

# AIRTH PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting 20<sup>th</sup> Jan.2010

### Councillors Present

L. Todd	P. Roger	G. Kerr
D. Gilmour	D. Grant	J. Tibbles
R. Smith	A. Amos	

### Also Present

A. Ramsey	S. Roberts	J. Nairn
I. Cameron	Constable M. Crawford	G. Dick
Councillor Martin		

### Apologies

W. Douglas

The chair welcomed everyone and especially our new members to our first meeting of the New Year.

### Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009 were approved by P. Roger and seconded by R. Smith.

### Police Report

The following figures are for the period of 16/12/2009 and 26/1/2010

South Alloa, 1 false call and 1 call regarding a suspicious male

Dunmore, 1 vehicle of the road due to weather conditions

Letham, 1 Dangerous Driving, 2 Assaults and 3 advice calls

Airth, 36 calls this included 1 Dangerous Driving, 1 Theft, 1 Fraud, 1 Vandalism, 1 Petrol Drive off, 1 Breach of the Peace, 5 Road Traffic Offences, 4 Complaints regarding youths, the other calls were RTA's, missing person, alarm activations, other agency assistance and advice calls.

It was reported a pillar at the Pineapple had been knocked over.

In this period the Traffic Police have been out a lot checking vehicles. Maria has spoken to Mrs. Cunningham the Head Teacher at Airth Primary School, a banner is going to be put up on the school railings asking parents not to park at the school gates, this banner will go up for 3 weeks and come down for 3 weeks then go back up again. Maria is also going to get pupils in primary 6 & 7 to design a leaflet warning of the parking problem, the cost to print is £25 for 200, the school will pay half and the P.T.A. will pay half.

Maria will bring several of the designed leaflets to the next meeting for our approval.

R. Smith reported he had been at the opening of the new Police Station, he said he was surprised how many different depts. they had.

## **Correspondence**

Letter from Julia Swan, Director of Education thanking the Community Council for our response, and our valued contribution to the recent proposal of school rezoning.

In the Falkirk Council minutes it states “The consultation responses from the Airth community have raised a number of issues that should be given further consideration. It is therefore suggested that a proposal related to the rezoning of the Airth Primary School catchment is brought to the Education Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 for members’ consideration

Councillor Martin explained all the figures from the Traffic Survey that had been done in October 2009, between South Green Drive and Waterslap Road, there has been an increase of 24% since 2008.

Copy of letter to Councillor Martin from Director of Finance stating the Airth Trust Fund balance is £366, the income generated from this is approx £10 per annum.

Invite from Brian Pirrie, Community Council Liaison Officer, to an event to help community groups to access funding support at Forth Valley College, Falkirk on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010, sessions are available between 11.00a.m. and 8.00p.m. The secretary will book 2 places.

N.H.S. News      Noted

Margaret Mitchell MSP Newsletter      Noted

Numerous E-Mails from Councillor Martin regarding the conditions of the roads and pavements during the recent bad weather, also the service provided from Falkirk Council in filling the 9 grit bins in the parish.

Notification from Falkirk Council of Stopping-UP Order 2009, Main Street Airth, “That section of the footway outside Numbers 8 & 10 Main Street, Airth from a line two metres or thereby from the face of the adjacent road kerb to the current boundaries of the public footpath”

Copy of E-Mail from Robert McMaster to Councillor Martin regarding information about public transport to the new hospital from Airth. He says unless bus companies decide that the hospital is of sufficient size to run commercial services from Airth, it would probably be necessary for Airth residents to change buses at Bellsdyke Road or in Carronshore. It was suggested we approach Stirling Council and ask if one of the buses on the service between Stirling and the hospital which are 3 per hour, could go through Fallin, Throsk, South Alloa, Dunmore, Airth and Letham. It was agreed the Community Council would contact Fallin and Throsk Community Councils to seek their views on this matter. Councillor Martin will also make further enquires with the relevant body.

Invite from Falkirk Community Health Partnership to their next meeting on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 2010, the focus of the evening will be the Helix Project.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010 in the Council Chambers 6.30p.m. for 7.00p.m. start, the Topic will be Mental Health Services across NHS Forth Valley / Voluntary Sector, D. Grant expressed an interest in attending this meeting.

NHS Larbert/Stenhousemuir Community Health and Wellbeing Group, minutes from the meeting 12<sup>th</sup> Nov.2009

Invite to the next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2010 at Carrongrange School at 1.30p.m.

The Dunmore Conservation Area Appraisal was held in the Bowling Hut on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2010 R. Smith and A. Amos attended, the secretary will write to Falkirk Council recommending the Dunmore Well which was repaired approx 9 years ago be Listed. We will also recommend a notice board with the History of Dunmore be erected at the entrance to the village, as many tourists visit the area.

