

Grangemouth Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of Grangemouth Community Council held on 19th March 2009 at the Youth & Community Wing, Abbots Road, Grangemouth.

Present

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

In attendance

PC S. Stirling CSP, J Trimble (Press)

Apologies for absence

M. McDougall, Cllrs McNeill & Spears

Convener W. Inglis

Community Policing

PC S. Stirling presenting the report gave details of the High Visibility Patrols that had taken place and would be taking place at various points throughout the town it appears that these have been successful. It was also reported that crime figures were down. Questions were raised in connection with the legality of the riding of quad bikes and beach buggies in public places. Attention was drawn to the problem of parking at Bowhouse Primary School environs, in particular Torwood Avenue and the Garage area at Cultenhove Crescent. The Police were monitoring the parking of vehicles on pavements.

09/13 Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th, February, 2009 were adopted on the motion of A. Thomson Seconded by J. Reid

09/14 Matters Arising

08/31 Save our Phone Boxes Campaign

W. Inglis reported that he had been in contact with Councillor Spears in this regard and read letters between them; he also gave details of letters that had been forwarded by Councillor Spears to Council Officials replies are now awaited from the Post Office.

08/52 Town Clock Reinstatement

A report was given regarding a meeting that had been held with Bill Kelly of Bo'ness CC and how they had proceeded with applications for funding. It was a very lengthy procedure and time consuming, concerns were expressed in regards to commitment by members to this project. A dated letter was read regarding the involvement of Falkirk Council in this project. T. Wilson advised that a further letter had been sent to the late Councillor O'Dea which gave further details and firmer assurances. It was **agreed** that attempts would be made to obtain a copy of this, also to request a further meeting with Pete Reid.

09/04 Bus Stops Tinto Drive

Letter from Councillor MacDonald was read regarding the reinstatement of a stop near the High School, although this goes some way to assisting, we will continue to press for full reinstatement.

09/06 May & Autumn Fete

B. Adam advised that letters have been posted to various Organisations too date we have 14 paid bookings and 5 verbal for May Fete.

09/10 Scottish Water Open Board Meeting

M. Richards reported on the meeting held 18th March 2009 the questions submitted regarding the Major Incident Control Committee, Tunnel Sewer and Pumping Stations were answered, further discussions took place after the meeting with Scottish Water Officials more details and assurances were given.

09/15 Correspondence

Falkirk Council

Brian Pirie Advising on requirement of Community Council to register under the Data Protection Act this was **NOTED**. This matter had been discussed at CC Forum and further information will be given at a future meeting.

National Spring Clean Campaign **Noted**

Planning & Transportation

Alan Finlayson Advising that Planning permission had been granted to ASDA for Wind Turbine at their Distribution centre. **Noted**

Alan Rodger Regarding changes in the Scottish Planning System. **Noted**

Environmental & Regulatory Services

Robert A Watson Scottish Commissioner Applications & Decisions 1773 **Noted**

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 Application for premises Licences **Noted**

Bryan Douglas Various Applications for permission to hold Public Procession **No objections**

Law & Administration Services

John Deery Temporary Prohibition of Parking A905 Skinflats **Noted**

Chisholm Place (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2009 **Noted**

Gillian McIntyre

On Street Parking Space for Disabled Persons (No 519) Order 2009 adjacent to 61

Newhouse Road Grangemouth

Noted

Councillor Spears Copy of letter received from Director of Development Services in connection with Jackson Avenue telephone box

Noted

Councillor MacDonald Advising of the reinstatement of Bus Stop Tinto Drive

Noted

Grangemouth Community Education Association enclosing Minutes and date of next Meeting M. Richards will attend.

Mrs Mary Hepburn expressing thanks for help and influence regarding the removal of Bus Stops Tinto Drive

Noted

09/16 Monthly Planning & Transport Report

W.Inglis reported that an objection had been submitted on behalf of the CC to a Hazardous Substance consent application lodged by Kemfine. The objection was on the basis that there was no clear indication that the current consultation distances associated with this site would not be affected.

A request has been received from Cathy Peattie MSP regarding availability of CC members to attend a meeting of Grangemouth Transport Forum. Date time and location to be confirmed.

09/17 Grangemouth Live

W.Inglis reported that he had held meetings with representatives of the local retailers to discuss their initiative to boost business in the town.

This initiative will take various forms the most significant being a proposal to have various musical styles of bands playing in the town centre on consecutive Saturdays from the end of June to the end of August.

Talks have also included officers from various council departments in an effort to ensure that all the necessary legal, environmental and safety issues are in place.

Further information on this initiative can be found on the following web site

www.grangemouthlive.co.uk

W.Inglis advised that up till now the meetings had been held on an informal basis and that he was seeking agreement from colleagues on the CC to formalise the arrangement. This was proposed by K.Hogarth and seconded by B.Adam and agreed.

Date of Next Meeting

16th April 2009

