

**Minutes of Meeting of Grangemouth Community Council
Held within the Town Hall, Grangemouth on 9th October, 2007**

Present B. Adam, M. Gilbert, K. Hogarth, W. Inglis. A. MacCallum,
M. McDougall
B. McIntosh, M. Richards, A. Smith, A. Thomson, T. Wilson,
P. Young.

In attendance Depute Provost Councillor Black, Cllr, Spears,
Sgt Matthewson CSP, J. Trimble (Press).

Apologies S.McIntosh, S. McLachlan, J. Reid, Cllrs MacDonald, McNeil.

Convener T. Wilson

07/41 Minutes Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th June, 2007 were adopted on the motion of M. Gilbert seconded by B. Adam.

Minutes of Meeting held 6th & 13th September, 2007 were adopted on the motion of M. Gilbert seconded by W. Inglis.

07/42 Matters Arising

07/34 KEMFINE A. MacCallum asked if there had been any further progress on this matter

W. Inglis advised that as far as we were aware nothing.

07/35 Parking at Stadium A. MacCallum was advised that this would be dealt with under reports.

07/43 Correspondence

Falkirk Council

Application to hold Public Procession 11th November, 2007.

No objection

Revocation of Parking Spaces for Disabled Spey Court & Kingseat Ave

Noted

Order for Disabled Parking Spaces 3 Avonbank Ave & 4 Forth St.

Noted

Scottish Commissioner Applications & Decisions

Noted

Seminar "New Powers for Communities" 1st November 2007
Agreed W. Inglis attend

Note of Meeting at War Memorial 20th August, 2007.
Noted

Association of Scottish Community Councils

Annual General Meeting and Conference 2007 - 3rd November, 2007

Agreed M. Richards attend as Voting Delegate, observer B. Adam.

Old Town Youth Nominating B. McIntosh as representative
Accepted

PORT nominating S. McIntosh as representative
Accepted

07/44 Reports.

W. Inglis referred to previous question by A. MacCallum concerning **07/35 Parking at Stadium** and reported that he had attended a meeting with officials from Falkirk Council regarding the parking issues, which had been monitored during an event in August/September. Items such as double yellow lines in Kersiebank Avenue, new signage on Inchyra Road and removal of traffic calming at the Tinto Drive Kersiebank Avenue junction along with the stewarding of events were all under discussion but the major factor was finance.

As a follow-up to our seminar on transport issues affecting Grangemouth, a group to be called **The Grangemouth Transport Forum** has now been set up, participants include the Community Council, Forth Ports and INEOS and hopefully in the future representatives from local transport companies. An approach is being made to the Local Enterprise Company for expertise and funding in order to ensure that we cover any broader issues of a transport nature affecting our community now and in the future.

A meeting has been held to launch the Local Community Plan, members of the Community Council attended.

Flood Relief channel cleaning; it appeared to various observers that work had stopped, contact was made with H. McPhee Falkirk Council to clarify the situation regarding progress of the clearance work. Due to financial constraints work will not take place on the downstream section until next year and work has now recommenced on the upstream section.

A seminar "New Powers for Communities" is to be held on 1st November, Falkirk Council was willing to fund the attendance of a representative, W. Inglis was appointed.

Sgt M Matthewson CSP attending his first meeting as the Area Team Supervisor presented a briefing paper, details were given of Anti Social Behaviour and Fixed Penalty Tickets, use of Mobile Phones 74 persons being reported for driving whilst using as mobile phone in the Grangemouth Area.

The work of the ASBIT (Anti Social Behaviour Intervention Team) patrols over the weekends. To date 91 persons within the town have been charged with offences ranging from unlawful possession to being involved in the cultivation and supply of drugs.

Team members have worked with Staff at HM YOI Polmont in several drug operations these have been successful as a decrease of some 80% of violent incidents by inmates has been achieved.

There has been a spate of housebreakings within the town and following investigations by the Area team 3 people were charged with 24 crimes within the Grangemouth Falkirk area and stolen property in excess of £11,000 has been recovered. This investigation is currently ongoing, one male who was responsible for the majority of the crimes is in prison.

Since 1st April some 168 persons have been reported for speeding offences within the town.

Councillor Spears raised concerns that the Community Safety Group for Grangemouth had been disbanded and thought perhaps this could be undertaken by the Community Council. T. Wilson stated that this had been done before by the Community Council but others took over the running. It was however agreed that this matter should be investigated further.

07/44 Purchase of Poppy Wreath

The expenditure was approved following the motion of M. Gilbert seconded by B. McIntosh. B. Adam and M. McDougall to attend the Wreath Laying Ceremony on 11th November.

07/44 Future Presentations

T. Wilson reported that the Secretary had been put in a position where he withdrew an invitation for a presentation by Franca Gianni due to her not replying. Members requested that this invitation be reissued. Doctor J. Linn will be in attendance at the November meeting.

07/45 Autumn Fete B. Adam reported that 21 stalls had been booked and that posters were distributed.

07/46 TESCO Grangemouth M. Gilbert and B. McIntosh expressed concern regarding the lack of choice of products in the local store since ASDA had opened. The matter had been raised with the local manager who appeared to be unconcerned, is this a sign that TESCO are leaving Grangemouth? It was agreed that although we could not do much regarding this the situation would be monitored.

The meeting then terminated.

- ***Date of next meeting 13th, November, 2007, within the Marriage Suite, Municipal Buildings, Bo' ness Road, at 7.00 pm***