

Grangemouth Community Council

**Minutes of Meeting of Grangemouth Community Council held on  
17<sup>th</sup> April 2008  
at the Youth and Community Wing, Abbots Road, Grangemouth.**

**Present**

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

**In attendance**

Councillors Spears, Black & McNeil, B. Jones & S. McIntosh (jnr.) (MOP)

**Apologies**

T. Wilson, M. Richards, S. McIntosh, Councillor MacDonald, A. Smith

**Convener**

W. Inglis.

All were welcomed to the meeting and B. Adam gave a short update on T. Wilson's ongoing recuperation.

**08/24 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 were adopted on the motion of A. Thomson seconded by B. Adam.

**08/25 Matters Arising**

**08/21 Vessel Charlotte Dundas**

Councillor Spears gave a short update to advise that the meeting of local members to discuss the draft proposals referred to in the March minutes had not yet taken place.

**08/23 (Post office Closures) Post office Bus**

Councillor Spears advised that representations had been made at the Policy & Resources committee to put forward a proposal to provide a mobile post office to offset the effects of recently announced post office closures. The proposal had been well received and the cost implications were being examined. Councillor Black indicated that the experiences drawn from a similar service in England were being assessed.

**08/25 Correspondence**

INEOS Inform and Post Watch newsletters received and passed to A. Thompson, SEPA View also received.

ASCC membership renewal received (£15). Renewal proposed by M. Gilbert and seconded by A. Thompson. Proposed changes to the constitution of the ASCC were also received. It was agreed that copies of the changes would be copied and circulated to GCC members for comment. Closing date for comments is June 21<sup>st</sup> 2008.

Spring Forward to Health information (noted)

Community Voices Fund letter advising of successful application for funding in support of Spring Forward to Health campaign.

CVS e-bulletin detailing various training opportunities (noted)

Falkirk Council on street parking space for disabled persons (No 476) Loanhead Avenue and Kersiebank Avenue. (noted).

Letter from Councillor R. Spears enclosing a response from the Falkirk Council Engineering Design manager reference our enquiry regarding damaged pedestrian railing at Grange burn.

Letter from Councillor A. MacDonald advising of weekend rail concession fares for pensioners travelling to; Edinburgh, Glasgow and Perth and all stations on route.

Letter from Councillor Craig Martin enclosing copies of correspondence with Transport Scotland and Network Rail in relation to issues surrounding the rail infrastructure needed to reinstate a passenger station at Grangemouth. The content was mainly negative in terms of the investment needed and scale of work required to achieve the aim of having a station for Grangemouth however members resolved to take every opportunity to have this issue pursued by ensuring that it is added to as many relevant agendas as possible.

Letter from Councillor R. Spears enclosing information provided by the Director of Education; in respect of the consultation process surrounding the proposal to close Abbots Road day nursery and amalgamate it with the Inchyra nursery. B. Adam advised that she had been approached by a number of concerned parents about this issue. There was a wide ranging discussion which highlighted the fact that in all probability there is no single solution that will meet everyone's aspirations. It was agreed that B. Adam provides concerned parents with information on who to write to in order to lodge an objection and to offer the services of the Community Council to assist them if they need help with that process.

Letter from W. Inglis reference the impending closure of the Kemfine social club and the potential implications for Grangemouth old town residents in particular and Grangemouth as a whole. This issue was discussed at length in order to try and understand what was reportedly being said by the company. M. Gilbert proposed that a letter be written to Kemfine requesting a meeting to establish the facts, P. Young seconded that proposal and there were no counter proposals.

### **08/26 Planning & Transport Report**

W. Inglis advised that he had received today a number of Hazardous Substance consents with reference to changes being requested by INEOS requesting changes to

locations of and capacity of storage vessels and process vessels on their site. They also have a planning application in the system to erect 4 off freestanding gas cracking columns. Further information will be requested when W. Inglis attends the INEOS liaison meeting scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

W.Inglis also advised that he was "still" awaiting a date from K.Collins of Falkirk council reference a meeting to feedback the results of work carried out by consultants tasked with assessing the impact of possible changes to M9 motorway junction 6.

W. Inglis advised that the next meeting of the Town Centre Regeneration Group is scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> April.

#### **08/27(08/19) Report on Core Paths Network**

W. Inglis advised that he and A. McCallum had met with Mandy Brown of Falkirk Council to discuss some issues related to this proposal. In the main what is proposed for Grangemouth seems ok however there were some safety concerns relating to routes identified as connecting paths to other communities. These concerns have been documented and submitted as observations to the council.

#### **08/28 AOCB**

B. Jones advised that notice had been given to INEOS by its employees of their intention to take industrial action starting 06:00hrs on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. A copy of the unions press release was made available to members and an explanation of the steps being proposed to ensure that the site is left in a safe condition were outlined. If the action goes ahead there will inevitably be noise disruption to the community arising from necessary flaring to make the site safe.

There being no further business the meeting was closed

**Date of next meeting THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008**