

**Denny & District Community Council**

**Meeting Minutes-Draft**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

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

Minutes by C. Bell

**PRESENT:**

John Rintoul  
Jennifer Steel  
John Cooper  
Roy Robertson  
Colin Belbin  
Christine Bell  
Conor Murray  
Jack Cunningham  
P.C. Lynsey Gray  
Steve Ratcliffe

**APOLOGIES:**

David Dow  
Mick McIntosh  
Neil McDonald  
Cllr Jim Blackwood  
Cllr Alex Waddell  
Ray Richards  
Cllr McNally

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome</b> John Rintoul opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Update from C.Bell on recent projects/initiatives.</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Denny High School Litter Issues.</b> Meeting organised by Stephen Miller attended by Christine and Tracy McNeil as members of CGI. Meeting was called in response to many complaints being received from the public regarding litter caused largely by school pupils. CGI visited McLaren High in Callander as they had solved a similar problem. A report was sent to Stephen Miller and Chris Devlin detailing the outcome of the visit to McLaren High. In summary it was reported that the issue can be solved if the school drives forward initiatives to be devised by the pupils for the solution. For further details a copy of the report can be requested from C.Bell.	
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Annual CGI Litter Clean Up.</b> The location of this clean up was changed to cover the area being affected by the complaints from the Demoreham Ave vicinity and the area directly behind the new school. The main reason being to involve the school and enable the school to demonstrate that the litter problem was a concern to them and they were doing their best to address it. 400 leaflets were left at the school to promote the litter clean up and many more were circulated in the Denny/Dunipace area. Despite the good turn out on the day and a successful event for CGI, no support was provided by Denny High School staff or pupils other than the few CGI school pupils present and only one family from	

Demoreham Ave area.

- 2.3 Denny & Dunipace Heritage Society Oral History Project.**  
An application for funding is being submitted by a joint venture of CGI and the Heritage Society to the Heritage Lottery Fund.  
C.Bell provided a letter of support for the project in agreement with John Rintoul. The purpose of the project is to record the oral histories of local people who will be interviewed by local youth volunteers.
- 2.4 Road safety Meeting Heritage Rooms 12<sup>th</sup> May 3.00pm – 4.30pm.**  
Cllr McNally has arranged a meeting with FC Traffic and Road personnel and any member of the public who wish to raise issues and concerns for the road safety in the area.
- 2.5 Funding Officer Meeting Heritage Rooms 13<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am**  
A meeting has been organised by Cllr McNally, with the FC Funding Officer, for any local voluntary group who wish to discuss raising funds.
- 2.6 CGI Reception**  
CGI have organised a small reception for all people who supported the projects undertaken in the first year since forming the group. All members of the CC are welcome.
- 2.7 Communities Along the Carron**  
Delta Art Studios exhibition is due to commence on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Invitations will be circulated nearer the time.
- 2.8 Car Boot Sale**  
CGI and Heritage Society have joined forces to host a Car Boot Sale on Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June from 12.00 – 3.00 in the Carronbank Car Park (one stop shop). Pitches to be booked in advance at £5 each. All contributions for pitches will be donated to CGI and Heritage Society. Bouncy Castle weather permitting. Posters will be placed around the town.
- 2.9 Mural Project**  
Organised by CGI, the project is now complete and was very successful. Two murals have been completed and officially opened by Charles McDonald on 25<sup>th</sup> April. These are located on the 'Old railway Line' path along Winchester Ave to Dunipace.
- 3.0 Steve Ratcliffe – concern over Vale View Housing Complex.**  
Steve attended the meeting to voice his continued concerns relating to the FC policy for housing homeless people in the Vale View Complex. Steve attended a recent meeting at Denny Bowling Club regarding the issues. It was felt that the outcome was not satisfactory. The policy appears to indicate that there is a high concentration of ex offenders and people with severe difficulties housed in the complex. The result is that there is now a higher concentration of this type of tenant in the area and is causing

considerable concern with the locals.

Mr Ratcliffe informed the meeting that he intends to continue to pursue a satisfactory solution/explanation to this problem. There is a similar accommodation arrangement in Grangemouth which accommodates younger homeless people and there are similar projects currently in other local areas such as Alloa. ARK housing currently manages the Denny project. The Community Council did not attend the meeting as they did not know it took place.

DDCC will find out if there has been a policy decision taken on this issue. Roy will write to the housing convenor to ask. He will also write to the 4 councillors to ask what they know about the situation.

