 6.2 Noted an SIRR meeting is scheduled for 06/06/09
- 6.3 Re Quarry – noted some street sweeping was being undertaken on A803 in a westerly direction.
- 6.4 Public Information meetings re A80/M80 works will be held on Tuesday 12/05/09 and on 10/06/09.
- 6.5 G.B. spoke on his continued concern re pedestrian safety on A803.
- 6.6 CW raised issue of ongoing problems due to gantry on M80 still not having been reinstated. Noted that there is a commitment from the authority to repair/reinstate the gantry.
- 6.7 JP reported on activities at Cloybank including school visits. Noted Fair being held on 06/06/09 to which all welcome – may become annual event. JP also advised he has met Skene Group rep (Mr Denny) and Aggregate Industries Director, Ian Haldane re quarry issues. JP advised if new quarry approved at Tomfyne area throughput is likely to be 500,000 tonnes/annum and not 1,500,000 t/a previously suggested.

7.0 Other Business

- 7.1 GB made reference to his dissatisfaction re location of New Denny High School.
- 7.2 AS reported on inadequacy of stank (gully) cleaning services.
- 7.3 LM raised issue of empty council houses in BHL area and the time being taken to let. She asked if houses in this area were being kept for homeless/refugees or “safe” houses. Cllrs Oliver and Blackwood advised on their understandings of the allocations policy. Noted that 2 out of 3 void (empty) houses may be allocated to homeless. Discussion also re Council points system for allocation. Concern expressed at persons coming from outwith the area (outwith the Falkirk Council area) and being housed in BHL area, LM suggested local people were not adequately served. LM advised she should be able to obtain further information from Housing Management section.

8.0 Election of Office Bearers

- 8.1 Following Office bearers were proposed and seconded unopposed.
 - Chair - A Little
 - Vice Chair - Vacant
 - Secretary - J O’Donnell
 - Treasurer - D Henderson
- 8.2 G Binnie and C Wison, both declined to accept nomination to post of vice chair but will continue as representatives.

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