

**Present**

B. Adam, K. Hogarth, W. Inglis, B. McIntosh, M. McDougall, J. Pullinger,  
J. Reid, M. Richards, A. Thomson

**In attendance**

PC G. McCrae CSP, Alan Christie, Falkirk Council, Christine Bell C&M  
Community Consultants

**Apologies for absence**

Depute Provost Cllr A. Black, Cllr McNeil, MacDonald

**Convener**

W. Inglis

**Community Policing**

PC Gavin McCrae gave members an update of the activities of the Community Policing Team, initiatives undertaken and results with particular reference to Youth Disorder. High visibility foot patrols would be continued.

**Communities along the Carron Project 2009**

Christine Bell gave details of the above project and advised that Skinflats was part of it a Public meeting would be held mid march and it was hoped that the members of Community Council could attend and give publicity to it.

**09/08 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 were adopted on the motion of A. Thomson seconded by K. Hogarth.

**09/09 Matters Arising**

**Community Policing**

In connection with the matter of vehicles parking on pavements and grassed area a letter from Councillor MacDonald to the Director of Corporate and neighbourhood Services was read suggesting that the Director issue a memo to all staff on this matter.

**08/31 Save our Phone Boxes Campaign**

M. Richards advised that during a meeting with Pete Reid (Falkirk Council) it was suggested that the phone box could be incorporated in the Town Centre Regeneration.

W. Inglis stated that Councillor Spears had been active in this matter and he would be making contact with him to establish the current situation.

### **08/52 Town Clock Reinstatement**

W Inglis advised that M. Richards and he had attended a very informative and useful meeting with Pete Reid on this matter. We had been given a contact on Bo' ness Community Council who had applied and received funding for the Mining Memorial and contact would be made with this person in due course.

### **08/61 Premises**

With regards to the special meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February M. Richards advised that this was inquorate. However a discussion took place with regards to the project and it was deemed viable. A Community Council grant was available from Falkirk Council and application had been made for the period 2008/9, funding was also available from other sources. W. Inglis advised that this was an annual grant which we had never previously applied for. He stressed that if we were to proceed commitment was required by every member of the Community Council. It was moved by K. Hogarth seconded by J. Pullinger "That we proceed in principal with this project" It was **agreed** by all present. As Community Council elections are scheduled for this year it is unlikely that we will move on this issue until after new council is elected.

### **09/04 Bus Stops Tinto Drive**

Copies of letters from Councillor MacDonald to Falkirk Council Officials were read to the Members as were the responses on behalf of the Community Council. Councillor MacDonald is pursuing this matter.

### **09/06 May and Autumn Fete**

Letters regarding the May Fete will be sent out shortly. Booking for Autumn Fete has been made for 14<sup>th</sup> November from 8.30 a.m. until 2 pm.

### **09/07 Operation Zetland**

J. Pullinger advised that they had been granted the £40k from Fairer Scotland, work could now begin in raising the balance. The AGM of Kersiebank 1<sup>st</sup> had been held, all Office Bearers have been re-elected and some new Committee Members appointed, they have also extended the area covered by the group.

### **09/10 Correspondence**

#### **Falkirk Council**

**Brian Pirie**, enclosing email from A. Cameron Scottish Government regarding Planning Consultations and Publication **Noted**

**Catherine Wilson**, Litter Strategy Officer regarding National Spring Clean 2009 **Noted**

**Chloe Hunter**, Funding Support Officer acknowledging receipt of application for funding 2008/9. **Noted**

**Elaine Caldwell**, Booking Administrator acknowledging booking of Grangemouth Town Hall for 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2009. **Noted**

**Robert Watson**, Licensing Coordinator regarding Application for Premises Licences, Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 **Noted**

Scottish Commissioner Applications and decisions. **Noted**

**Scottish Water** Invitation to Open Board Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009, **Agreed** Secretary to attend questions submitted were endorsed.

**INEOS** Advising of delivery of new plant and equipment between 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> March giving details of transportation and possible road closures by the Police. INEOS apologise in advance for any inconvenience and contact number given. **Noted**

**C&M Community Consultants** giving details of Communities along the Carron Project 2009 **Noted**

### **09/11 Treasurer**

Mrs J. Reid advised that for personal reasons she would like to relinquish this post and propose B. Adam this was seconded by K. Hogarth and **agreed**.

### **09/12 Monthly Planning and Transport Report**

W.Inglis reported no recent progress with regard to Grangemouth Transport forum activity but did draw colleagues' attention to recent newspaper reports on proposed roads upgrades at Avon Gorge and Laurieston by pass.

With regard to recent planning applications attention was drawn to an application from Forth Energy to erect Meteorology masts at two locations within the Port of Grangemouth. It is concluded that these applications are a precursor to future applications to erect wind turbines. A response has been made to the planning officer expressing concern as to the limited nature of the near neighbour notification at this time.

Members were also advised on a Hazardous substance application submitted on behalf of Syngenta

**There being no further business the meeting terminated**

**Date of next Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009**