

**Denny & District Community Council**

**Meeting Minutes-Draft**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

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

**PRESENT:**

John Rintoul  
Jennifer Steel  
Roy Robertson  
Christine Bell – Minutes  
Chrissie Docherty  
David Dow  
Colin Belbin  
Ray Richards

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr Waddell  
Cllr McNally  
John Cooper  
Mick McIntosh  
Jim Marshall

Cllr Jim Blackwood  
Conor Murray – Denny High School  
Louise Montgomery – Denny High School  
Andy Cameron – Member of the Public  
Robert Hunter – Stirling Council  
Neil McDonald - Denny Rotary Club

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome</b> The chairman John Rintoul opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. Apologies were offered as above.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Robert Hunter – Countryside Development Officer Stirling Council</b> Robert was invited to address the meeting first. The purpose of his visit was to inform DDCC of a meeting held in Carron Valley Hotel on 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2008 in connection with a LEADER project and a Mountain Biking initiative with the WISE group who are a training agency. A full account of the background to this project was provided which included historical details relating to the gradual development of Carron Valley area. Central Scotland Forrest Trust and Clanranald also have projects underway in Carron Valley. It was stated that the main concern for DDCC is the increase in traffic accessing the area for these facilities. Jennifer agreed to contact Michelle Ketteridge the LEADER development Officer to get details of all projects.	
<b>3.0</b>	Minutes of Meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep 08 Minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Jennifer and seconded by David.	J. Steel

- 4.0 Presimmon Homes Public Local Inquiry (PLI)**  
 It was agreed that C.Bell is representing the CC at the forthcoming PLI.  
 The meeting was given a full update of the situation with the PLI, Due to take place 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
 Roy Robertson passed on copies of the core documents which he received in the post from Falkirk Council.
- 5.0 Jim Blackwood**  
 Commented that he had no communication from the CC for the PLI until this meeting. This is the first meeting of the CC since the meeting in the church on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep so Mr Blackwood has now been updated.  
 Mr Robertson outlined that there should be cross party communication on such important issues and that each councillor should keep all informed of all decisions.  
 C. Bell outlined that ALL documentation in connection with the PLI is available for everyone to see on the Falkirk Council Website for the purpose of total transparency.
- 6.0 Town Centre Regeneration**  
 David updated the meeting that the plans are due to be submitted by the council in Jan 2009.  
 A replica war memorial will be included in the new town centre.  
 FC are still discussing issues with St Alexander Church in an attempt to find solutions to their concerns.
- 7.0 Station Masters House.**  
 A letter from Alex Waddell was read out by Roy relating to the potential for the future of the Station Masters House.  
 The letter requested the views of the CC for the future of the building.  
 All CC members were in favour of the building being retained for use by the community.  
 C. Bell read out an email from Marjorie Delaney of Denny in support of keeping this building and using it for a historical/cultural centre for the town.  
 Roy will write to FC to convey the views of the CC for this building to be kept in as a public building and restored to its original state. The council should investigate potential use in line with the communities desires. It may be eligible for listed status. Roy.
- 8.0 Mr Cameron – Member of the public**  
 Mr Cameron expressed his concern for pathways access in the vicinity of Wellsfield Farm. The path access has been walled over. It is believed that this is the topic of a dispute between the Landowner and the Council. This is ongoing.  
 Roy to write to the council for an update.  
 Mr Cameron also commented that the path networks on Denny are severely lacking in litter bins and dog fouling bins. Roy
- Fankerton Glen – Mr Cameron suggested that the Fankerton Glen area is being abused by motorcyclists and youths and is not being maintained in any way.

The Fankerton Glen area is also affected by the contamination from the paper Mill as identified in previous meetings and is causing path closures.

The CC will inform the community Police re the motor biking

Roy

#### **9.0 Convenors Business**

John Rintoul recently attended a licensing group meeting and provided an update of the outcomes.

#### **10.0 Licensing Forum Meeting**

Being held this coming week. This will concern Ochilview Mini Market. John will attend.

#### **10.1 Off Sales in Duke Street**

The secretary sent a letter of objection on behalf of the Community Council, to the license for this being granted.

It is considered that there is an overprovision in the Denny area.

#### **10.2 The Junior Highland Games**

John Rintoul commended the event saying it was a hugely successful event all round.

All members who attended the event agreed with John's sentiments.

#### **11.0 Secretaries Business**

##### **11.1 Remembrance Day Arrangements**

The secretary updated the meeting on the organisation for the forthcoming remembrance day parade.

##### **11.2 Poppy Collection & Distribution**

Target this year is £2million nation wide.

David Dow is organising the distribution of poppies to the CC members to deliver to individual premises.

The poppy distribution organising night is planned for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct in the Carronbank Business Centre meeting room.

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David Dow will not be available to attend the remembrance parade.

##### **11.3 Alex Waddell - letter regarding the return of the Argyll Regiment**

Alex requested to know if any celebration was taking place locally.

Grangemouth branch of the British Legion appear to be organising an event but details are sparse. Roy will pursue more info.

**11.4 Letters received re Persimmons Appeal**

The secretary has received 3 copies of all letters.

**11.5 Community Planning Partnership Event in the Grange Manor**

This is to take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> Oct at 5.00 p.m.  
All members wishing to attend to inform the organiser at FC.

WASP were scheduled to attend but were not consulted so are not available.

**11.6 Planning Application**

For a coffee shop in the Drove Loan, Bonnybridge.

**12.0 Members Business**

Riverside Farm in Carron Valley area.  
An application for planning had been received by FC which was flawed in many areas. This has been clearly highlighted to FC by a member of the CC and they are fully investigating this application. All objections were discussed and agreed.

**13.0 Treasurers Business**

ASCC membership need to be paid, £15. All agreed.

**14.0 Rotary Club Denny**

Mr Macdonald attended the meeting for the first time to introduce himself to the CC. He has extensive experience of CC work and membership and was the area commander for the Police in Falkirk Area for a number of years. He was disappointed that there was no police officer present at the meeting.

It was pointed out that Lyndsay Gray our local community police officer does attend when available.

Mr McDonald would like to attend the CC meeting on a regular basis. This notion was most welcome by all members.

It was mentioned that the CC has powers to invite/co-opt members so this may be possible

**15.0 Date of Next Meeting  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2008.**