

AIRTH PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting 17th December 2008

Councillors Present

W. Douglas
A. Amos

R. Smith

B. Elliot

Also Present

W. Forsyth
Chief Inspector Beaton
Community Wardens

D. Stubbs
I. Marsden
P. Hamilton and

Constable Marshall

L. Dowie

Apologies

J. Anslow

J. Maciocia

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th November 2008 were approved by R. Smith and seconded by B. Elliot.

Correspondence

The secretary distributed a report of the A.S.C.C. meeting in Edinburgh which was attended by W. Douglas and A. Amos.

Copy of a letter dated 21st November 2008 from D. Paterson of N.H.S. Forth Valley to C. Littlewood confirming his meeting with W. Douglas, A. Amos and Councillor Martin regarding the option to establish a second play area as a community project. He also encloses a proposal submitted by the Play Practice to create a children's play area within the garden adjacent to Airth health Clinic. He agreed to erect triangular stonework in an attempt to restrict access to the feature wall.

Copy of a letter dated 15th Dec. 2008 from C. Littlewood, Falkirk Council to D. Paterson stating the Senior Coordinator has asked for a more detailed plan, he also states "that as a consequence of the relocation and now reduced elements of the proposed play area it may be difficult for this authority to justify considering this amendment of the docquetted approved plans as non-material"

Letter from Catherine Wilson, Falkirk Council, enclosing the revised Community Litter Plan 2008-2011

Copy of letter from Councillor Martin to Minnie Laird regarding the re-installation of a play area for young children at Miller Place.

Forth Sight with a Newsletter Questionnaire Noted

Scottish National Heritage The Nature of Scotland Noted

E-Mail from Margaret Dillon Insurance Section Falkirk Council, they can provide cover for an annual premium of £47.25; the pro-rata premium is £17.47. The annual renewable date is 15th April 2009. She also sent a policy document for our information.

Invitation from Valerie Kotin-Smith to attend the cheese and wine party for Mrs Crossan's retirement, the cost will be £2 per person, W. Douglas, R. Smith and A. Amos will attend.

Invitation from Energy Saving Trust to a meeting at Sun Microsystems, Springfield, Linlithgow on the 25th November 2008. B. Elliot and R. Smith attended this meeting and the secretary distributed a report from B. Elliot. It was agreed we should apply for the £10,000 grant for the feasibility study, W. Douglas and B. Elliot will complete the application form.

Falkirk Council Information Bulletin Volume 4 Noted

Falkirk Council Volume of Council and Committee Minutes Noted

Letter from Phil Watt Local Plan Inquiry Programme Officer, advising us that the Reporter "would expect objections proceeding by way of oral evidence to be dealt with normally by way of an informal hearing. He therefore expects objectors to only request formal inquiry sessions (with cross-examination) where matters are of a strategic, technical, and particular complex nature."

A pre-inquiry meeting was held in the Park Hotel on Tuesday, 16th December, 2008, W. Douglas attended this meeting.

Objectors to H.AIR.NPO-Airth Castle South (Mod. 15.3)

Murdoch Smith	AWG Property Ltd.
Airth Parish Community Council	Ogilvie Homes Ltd.
Airth Castle Ltd.	Joy Maciocia
David & Jocelyne Nairn	Suzanne & Martin Williamson

Hearing Day 21 Tuesday 5th May 2009 10.a.m. at Falkirk Golf Club.

Objectors to Eastfield Airth

Ogilvie Homes Ltd.
Hearing Day 22 Wednesday 6th May 2009 at 10.00a.m.

Objectors to Banks View Airth

Carronvale Homes
Hearing Day 22 Wednesday 6th May 2009 at 2.00p.m.

Objectors to East of Letham

Murdoch Smith
Hearing Day 25 Tuesday 12th May 2009 at 10.a.m.

Objectors to West Letham

Murdoch Smith
AWG Property Ltd.
Mr. W. Sutherland

Ogilvie Homes Ltd.
Hearing Day 25 Tuesday 12th May 2009 at 10.a.m.

Objectors to South Alloa

Hanson Ltd.
Hearing Day 25 Tuesday 12th May 2009 at 2.00p.m.

Letter from Kath Wilson at Ineos informing us we have not been successful in our application for funding for the Café.

Forth Replacement Crossing invite to meetings in January in various locations, they also ask us to make any comments relevant to the environmental assessment by the 30th January 2009.

Falkirk Council notification of On-Street Parking for Disabled Persons No 502 Order 2008, at 21 Graham Terrace, Airth

Letter received from Julie Cole Acting Transport Projects Manager regarding the Airth to Bowtrees footpath, she states they are in the process of pursuing a Compulsory Purchase Order, once this process has been completed they will progress to an advanced design and cost for the construction. She states the footway is between the Old Mill and Bowtrees Roundabout.

The secretary has replied to this letter informing them the proposed footpath is between Lightbody's Corner and Bowtrees. He has requested a meeting with senior officers from the Planning and Transport Dept. to try and seek a solution to this major problem for residents of our community.

