

Grangemouth Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of Grangemouth Community Council
held on 17th December, 2009 within the Community Education Wing,
Abbots Road, Grangemouth.

Present.

Community Councillors:

M. Clark, K. Hogarth, W. Inglis, A. MacCallum,
H. McGann, J. Reid, M. Richards, N. Smith.

In attendance.

Councillor A. MacDonald, PC S. Cooper CSP, C. Boreata MoP.

Apologies for absence.

Community Councillors B. Adam, B. McIntosh, J. Pullinger, Councillors
Depute Provost A. Black, A. McNeil, R. Spears. PS K. Jack CSP.

Convener. Community Councillor W. Inglis

Presentation.

PC S. Cooper Central Scotland Police advised that there had been a spate of
housebreaking in Grangemouth, but was pleased to report an arrest had
been made.

Police continued to monitor the parking on grass verges.

There were still incidents of Anti Social Behaviour taking place and a lot of
work was being done via PACT.

A discussion took place regarding Neighbourhood Watch and Community
Safety, Road Safety in particular for school children.

09/49 Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th November, 2009 were **adopted** on
the motion of N. Smith seconded by H. McGann.

09/50 Matters Arising.

08/52 Town Clock Reinstatement

W. Inglis reported no progress.

09/38 Education Services

N. Smith advised matter still ongoing.

Licensing Board

M. Richards advised that Board Meeting was cancelled matter ongoing.

09/42 Quad Bikes

H. McGann reported no incidents possibly due to the weather. Visit had been made by police for which the local residents were grateful.

09/43 Operation Zetland

W. Inglis advised no further progress.

09/51 Correspondence.

Christmas Cards received from Michael Connarty MP and Provost Pat Reid

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Law and Administration Services

Notification of Grangemouth High School, Tinto Drive, Grangemouth
Prohibition of Waiting and No Stopping from 7th January, 2010.

Noted.

Proposals for On Street Parking Space for Disabled Persons Orders No 565
(Hawthorn Street),
566 (Strowan Road), 567 (Ure Court).

Objections

No

Environmental & Regulatory Services

Scottish Commissioners - Applications & Decisions Report No 1792
9th November 2009 Thornbridge Sawmills Ltd

Noted

Licensing Board

Notification of application for Variation of Premises Licence - Off Sales in respect of:

SPAR, 91, Newhouse Road, SPAR 2--126 Central Avenue, SPAR 17 - 20
Charlotte Dundas Court, Castleton Mini Market, 1A, Castleton Crescent.

Wishing to sell alcohol from 10.00 hours on Sundays.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding these applications and following the motion of M. Clark seconded by H. McGann it was **agreed** that we have no objections on the basis that the larger supermarkets already have this permission in place and by objecting we could be jeopardising the viability of the smaller community based outlets.

Social Work

Nick Burgess, Services Manager Criminal Justice asking to give presentation re Community Service by Offenders. Secretary advised that he had offered dates but at present no reply from the service.

Councillor R. Spears

Enclosing copy of letter from Sharon Smith regarding flooding Rannoch Park on 2nd November, 2009

Noted

Copy of letter dated 11th December 2009 from Julie Cole Development Services intimating the withdrawal of the School Crossing Patrol at Overton Road/Bowhouse Road as from 22nd December 2009.

Councillor A. MacDonald

Copy of letter he had written to Julie Cole regarding the withdrawal of the School Crossing Patrol.

Declaration of Interest

Community Councillor Richards declared his interest as he is employed by Falkirk Council as a School Crossing Patrol Officer; he took no further part in discussion of this matter.

A long discussion took place on this withdrawal and support was given to Councillor MacDonald asking for this to be put back for further consultation. Council Members were surprised that we were not included in the distribution list of the letter from Julie Cole and will seek an explanation from her. A list of questions was drawn up and Convener was **instructed** to write to Julie Cole seeking answers and request that this patrol is not withdrawn until further consultation has taken place.

09/52 Planning & Transportation Report

W.Inglis advised that he had attended a meeting of the Grangemouth Transport Forum to discuss and formulate a response on behalf of the forum to a Scottish Government consultation on the future of rail freight in Scotland. An agreed response has been made.

09/53 DOW Chemicals

Convener advised members and circulated reply he had sent to Eurig Scandrett, this was **accepted** and thanks given. Councillor MacDonald gave details of action he had taken which was **acknowledged and noted**.

09/54 Donation KEMFINE

Convener advised that Treasurer had received a donation of £200 from KEMFINE, acknowledgement had been made on our behalf.

Noted with thanks

09/55 Booking of Community Education Unit

Convener was requested to make bookings for ensuing year it was also **agreed** following motion of H. McGann seconded by J. Reid "That a gratuity of £ 25 be made to the Caretaker".

09/56 Grangemouth Transition Town

W. Inglis advised that he had received an invitation to attend a meeting on 18 th December regarding the above, he will report back.

Suspension of Standing Orders

A. MacCallum moved seconded by N. Smith the suspension of Standing Orders this was **agreed**

09/57 Tinto Drive

A. MacCallum advised that there was a problem in Tinto Drive with the priorities relating to traffic movements through traffic calmed sections of this road. At each end of the Drive there were signs but there were none in the middle and this could cause confusion and accidents. After discussion it was **agreed** contact be made with Council requesting that signs indicating RIGHT of Way be installed at the intermediate locations.

There being no further business the meeting terminated.

**Date of next Meeting
21st January 2010**