

**Minutes of Meeting of Grangemouth Community Council
held on 20th November, 2008 at the Youth & Community Wing,
Abbots Road, Grangemouth**

Present B. Adam, K. Hogarth, W. Inglis, M. McDougall, M. Richards, A. Thomson, T. Wilson.

In attendance

Councillors MacDonald, McNeil, Spears, PC Willocks, PC Stirling, Paul Finnie, Chris Cadman Falkirk Council, Community Warden Bennet, Ms G Morgan, Ms J. Pollinger, Mrs A. Smith MOP.

Apologies for absence Depute Provost Cllr A. Black, Mrs J. Reid.

Convener W. Inglis

Community Councillor Matthew Gilbert

Tribute was paid by W. Inglis to the late Matt Gilbert who passed away on 15th November, 2008, Council stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Presentation

Grangemouth High School - Paul Finnie gave an update on the building of the New High School which would be opened for pupils the first week in January 2009 and for the Public the first week in February 2009. Applications had already been received for the use of the football pitches, swimming pool, there would also be a dance studio and fitness suites, other activities would be demand lead.

Access times to the public would be evenings and at week ends. Various questions were asked and suitably replied too.

Central Scotland Police PC Alana Willocks and PC Steven Stirling Community Constables introduced themselves advising members that a high visibility patrols would be taking place in the Charlotte Dundas Court Area this week-end. These patrols are acknowledged as being successful; other details of operations were given. A general discussion and exchange of views took place.

08/56 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September, 2008 were adopted on the motion of M. McDougall seconded by B. Adam

08/57 Matters Arising

08/31 Save our Phone Boxes Campaign M. McDougall reported that no contact with him had been made by A. Marshall therefore he was unable to give any report although he had heard that names had been placed on a petition.

08/40 Spring forward 2 Health 2008 Secretary advised that full payment had been made to Group concerned.

08/45 Autumn Fete B. Adam reported that following a bad start the hall not being opened on time due to a break down of communications by Falkirk Council Staff, things turned out very well.

08/52 Town Clock Reinstatement W. Inglis reported that it had not been possible to arrange a meeting with P. Reid after discussion it was **agreed to remit this matter** to W.Inglis, M. Richards and T. Wilson to progress the matter and report back in due course.

08/55 (b) W. Inglis advised that bookings had been made. It was **agreed** following the motion of T. Wilson seconded by A. Thomson "That a gratuity of £25 be made to the caretaker".

08/58 Correspondence

Falkirk Council

Director of Education Rezoning of RC Primary Schools Airth/Skinflats rezoned to Sacred Heart Primary from August 2008 **Noted**

Revocation of Disabled Parking Space Almond Street. **Noted**

Traffic Commissioner Applications & Decisions 1763, 1766. **Noted**

Public Procession Authorisation 9th November 2008. **Noted**

Hire Charges for Grangemouth Town Hall **Noted**

Cathy Peattie MSP

Enclosing letter from Fiona Mackenzie FVH regarding costs for patient transport **Noted**

Association of Scottish Community Councils

National Postal Ballot Paper 2008 time barred returns by 14th November 2008.

Details of Business for Annual Meeting 22nd November 2008 Secretary will attend **Noted**

Forth Valley Health Board

Copies of Community News **Noted**

08/59 Monthly Planning & Transport Report

W. Inglis advised that there had been no significant planning applications submitted over the reporting period.

W. Inglis also updated the meeting with regard to the presentation done by W. Inglis & J. Reid at the Scottish Parliament on November 6th on behalf of the Community Council. This presentation was in support of those done by Falkirk Council Transport planners and Forth Ports Authority as members of the Grangemouth Transport Forum. All of the presentations were well received by MSPs and government officials in attendance.

The content of the presentations will be collated and passed to the transport minister for his consideration; a delegation will also be formed and a meeting arranged with the transport minister to push the case for infrastructure changes in support of the proposed Grangemouth Freight Hub.

08/60 Community Council Membership

W Inglis advised members that our membership was depleted; we have been operating with two elected representatives short and with the death of M. Gilbert this made us three elected representatives short.

Members not attending meetings made it difficult for us to carry out our work, the October meeting being inquorate.

It was **agreed** following the motion of M. Richards seconded by B. Adam that "K Hogarth and A. Thomson become co-opted members". It was further **agreed** following the motion of A. Thomson seconded by B. Adam "That Ms Gail Morgan become a co-opted member".

Application from Kersiebank 1st for nominated membership for their representative Ms Jodie Pollinger was received.

This was **agreed** following the motion of B. Adam seconded by A, Thomson.

08/61 Premises

W. Inglis advised that for sometime now we had been looking for suitable premises but as yet had not found or been offered anything suitable. A very lengthy discussion took place with regards to possibilities, it was **agreed** that The Director of Education be contacted in connection with soon to be vacated Abbots Road Nursery that was pledged for Community use as part of the realignment of Nursery provision in Falkirk Council area.

08/62 Purchase of Poppy Wreath

Purchase was **agreed** following the motion of T. Wilson seconded by M. McDougall.

08/63 Common Good Fund

M Richards advised that a motion had been submitted for the Association Conference with regards to returning Common Good Funds to local Communities i.e. Community Councils.

Contact had been made with elected representatives in connection with the Grangemouth Common Good Fund to ascertain how the fund is currently managed.

Any application for funding is made to a Committee Chaired by the Provost and comprising Grangemouth Councillors. it was pointed out that only the interest received on the Capital can be used. After discussion it was **agreed** that as far as we were concerned things should be left as they are.

There being no further business the meeting terminated

Date of next meeting

**Next Meeting
Thursday 18th, December, 2008.**