

Denny & District Community Council

Meeting Minutes-Draft

Mon 1st Sep 2008

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

PRESENT:

John Rintoul
Jennifer Steel
Roy Robertson
John Cooper
Christine Bell-Minutes
David Dow
Ray Richards
Mick McIntosh
Chrissie Docherty
Michelle McCallum – CGI + CTRA
Conor Murray – Denny High School
Louise Montgomery – Denny High School
Kathleen Murray – Member of the Public
Jim Marshall – Falkirk Council
Charleen ?? – Falkirk Council Licensing Standards Officer

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Blackwood
Cllr Waddell
Cllr McNally

Brian Pirrie- F.C.
Colin Belbin

1.0 WELCOME

John Rintoul the Convenor returned to the meetings this evening with a warm welcome from all present. All expressed how wonderful it was to see him back.
John opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their support during his wife's illness and expressing how good it was to be back.
John introduced Connor and Louise from Denny High School to the meeting and expressed how their attendance was greatly appreciated.

2.0 CONGRATULATIONS

The meeting conveyed messages of congratulations to member Christine Bell who graduated from Stirling University during the closed period with a BA with Honours in Sociology and Social Policy.
Christine was taken by surprise with a presentation of flowers and thanked the meeting for their warm wishes.

Action

3.0 LICENSING STANDARDS PRESENTATION

Charleen delivered a detailed presentation on the current changes which are presently being processed in accordance with new Act which will be effective from 1st Sep 2009.

For details see 10 page handout of slides provide by Charleen titled The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

Charlene asked the CC to report any concerns about particular premises to her.

4.0 CHANGING SCOTLANDS RELATIONSHIP WITH ALCOHOL

John Rintoul distributed a copy of the document from the Scottish Gov titled 'Changing Scotlands Relationship with Alcohol. John outlined some key concerns with the document, but all should read it and confer at a later date. A general discussion about a potential 'social responsibility fee' took place.

5.0 TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

It was reported that St Alexander's Church were still contesting the position of the entrance to the service area.

They planning department and the Church are still in dialogue regarding this matter. Supermarket ownership still yet to be confirmed. Next meeting due to be held on Thursday 4th Sep in Broompark Centre at 6.30 p.m. David, Mick and Christine will attend.

M.MC
DD
C.Bell

6.0 AFFILIATION FEES FOR THE ASCC

David confirmed that a cheque for fees has been sent some time ago and never been cashed. Mick will resolve this with the ASCC.

M.MC

7.0 PLANNING APPEAL, NORTHFIELD ROAD DEVELOPMENT

The pre-inquiry meeting was attended on 20th Aug by Jennifer, John Cooper and Christine from the CC.

Persimmon Homes requested this appeal against refusal of planning permission.

The withdrawal of objection to the flats by F.C. was discussed.

Jennifer Steel presented the Community Council with the full details as discussed by the reporter at the meeting, including the expected involvement of the Community Council. Jennifer emphasised the tight time restriction on this Inquiry and that action needs to be taken immediately to meet the requirements.

The Community Council would need to submit a Statement of Case. Persimmon would present first at the Inquiry, then Falkirk Council, then the Residents.

Roy addressed the meeting – outlining the difficulties associated with the tight time scales in accordance with the letter detailing the Pre Inquiry Meeting.

A discussion took place regarding the huge demands this makes on the community.

7.1 Kathleen Murray

Kathleen Murray, a resident from the proposed building location attended the meeting to discuss that her letter of objection had not been passed on to the Inquiry Case Officer. She had objected via the F.C. website.

Kathleen noted that during the pre-inquiry meeting the Reporter emphasised there had been a lot of 'double counting'.

There had been around 360 letters of objection noted at the time of the pre-inquiry meeting.

Kathleen is very concerned that her letter has not been passed on. During a recent journey, Kathleen had to give way to 22 cars on Barnego road. Also concerns about the bus route being discontinued.

She has many grave concerns about this development and urged that they were dealt with at the Inquiry.

7.2 Michelle McCallum

Michelle addressed the meeting explaining that she attended the Per Inquiry meeting only as a lat minute decision for curiosity – to find that the Reporter clearly thought that CTRA were leading the objections on behalf of all the resident objectors in Dunipace.

She outlined that the Reporter clearly requested that CTRA and or DDCC get together to present their case at the Inquiry.

CTRA will be glad to contribute to a bigger group in this Inquiry but cannot lead the process on behalf of the wider community.

7.3 Christine Bell

An update on the position of Tenants and Residents Associations in the area was provided by Christine.

Barnego Rd area did meet in Spring 08 to discuss the possibilities of setting one up. It is believed this was led by Shona Barrie.

Meadow Court area are currently investigating setting a TRA up but no official TRA's exist in the area other than CTRA.

Bill Strassheim was approached by Christine when this Inquiry was called to ask if he would give evidence.

He confirmed he would be prepared to give evidence on technical flooding issues.

7.4 John Rintoul

Requested that the CC call a meeting next Monday 8th Sep to invite all concerned public and group members to discuss how we collectively deal this case and to work out a coordinated plan.

Christine Bell suggested a task force should be set up ASAP to identify key volunteers to deal with this.

It was agreed that Monday would be difficult as it was the holiday weekend.

John asked Christine to arrange to get as many people together for this as possible.

Wed 3rd Sep was agreed as the best possible date to meet at 7.00 in the Carronbank Business Centre.

Christine agreed to try get people together on WED 3rd.

C.BELL

In the meantime Roy was asked to write to the Reporter on the basis that he confirms all letters of objection will still stand.

8.0 Meeting In Carronvalley Hotel on 20th Aug.

Hosted by Stirling Council and the Wiseman Group to discuss plans for the Mountain Biking Centre proposals. It was an informal meeting and extremely hostile in that the residents objected strongly about the means by which the meeting came about and that nobody had been consulted. Jennifer agreed to keep the C.C. informed of future developments in this area.

JS

9.0 Minutes of the last Meeting held 2nd June 2008.

Minutes were agreed as a true record by Jennifer and seconded by David.

10.0 ASCC

Mick confirmed that he had approached the ASCC regarding the exchange of information on how different areas deal with problems in their area which are relevant to all. The method of sharing information will be discussed and proposals put forward.

11.0 CC and Area Group Forums.

Jennifer suggested that there should be discussion between the CC and the Area Forum group to decide how area forums are resurrected.

Brian Pirrie the new Democratic Services Manager for Falkirk Council was intending to come along to the meeting tonight and sends his apologies.

12.0 Secretaries Report

12.1 Housing Allocation Policy Review – Result of the consultation document is available to see on the FC website.

ALL

12.2 Community Projects Fund – Details and applications for funding information received. Application deadline is Fri 26th Sep

12.3 FC Structure Plan 2007 Review

This can be obtained from FC website. This is the essential doc. All complaints have to be based on the plan details and failures to meet the requirements of the plan.

Roy agreed to write to the Council to request 10 copies of this Plan, one for each member of the CC.

R.ROB

12.4 Letters from MSP's

Michael Matheson – Impressed by the work of CC.s invited to a tour of Scottish Parliament on Wed 1st Oct.

Anyone wishing to attend either let Roy know or tell Roy asap.

ALL

Letter from a new MSP Hugh O'Donnell to announce his position and to invite any communication regarding concerns.

12.5 Planning Application

Private Gypsy Site on the Old Northfield Road, as per email from Roy to all Community Councillors.

Roy objected to this until more details emerge and full discussion can take place with all members.

More information is needed on this and further discussion will take place.

Roy to request more information for discussion at next meeting.

R.ROB

12.6 Post Offices Outreach Services

Leaflet passed round.

13.0 Treasurers Report

Grant Application

The CC has received a cheque for £878 which is in our accounts.

14.0 Application for change of use for premises in the Carronbridge area – Riverside Farm.

Jennifer informed the meeting of a recent planning application as above.

Three page application form from premises at Riverside Farm was received and there are huge changes which are being made and need investigated. Jennifer will continue with her enquiries and revert to us at next meeting.

JS

**15.0 Date of Next Meeting:
Monday 6th October.**