Planning Aid Scotland has invited us to a meeting in on Tuesday 17th March 2009, Victoria Hall, Dunblane at 6.00-8.00p.m. They also suggest if we are interested in Planning for People training, funding may be available through our local planning dept., if interested we should contact our local community council liaison officer or Planning Aid's Development Officer Rachael Pateman

Letter from Michael Russell MSP Minister For Environment asking us to complete a questionnaire for the Forestry Commission, this is to be completed by the 27th January 2009.

A consultation from the Scottish Government on Patients Rights this has to be completed by the 16th January 2009.

Invite to Joint Meeting of Falkirk Public Partnership Forum Coordinating Group and Area Community Planning Forums and the Falkirk Community Councils Representatives on Tuesday 27th January 2009 7.00-9.00p.m. in the Committee Suite, Municipal Buildings, Falkirk.

Invite to help with a consultation regarding the poor bus service in the evenings for rural communities.

Copy of E-Mail to Councillor Martin from Frances Hamilton asking if the Wilderness is included in the road gritting programme, and is there a bye law that dogs should be kept on a lead in public parks. Councillor Martin has sent an E-Mail to the various depts. concerned in his endeavour to get answers to her queries.

Copy of E-Mail from Stephen McClure regarding the Youth Project, he has advised us we need to submit a detailed planning application, and listed building consent. The detailed application would be for Part Change of Use of a Public House to a Youth Club, and listed building consent would be for the same. The fee for the Detailed Application would be £290 and the listed building consent is free of charge. When submitting the application he asks us to include a statement on how it is intended to be run, opening hours etc.

The secretary circulated copies of the draft Constitution for the Youth Project, D. Gilmour has agreed to the lease drawn up by the Community Council. Councillor Martin will arrange a meeting with Mark Meehan, Community Wardens, Community Police, Community Councillors, Gail Johnstone, and F. McChord.

Draft Copy of Larbert and Stenhousemuir Community Plan Noted

Copy of E-Mail, for information, from J. Anslow to Councillor Martin regarding a traffic accident in Stenhousemuir..

Copy of E-Mail from Jim Marshall of Lightways to Aaron Andrews of Blachere explaining that they were not allowed to pick up the lights from Orion and therefore had to go to Ladybank to collect them. There was also a problem as the lights had no plugs, 1 lamppost had no bracket, and 1 lamppost had no electrical socket fitted. The cost of £330.63 will be met by Blachere.

Copy of E-Mail from Aaron Andrews to Jim Marshall saying there had been a misunderstanding and asking Lightways for a breakdown of the cost. A. Amos will write a letter of thanks to Lightways for the excellent service they have given us.

Police

From the period of 19/11/08 to 16/12/08 there has been 25 recorded calls this includes 1 theft of a Quad Bike, 1 theft of a number plate, 1 theft tractor and feeder wagon, 1 theft from a car and 1 intended theft at Powfoulis Hotel. 1 drugs supply, 1 breach of bail, 1 breach of peace and assault, and 1 drugs warrant executed with one male subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal. There were also 16 minor road traffic offences. During this period there were 32 calls from Airth to the Police and in Carronshore there were 72 calls.

R. Smith reported that children were throwing eggs at cars in Fallin.

Chief Inspector Beaton reported there was a campaign over the festive holiday to stop drink drivers in the morning; the numbers caught nationally were numerous. The new Police Headquarters at central retail park will be opening in approx August/September.

A question was asked how many times the traffic police are in Airth, Chief Inspector Beaton stated they were in Airth on numerous occasions

Finance

To date we have approx £2411 in the bank. The bill for the Christmas Lights will be £1,350

Planning Matters

Erection of dwellinghouse, at Rothesy Villa, Shore Road, Airth, applicant Christopher McAteer Rothesy Villa Airth. Granted Detailed Planning Permission

Erection of 3 Dwellinghouses at the Former Scout Hall Graham Terrace Airth, applicant Mr. & Mrs. King, Plot 1 Woodyett Farmhouse, Denny Withdrawn

Outline Planning Permission Erection of Dwellinghouse Land to the West of 2 Pyetree Cottage, Dunmore Village, applicant Mr. W. Sutherland Refuse Outline Planning Permission

Restoration and Extension to Outbuilding to Form Dwellinghouse at Garden Cottage Falkirk, applicant Mr. & Mrs. G. Beattie, Castlebank, Falkirk.
The secretary will call in this application.

Relocation of Existing Timber Product Business, Restoration for Grazing Purposes and Development of Land for Housing Purposes, at Land at Former Site of Dunmore Mill Falkirk, applicant Margaret Ferns, Dunmore Mill, Moss Road, Dunmore Airth.
The secretary will call in this application.

There is concern regarding the houses built by Caledonia Homes next to the Community Centre, land slides from the hill are causing worries to residents, Councillor Martin is in the process of determining who owns the land.

The secretary will check to see if a planning application was submitted for a conservatory for Ardmail in the conservation village of Dunmore.

Whisky Tasting

The annual whisky tasting will be held on 9th January 2009, R. Smith has invited everybody.

Meeting

The chair thanked everyone for attending, and wished all a Merry Christmas; the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st January 2009 at 7.00p.m.