Roy

#### **4.0 Denny High School Update**

Conor Murray updated on the new Denny High School. A few initial teething problems include the changing rooms being closed due to being clogged with sand. Currently being dealt with. A few other minor problems. The toilets were vandalised. The litter, albeit recognised as a problem out with the school grounds, has improved in school. There is less litter being dropped in school compared to the old premises.

Conor introduced Jack Cunningham as the new head boy for the 2009-2010 session. Caroline McIntyre will be head girl. Jack and Caroline will be attending the DDCC meetings in future.

The annual prize giving will be on 27<sup>th</sup> June and DDCC will be receiving invites. All will be welcome. The graduation for S6 will take place this week. The community P.C. is in place. P.C. Chris Devlin is making a positive impact.

Two football cup finals have take place and DHS were successful in one of the two matches. School audit took place and it appeared to be satisfactory however there was room for improvement.

Herbertshire Athletic is a new football team which is being created in the Falkirk district with many young members keen to get involved.

Conor is due to move on to bigger and better things and he is wished well for the future.

#### **5.0 P.C. Lynsey Gray Update**

Copy of P.A.C T emailed to C. Bell who will distribute to all members. Lynsey will email to Roy Robertson in future. Bridge Cres Street party will take place in Aug. More details nearer the time.

Road safety meeting in the Heritage rooms will be attended by P.C. Gray.

#### **6.0 Minutes of April Meeting**

Proposed by John Cooper as an accurate record and seconded by Colin Belbin.

#### **7.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

##### **7.1 Windfarms**

There was a meeting at Fintry last weekend but there were no members of the DDCC in attendance.

Colin confirmed that the benefit fund from the Earlsburn Windfarm was distributed in the last round to The Bridge Cres Flat for the Street Party; The Highland Games; The Archibald Russell Centre for exterior refurbishments; Dunipace Primary School Garden Project and Strathcarron Hospice for the refurbishment of garden benches.

Mr Craig Potter from Green Power is due to come to the June meeting to speak to DDCC about their proposals for a windfarm on Denny Muir.

Both Jennifer and Roy have spoken with him. It is considered as early in the process but DDCC want to explore details of size etc.

## **7.2 Travellers Site**

There have been 6 caravans on the site and permission was granted for only 4. The local residents are complaining about this breach of regulations.

## **7.3 Riverside Farm**

JS updated the meeting. It may be that the night lighting is breaching regulations and is considered dangerous. JS is pursuing this.

Roy updated that Mrs Stevenson has been to court which resulted in a step towards improvement for her situation. A site visit is due to be held. Date TBC. There is much concern within the DDCC regarding the rules surrounding retrospective planning permission.

Letter from Paul Fleming of Central Scotland Police. The letter was read out in full. The police cannot comment on the situation and confirmed that it is being dealt with appropriately.

DDCC will continue to remain informed on the situation and will report the progress.

## **7.4 WASP Update**

Meeting with Charles Mackle resulted in no progress. The construction company are in continued discussions to try to seek a solution to the problems.

## **7.5 Re Election of the DDCC Members.**

The notice will be issued regarding re-elections in September with the election taking place in November. An election will only take place if more people than spaces on the Council come forward.

## **8.0 Quiz Night In Denny Bowling Club Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May in aid of Driving Force.**

This is for the purpose of raising awareness and funds for the charity. All welcome.

- 9.0 Secretary's Report and Correspondence.**
- 9.1 License Application for premises in Paris Ave Denny.**  
 There are no specific complaints from neighbours. It was reported that there cannot be objections on the grounds of over provision unless it is a new license application. P.C. Gray reported no particular problem with this location.  
 DDCC decided to note that there was a concern regarding the number of licensed premises in the area. Roy
- 9.2 Letter from Brian Pirrie**  
 Meeting due mid May for the model of code of conduct for members. This meeting will be delayed due to the European elections. The C Councils should be represented at the meeting. Copies of documents will follow from Roy asap. Roy
- 9.3 Prize Giving at Denny High School.**  
 The forthcoming prize for the Rita Hunter Award was voted by all in favour of a voucher for P.C. World. John Cooper has produced a brief regarding the background to the prize and Mrs Hunter's details to pass on to the school. DDCC will arrange for Mrs Hunter to be invited to attend this event. Roy
- 9.4 Area Forum Core Group meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May (for details see JS).** JS
- 9.5 Chrissie Docherty**  
 JS spoke with Chrissie regarding the decision that a small presentation for her many years of service to the CC was being arranged. It was agreed that a gift of a cross for a pendant chain she already has would be her choice. All agreed that JS could organise this and sort out the finance with D. Dow. JS
- 10.0 Next meeting due to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> June.**

Meeting Closed.

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