

Grangemouth Community Council

**Minutes of meeting of Grangemouth Community Council held within
Municipal Buildings, Grangemouth on 13th, November, 2007.**

Present

B. Adam, M. Gilbert, K. Hogarth, W. Inglis, A. MacCallum,
M. McDougall, B. McIntosh, S. McIntosh, S. Mac Lachlan, A. Marshall,
M. Richards, A. Smith, A. Thomson,

In attendance

Cllr Spears, J. Trimble (Press).

Apologies

J. Reid, T. Wilson, Depute Provost Black, Cllr MacDonald, Cllr McNeil,
Sgt Matthewson CSP.

Convener

W. Inglis.

07/47

Community Councillor S. Mac Lachlan requested permission to address the meeting which was granted. He offered his sincere apologies for his non attendance at meetings due to personal reasons (of which members were aware), and he tendered his resignation as a Community Councillor. This was accepted with the request that it be put in writing.

07/48 Presentation

Dr J. Linn gave a presentation on Spring Forward to Health 2008 which is being organised following the success of the 2006 project. A questions and answers session followed and it was agreed that the Community Council could assist by sponsoring a funding application. It was agreed that this could be progressed further through liaison with community planning partners. The intention being to identify community issues and to request funding through the community voices project.

07/49 Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th October, 2007 were adopted on the motion of M. Gilbert seconded by M. McDougall.

07/50 Matters Arising.

07/43 Association of Scottish Community Councils

M. Gilbert asked for a report on the AGM, which was given by M. Richards certain points were highlighted, these issues will be discussed by GCC members and passed back to ASCC.

07/44 Grangemouth Transport Forum

M. Gilbert asked if the Community Council had received an invitation to the function reported in the local press and attended by MSP's. W. Inglis replied that we had not; he thought the event may have been organised by W.H.Malcolm Ltd.

07/51 Correspondence

Falkirk Council

Council Minutes and Reports

Passed to M. Gilbert

Review of Polling Districts and Places

Noted

Order for Disabled Parking Space;

Don St, Gort Place, South Marshall St.

Noted

Proposed Disabled Parking Space

Sealock Court

Noted

Revocation of Disabled Parking Space Order

Roxburgh St
Noted

Falkirk Licensing Board Draft Policy Statement
Noted

Traffic Commissioner Applications & Decisions
Noted

Friends of the Earth Details of Training Courses.
Noted

Scottish Landscape Forum giving details of their work.
Noted

The Post Office

Area Plan Proposals for Gr Glasgow, Central Scotland Etc.

After discussion it was agreed that an objection be made to the closure of Bothkennar post office. The form of this objection to be discussed at a meeting of community councillors and after having had sight of objection being submitted on behalf of Falkirk Council

07/52 Reports

W. Inglis reported on the following: -

(a) **Transport Issues** the next meeting of the Grangemouth Transport Forum will be held on 7th December, 2007

(b) **Planning Issues** It was noted that the Regulatory Committee were to visit Dundee in connection with the ASDA application for a wind turbine at Falkirk. We had previously submitted comments to the Planning Officer no reply or acknowledgement has been received. Given the ongoing perception that power will be supplied to ASDA premises direct from the wind turbine, it was resolved that we write to all members of the Regulatory Committee to ensure that they are in possession of all the facts before making a decision.

(c) **New Powers for Community Councils** a report of the seminar held on 1st November: attended with 5 other Community Council representatives from Falkirk Council area. The basis was to gather information and identify themes that will be passed back to the Minister responsible in order that he may develop proposals to give new powers to Community Councils. Further information will be given when received. Our thanks are given to Falkirk Council Community Services representatives for facilitating the event.

(d) **Application for funding** Authority was given to request funding from Falkirk Council to facilitate the purchase of a lap top computer and peripheral equipment.

07/53 Kingseat Avenue W. Inglis expressed concern regarding the Council policy of allowing wheelie bins to be placed outside the front of the property on the even side of this Avenue. After discussion which drew attention to other areas of the Town where this is happening it was agreed that we draw up a list and consult with the appropriate Housing Departments.

07/54 Remembrance Day B.Adam and M. McDougall as representatives of the Community Council stated that there had been a very large turnout.

07/55 Autumn Fete B. Adam reported that there were 22 stalls at the event and charities made over £ 3000 on the day. M. Gilbert said that the Hall was small and we may wish to consider holding a future fete outdoors.

07/56 Licensing Forum A written report by T. Wilson giving details of the make up and aims of the Licensing Forum was given. The next meeting would be on 15th November, W. Inglis would be attending.

07/57 Amendment to Constitution A letter was read from M. Richards giving notice that at the December meeting of the Community Council in accordance with Clause 15 he would propose that Clause 9 be amended viz:

*Insert new Clause (9a) **Any member who fails to attend six consecutive meetings of the Community Council or its Sub-Committees without reasonable excuse shall be deemed to have relinquished their position. The matter shall be reported to the Community Council who will decide on the action to be taken.***

Any vacancy arising shall be filled in accordance with Clause 5 of this Constitution.

If the above is accepted the Title heading of Clause 9 will then read Removal **of Office Bearers and Members from office.**

07/58 Change of Meeting Premises M. Richards explained the reason why we were unable to gain access at the October meeting. It may be that we wish to consider a change of venue and he suggested the Youth and Community Wing in Abbots Road. It was **agreed** that we explore this. M. Gilbert stated that he would prefer us to have our own premises, all members were in agreement with this and we were continually on the look out for such premises.

07/59 Talbot House M. Gilbert asked who owned Talbot House. He understood that it was the people of Grangemouth. He was advised to contact ex Councillor P. McCafferty who no doubt would be able to provide the answers.

07/60 Siren M. Gilbert advised that the Siren that had been in the Old Depot at Lime Street had been removed. Councillor Spears advised that it had been placed at the Newlands Ward Community Centre meantime.

There being no further business the meeting terminated date of next meeting **11th December, 2007.**