SEPAVIEW        Noted

Copy of the Stenhousemuir & Larbert Local Community Plan        Noted

Letter from Cathy Peattie MSP to Robert Smith with a copy of the letter she received from SEPA, it was agreed more research needed to be done on Sewage Sludge on Agricultural Land, as most landowners hide behind poor legislation. We are considering a petition to the Scottish Government.

Invite from Falkirk and Central Scotland Chinese Assoc. to a reception on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2010 in Grangemouth Town Hall at 6.p.m.

Letter from Brenda Roddy Sustainable Development Officer asking us if we would like to become a Fairtrade Village, also enclosing a Falkirk Fairtrade Guide.

Letter from Central Stage Hire, Glasgow, they hire out mobile stages complete with music, lighting, sound room, changing room, structural & electrical safety certificates as well as public liability insurance. [www.centralstagehirescotland.co.uk](http://www.centralstagehirescotland.co.uk)

### **Finance**

The balance to date £1,817.57 a cheque for £104 is still to be issued. R. Smith made a presentation to George Dick who has been our Treasurer for many years, he thanked him for all the work he has done. George and Jo Tibbles our new Treasurer will work together until the handover at the beginning of the financial year.

### **Planning**

A Proposal of Application Notice from Powercrofters (Scotland) Ltd. Ledard Farm, Kinlochard, Stirling FK8 3TL at Banded Industrial Estate, Throsk for a Recyclable Waste Materials Plant.

The plant would handle in excess of 25,000 tonnes per year, i.e. approx 5 lorries per day. It was agreed we would speak to Throsk Community Council as they may have more information.

There is a Scoping Report for a Proposed Forthbank Wind Farm in Clackmannan, the turbines would be approx 125 metres high. There is a list of 61 Consultees this list does not include Falkirk Council, Airth Parish Community Council, residents of Dunmore or South Alloa. It was agreed a joint meeting will be held with the residents of Dunmore and South Alloa on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010 at 7.30p.m. in the Bowling Club to discuss the Wind Farm and the Waste Management Plant.

### **Roads**

Letter from David Foote, Engineering Design, Falkirk Council advising us the A905 Airth to Bowtrees Cycleway will commence on or around 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010 for 6 weeks, temporary traffic signs will be in operation at various times during the works. The Community Council secured 40% of the funding for the Cycleway.

The white lines at the Golf Range need painted, the secretary will contact the Roads Dept. There are numerous pot holes in the road due to the bad weather.

### **Powfoulis**

The RSPB Reserve at Powfoulis went against local opinion and has now had problems with their design; the Council is checking the new proposals. High tide is on approx 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010 so work must be completed before then as the sea wall could be breached.

### **Powfoulis Dinner**

The annual dinner will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2010

### **Service Manager Criminal Justice Service**

We were asked at the last meeting if we had any ideas that could utilize the service of offenders under the Community Service Orders; ideas included building the path between Airth and Dunmore, and tidying up at the Cemetery Brae. The residents at Castle Drive would need to contact Nick Burgess themselves if they wanted the wall repair at Castle Drive to be considered.

### **A.O.C.B.**

L. Todd stated the new shop had distributed leaflets mainly advertising alcohol, Councillor Martin will speak to the Police. The shop will in the future come under Spar, and it is assumed they have strict advertising policies.

A. Amos asked, if once groups had advertised their event they could please take their posters down from lampposts.

I. Cameron asked what notification there had been about the Letham Conservation Area Appraisal, Councillor Martin stated letters had been delivered to every household and notices posted at the Hub.

I. Cameron asked if there were any plans to put up Christmas Lights in Letham, the Chair answered not at present.

L. Todd reported at the recent fire at the houses near the Castle the Fire Brigade had difficulty finding the fire hydrants, and it was rumored the pressure was low. After receiving a complaint Councillor Martin in his position as Convener of the Fire Service spoke to the Chief Fire Officer who stated there had been no issues at this fire.

A. Ramsey and S. Roberts asked if the Community Council would agree to write a letter to Falkirk Council this being part of a requirement for their grant for the garden at South Green Drive. The letter would be an assurance that if the South Green Drive Garden Committee disbanded the Community Council would arrange for another organization to take over the maintenance of the garden, Falkirk Council will maintain the play equipment, and the grass. P. Roger, R. Smith and A. Amos would meet and draft a letter for approval of the members.

### **Meeting**

There being no other competent business the chair thanked everyone for attending, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 7.00p.m. in Airth Primary School.