

Grangemouth Community Council

**Minutes of Meeting of Grangemouth Community Council held on 15th May 2008  
at the Youth and Community Wing, Abbots Road, Grangemouth**

**Present**

B. Adam, M. Gilbert, K. Hogarth, W. Inglis, A. MacCallum, M. McDougall, B. McIntosh, S. McIntosh, J. Reid, M. Richards, A. Thompson, P. Young.

**In attendance**

C.I. G. Lawrie, Sgt M Matthewson CSP, Mrs A. Smith, Mrs Owens, Mrs Tierney, Mrs. Carr, S. McIntosh Jnr, B. Jones (MOP)

**Apologies**

T. Wilson, A. Marshall, Depute Provost Councillor A.Black, Councillors, MacDonald, McNeil, Spears.

**Convener**

W. Inglis.

**08/29 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th April, 2008 were adopted on the motion of M. McDougall seconded by J. Reid.

**08/30 Matters Arising**

A. Mac.Callum asked questions regarding 08/21 Charlotte Dundas and 08/25 Letter from Craig Martin suitable replies were given by W. Inglis.

**08/31 Correspondence    *Scottish Government***

Consultation on Draft Model Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils and Draft Code of Conduct for Community Councillors.

**Agreed** that as this requires serious consideration it be dealt with at Thursday night meetings to formulate a response

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**Noted**

***Application for Public Procession***

Grangemouth Council of Churches 25th May 2008 at 14.00 hrs

## **No objections**

Intimation of approval for Apprentice Boys Derry Club (Grangemouth) 17th May 2008 at 09.00 hrs and return 16.00 hrs

**Noted**

***Traffic Commissioner Application & Decisions*** 1751

**Noted**

***Laurieston Road, Grangemouth*** Temporary Closure Order

**Noted**

***Licensing Scotland Act (2006)*** Applications for Premises Licenses'

**Noted**

***Councillor R. Spears*** enclosing copy of e-mail received from Director of Community Services re Grangemouth Town Centre.

**Noted**

***Hania Smith Community Litter Officer*** enclosing booklet "Improving Your Neighbourhood"

**Noted.**

## **Planning Aid**

Annual Subscription of £ 25 now due renewal moved by J. Reid seconded by A. Thompson

Notification of Annual General Meeting.

**Noted**

***Falkirk Twinning*** Oldenwald Association regarding membership.

**Noted**

***NHS Forth Valley*** copy of Community News.

**Noted**

***Volunteer Centre Falkirk*** giving details of Volunteer Week 1st - 7th June and awards Ceremony

Nominations for Awards invited.

**Noted**

***Margaret Mitchell MSP Save Our Phone Boxes Campaign***

agreed that we contact elected representatives to enquire if Falkirk Council has received any information from BT and if this can be made available.

***Big Fit Walk Falkirk 13th June 2008*** details from Dr Jenni Linn.

**Noted**

## **08/32 Central Scotland Police**

Chief Inspector G. Lawrie newly appointed to Grangemouth was introduced he gave details of his career and proposals for Policing within the Burgh. Sgt Matthewson then gave members details of crime statistics for the last reporting period and initiatives that would be

undertaken to reduce the figures in the future. Sgt Matthewson also advised on recent staff movements;  
PC Gibson Community Constable was moving to Falkirk on other duties.

Questions were raised regarding: Parking at the Stadium and elsewhere in Grangemouth. It was agreed that the elected Representatives would be approached to facilitate a visit from an Officer of the Roads Department to discuss with us to identified issues.  
Members were asked if they had a specific issue to let the Secretary have them so he could collate them for such a meeting.

### **08/33 KEMFINE Meeting**

W.Inglis reported on the meeting that he and M.Richards had attended at Kemfine on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May to receive a briefing on the reasons behind the impending closure of the recreation club and the restrictions and ultimate removal of the kids football teams from the recreation grounds. Kemfine explained that they had taken the action on the advice of their legal advisors following changes that had been made to the legislation governing the operation of their COMAH (CONTROL OF MAJOR ACCIDENT HAZARDS) site. Various avenues were explored on behalf of the community to seek some sort of compromise that would allow for; continued operation of the club facility; and grounds. Kemfine representatives were not receptive to any of the suggestions being put forward. Kemfine intend to hold a community liaison meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May to explain their position to the wider community.

### **08/34 Monthly Planning Transport Report**

W.Inglis gave a visual presentation on proposals being brought forward for Earls Gate Park that include 7 off office buildings and 2 off industrial/storage units. In view of the restrictions being placed on the adjacent recreation site it was felt that we should forward a series of comments aimed at highlighting what on the face of it is a serious anomaly with respect to the land use planning criteria as these proposals also lie within the inner consultation zone. It was also agreed to contact the local elected members to lobby for planning gain to be sought from the developer should this proposal be approved. The planning gain to be returned for the benefit of the Grangemouth community.

W.Inglis advised that the Town Hall Abdiel suite has been booked for a transport conference to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2008 with a start time of 10:30am

### **08/35 May Fete**

Betty Adam reported that 33 stallholders would be taking part plus Falkirk Football Club. Very little publicity of the event in the Local Press meant that it had been organised more or less by word of mouth.

### **08/36 Signage**

A. MacCallum advised that he had observed new signage coming off at Glensburgh for the Inter Modal Hub. W. Inglis said that he thought these were intended to direct traffic to the Malcolm Group facility at Laurieston road.

**08/37 Iain Tough**

M. Richards advised that Iain Tough Community Council Liaison Officer was leaving Falkirk Council at the end of the month for a Promoted Post with North Ayrshire Council.

It was agreed to place on record our sincere thanks to Iain who was courteous, efficient and dedicated and to wish him well for the future. He will be missed. We do however look forward to working with his successor.

There being no further business the meeting terminated.

**Date of next meeting 19th June 2008**