

Banknock, Haggs & Longcroft Community Council

Meeting to Appoint Community Council Officials

Minutes – 24th Sept 2009

Present: A Little (Chair); C Wilson; G Binnie; M Millar; L Tonner-Murphy; A. O'Donnell; S Mc Arthur

Part (A Donachie, General Public)

1.0 Apologies

1.1 D. Henderson; J O'Donnell;

2.0 Election of Community Council Officials

2.1 A Little proposed the election of new committee for the next community council session to represent Banknock, Haggs, and Longcroft;

A Little raised a motion to co-opt S McArthur as a member of the community council.

Seconded by L Tonner- Murphy; agreed by the members.

A McArthur was therefore co-opted as a member of Banknock Haggs and Longcroft Community Council.

A Little raised a motion to co-opt G Binnie as a member of the community council
Seconded by C Wilson; agreed by the members.

G Binnie was therefore co-opted as a member of Banknock, Haggs and Longcroft Community Council.

A Little raised the motion to appoint the officials of the new council, Chairman, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. This was agreed.

Chairperson

A McArthur proposed A Little for the position of chairperson;

Seconded by C Wilson, Agreed by the members.

Vice Chair

A O'Donnell informed the committee that j O'Donnell wished to be considered for the position of Vice Chair.

Proposed by S McArthur, Seconded by A O'Donnell, agreed by the members.

Treasurer

A Little informed the council that D Henderson would like to be considered for the post of treasurer.

Proposed by A Little, seconded by L Tonner-Murphy, agreed by the members.

Secretary

A Little proposed M Millar for the position of Secretary;

Seconded by S McArthur;

The above members are duly elected to the positions shown.

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1 A Little proposed to discuss the last minutes of the previous community council and this was agreed.

3.2 A discussion was held on the merits of the SIRR meeting that members of the community council attended on 29th October. It was felt by those who attended that the information was limited in scope and not as informative as required. No real information on community facilities and shops were given. An offer to be made by the Community Council to assist with any future publicity of meetings and support to communicate with the local community to assist in raising awareness.

Action – M Millar to write to relevant Falkirk Council department and I &H Brown to request further information on the proposed improved community facilities and infrastructure to support the new Banknock area housing development;

3.3 The issue of the lack of suitable bus shelter at Glasgow Road Longcroft adjacent to the monument was discussed. It was noted that it was dangerous in construction that the public have to step on the road to see oncoming traffic.

Action – M Millar to write to Falkirk Council for clarification on the timescale for improving the bus shelter inline with others in the area;

3.4 Future meetings will be advertised 2 weeks in advance in the local newspaper to encourage the support of the community

Action – M. Millar to inform Falkirk Herald of future dates and agree detail of advert;

3.5 A discussion was held on the number of meetings required, it was agreed to leave the number and date after December to be the last Thursday of the month excluding July, August and December. It was also agreed that depending on circumstances additional meetings will be convened as required.

4.0 Chairpersons Report

4.1 A Little reported that the new council had been provided with the Falkirk Council Information Bulletin volume 3 2009/10 and the Volume 3 of Council and Committee Minutes 2009/10 as information for members.

4.2 A Little introduced A Donachie to the meeting in relation to his e-mail of 31st October in relation to the SIRRS meeting of 29th October. His e-mail will be discussed as AOB

5.0 Treasurers Report

5.1 In the absence of D Henderson A Little reported that the current balance was £616.84.

6.0 Police Report

6.1 In future all community council members will receive copy of the Police report as part of the minute.

6.2 The next report will be discussed at the next full meeting.

7.0 Matters Arising

7.1 Information on affordable housing will be presented by Cllr Blackwood agreed at a future meeting.

7.2 It was agreed that all future meetings would be advertised in the Falkirk Herald M Millar to contact and arrange.

7.3 The E-mail from A Donachie was discussed in relation to the drainage provision for the area of Banknock in relation to the following points

- The current and potential flooding in Bog Road in relation to the new proposed house building.
- The loss of the Public space along the main road and the loss of attractive trees and vegetation that are a feature of the current village.
- The building of a cess pool adjacent to the Hollandbush Inn for run off storage and natural seepage.

He believes a solution to the drainage issue would be the reinstatement of the Cundy that runs under Banknock from Wester Thomaston farm burn to the river Bonny. This was blocked approximately 15 years ago around the time the most recent and serious flooding started.

Members of the community council also reported the flooding was aggravated by the severe dust and aggregate debris was being deposited by quarry transport. No wheel wash would seem to be in use in the quarry and there seems to be no local road washing or cleaning is being carried out.

Action - M Millar to write to A.H. Brown and ask for clarification on the drainage plan for the new development at Banknock and comment on the impact on the existing infrastructure.

Action – M Millar to write to Falkirk Council and Skene Group to request information on the cleaning of existing drains and the requirement for the local quarry to ensure debris and dust is not deposited along the local roadways.

7.4 A Little informed the council that J Penman had intended to attend in relation to the loss of all fish in his stock pond due to unknown contamination. His source is the Morrison's Burn.

Action- A little to discuss the above item with J Penman prior to next meeting.

8.0 Other Business

8.1 It was agreed that M Millar will book all future dates with Hall Janitor

8.2 It was agreed that all future mail to be redirected to M Millar at Home address as mail arrives

9.0 Next Meeting

9.1 The date of the next meeting will be the Thursday 3rd December 2009