

# **AIRTH PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009**

### **Councillors Present**

W. Douglas  
A. Amos

J. Tibbles

R. Smith

### **Also Present**

Constable Marshall  
Councillor Martin

Constable McLaren  
Councillor Kenna

I. Cameron  
L. McIlroy

### **Apologies**

G. Kerr  
Community Wardens P. Hamilton & L. Dowie

J. Anslow

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2008 were approved by R. Smith and seconded by W. Douglas.

### **Police**

Since the last meeting there were 30 calls to the Police they included 9 Youth Related, 7 Misc. and 14 Crimes which were 5 Breach of the Peace, 1 Reckless Conduct, 2 Assault, 1 Vandalism, 4 Theft and 1 Carrying a Knife.

A person has been questioned regarding the poison pen letters that are circulating the village, some of the letters are being analyzed for DNA, and fingerprints.

The Police were security marking bicycles etc. in the village last week.

There have been complaints of fly tipping at Shore Road, the lay by at the Parsonage, and at Craw Brae near Letham farm.

Councillor Martin has been dealing with the problem of the litter at the back of the Key Store; it is still to come before the relevant committee before action can be taken.

R. Smith asked the Police to be aware there may be Hare Coursing up the Dunmore Estate. He will also speak to the Traffic Police regarding the problem on winter's morning of ice coming of the tops of lorries as they drive round corners, as this could cause a serious accident to a pedestrian.

Councillor Martin will speak to the Roads Dept as children are cycling on bicycles with no lights.

The secretary will speak to the farmer and Councillor Martin will speak to the Roads dept. regarding the tractors going past the school at school times.

### **Matters Arising**

R. Smith and A. Amos attended the retirement cheese and wine party for Mrs. Crossan.

The secretary will contact Planning Aid to make enquires about Planning for People Training Aid.

W. Douglas, R. Smith and A. Amos will attend the Planning Aid Scotland meeting in Victoria Halls, Dunblane. On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 6.00-8.00p.m.

J. Tibbles asked the secretary to make enquires as to why Hansons are making an objection to the local plan at South Alloa.

The planning application has been submitted to Falkirk Council for the Youth café, the cost was £145, and eight neighbour notifications were posted. Councillor Kenna brought in a scanner that has been donated from Jack Rolland of Stenhousemuir Football Club to the Youth café.

We received a cheque from Blachere for £380.40 (this included VAT) to cover the cost of plugs etc. that had to be replaced by Lightways.

The whisky tasting was a very successful evening; this year's winner was Balvenie 10 years old.

### **Correspondence**

An invitation from Scottish Water to a meeting in Grange Manor Hotel on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30p.m. R. Smith and A. Amos will attend.

I. Cameron reported she had a fungus in her bathroom causing her tiles etc. to go black and Scottish Water had told her it was in the water, she wants R. Smith to question Scottish Water regarding this.

An invitation from Forth Replacement Crossing to a preview meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2009 at Orocco Pier Hotel, South Queensferry at 6.00p.m.

There is also an invite to an exhibition day at Linlithgow on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan.2009 between 10.30a.m. and 8.30p.m. R. Smith and B. Elliot will attend.

The secretary circulated B. Elliot and R. Smiths reply to the Consultation on Forestry Provisions in the Scottish Climate Change Bill.

E-Mail from Debbie Watson of Falkirk Council advising us there is a surplus of furniture from Denny High School. Councillor Kenna also informed us of this.

E-Mail from Steven McLeod at Airth Castle Hotel saying his lawyers have advised him the planning application for the Old Mill has been withdrawn and a new one will be submitted in the near future.

The secretary distributed information on Wind Turbines, also a Project Brief compiled by B. Elliot, this is required by us to apply for a grant to commission a Feasibility Study. Copy of E-Mail from Iona McDonald SCHRI Development Officer to B. