

**Denny & District Community Council**

**Meeting Minutes-Draft**

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2008**

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

Minutes by C. Bell

**PRESENT:**

John Rintoul  
Christine Bell  
Roy Robertson  
Chrissie Docherty  
David Dow  
Colin Belbin  
Ray Richards  
Mick McIntosh  
John Cooper  
Wm J Buchanan  
Steve Ratcliffe  
Mathew Bradshaw - Scotpharm

**APOLOGIES:**

Jennifer Steel  
  
Cllr McNally  
Cllr Blackwood  
Cllr Waddell  
Jim Marshall  
Neil McDonald

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome</b> The Convenor John Rintoul opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. The first part of the meeting was taken up by the AGM details of which are recorded in a separate set of minutes.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Mathew Bradshaw - SCOTPHARM</b> Mathew attended the meeting representing Scotpharm a pharmaceuticals company who have applied for a license to operate from the Scotmid store in Dennyloanhead. Mathew presented details of the licensing requirements and the proposals of Scotpharm. There was agreement by the meeting that there is a need for this facility and all who attended expressed support for the proposals. It was agreed that the DDCC would write a letter of support for this proposal direct to Scotpharm. Mathew provided details of who to address the letter to. Roy will write asap.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Steve Ratcliffe - CTRA</b> Steve attended the meeting to express concern for the housing in Denny Town Centre and the letting of them to some residents with extreme social problems including drug abuse. Steve intends to investigate the background to the letting policy for this particular area and to gather factual details relating to Church Walk housing letts. DDCC are aware that there are concerns relating to ASB in the town due to these letts.	<b>Roy</b>

It was agreed that there should be factual details available for ASB and this information should be sought. The DDCC will invite the 4 Councillors in the area and a representative from the Police Dept to the next meeting to provide a report.

It was mentioned that there are similar housing letting policies throughout the Falkirk District but details are unclear. The details need to be clarified for DDCC and all who will be invited to attend will be advised in advance that these details are required.

**Roy  
Steve  
R.**

#### **4.0 Minutes of November 3rd Meeting**

Minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Colin and seconded by John Cooper.

#### **5.0 Matters arising from previous minutes**

There was controversy at the Nov meeting relating to the voice recording for the purpose of minutes taking. The Legal dept of Falkirk Council has confirmed that the Law states that there is no problem with recording a public meeting provided the meeting is advised that recording is taking place. If any one present at the meeting objects to being recorded, they then do not contribute to the meeting.

#### **6.0 Remembrance Sunday**

There were issues relating to the adverse weather conditions on the day. Lessons have been learned from this experience and there will be alternative plans in place in future should the weather conditions be similar.

#### **6.1 Poppy Appeal**

The appeal went well this year raising £2501.76.

Supermarkets seem to be the most popular donating points.

Colin to inform the Falkirk Herald to thank the public.

It was agreed that poppy stickers would be required for distribution next year.

**Colin**

#### **6.2 Donations**

It was discussed that FC confirmed that small donations can be given to community groups by DDCC. The proposal of donating the wreaths to the small groups was discussed and agreed.

#### **6.3 Wreaths being placed for Eric Joyce**

Mr Joyce has placed wreaths out with the official procedure again this year. It was expressed that Mr Joyce should follow the normal official procedure and have his wreath announced and laid during the ceremony. Roy will write again next year asking this to be followed.

**Roy**

#### **7.0 Driving Force Fund Raising Race Night**

DDCC sponsored a race at the event which was well attended.

A prize bingo event is planned for April for further fund raising.

8.0	<b>Meeting of Local Community Councils Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 6p.m. in FC Offices.</b>	
	Mick expressed and interest in attending with John Rintoul.	Mick John R
9.0	<b>Convenors Business</b>	
9.1	<b>License Forum Meeting</b>	
	John Rintoul will attend the next meeting. Northfield Rd shop is due to have its license renewed. No problems have been reported relating to this store. Little Denny Rd store also due for renewal.	John R
9.2	<b>First Ministers Question Time</b>	
	John Rintoul received an invitation to attend a forthcoming question time at Hollyrood. He will take up this invitation.	John R
10.0	<b>Persimmon PLI Update</b>	
	C. Bell informed the meeting that the closing submissions have to be delivered on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec in Dunipace Church Hall at 9.30 a.m. These will be read out by all 3 parties. The overall feeling was that the PLI proved to be a very intense learning process. Colin Belbin attended most days during the Inquiry and Mick McIntosh and John Rintoul were able to attend intermittently. The decision should be made and publicised by mid January.	
11.0	<b>Area Forum Meeting</b>	
	There has been no area forum meetings held for many months. The exact position should be confirmed by FC on this. Roy will request an update.	Roy
12.0	<b>Secretary -Correspondence</b>	
12.1	<b>Plans for New Police Station</b>	
	In correspondence received from Cllr Waddell the new police station is planned to be located in Larbert and operational from Autumn 2009. This raises serious concerns with DDCC as it is felt this will not effectively serve the needs of the Denny area. The secretary agreed to raise this with the Police Department to provide details during the Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> meeting.	Roy
12.2	<b>Station Masters House</b>	
	Letter received from Douglas Duff detailing the position with the above. The letter was read out in full. The property is currently surplus to requirements. Proposals will be considered and discussed in full from any interested parties. Mick McIntosh identified that there has been conversations with the Heritage Society which the letter from Douglas did not mention. Up to date details need to be confirmed. The secretary will write to all necessary including the councillors for clarification of the position with this.	Roy

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| <b>12.3</b> | <b>License Meeting for duke St Premises</b><br>A meeting is due to take place to assess the granting of a license for the shop at 69 Duke St. John Rintoul will attend.  | <b>John R</b>   |
| <b>12.4</b> | <b>Planning Application</b><br>Riverside Farm Denny – Application has been received. J. Steel has been involved in this and will oversee it on behalf of DDCC.   | <b>Jennifer</b> |
| <b>12.5</b> | <b>Litter Plan Brochure.</b><br>A copy of the new DDCC brochure was distributed. The work being done in Dunipace by CGI and CTRA has been included.<br><br>Christine Bell updated the meeting on the huge success of the recent litter pick event organised by CGI on 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov when almost 100 bags of litter was collected by around 30 volunteers who turned up to help. The youth criminal justice team were also involved, carrying out their community service duties and collected litter from the underpass area of Winchester Ave.<br><br>Mick mentioned that perhaps the Community Council could join in on future litterpicks. | <b>All</b>      |
| <b>13.0</b> | <b>Access to Paths at Wellsfield Farm.</b><br>It is believed that there is a dispute between FC and the Landowner. This needs to be clarified.   | <b>Roy</b>      |
| <b>14.0</b> | <b>Car Parking at Carronbank.</b><br>The parking at St Patricks Primary School at peak times is a concern. Mick requested that the concerns are recorded in the minutes and discussed at the Jan 5th meeting with the Ploice.  | <b>Roy</b>      |
| <b>15.0</b> | <b>Mr Buchanan _ Windfarm Community Benefit Fund.</b><br>Kingsbarn Windfarm<br>Extension to Earlsburn Wind farm<br><br>Mr Buchanan raised the issue of community benefit. Colin detailed the communities who will benefit. Denny is included in a proportion of the benefit fund. Details will be clarified in due course.   | <b>Colin</b>    |

**Meeting Closed**

**Next Meeting Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 2009.**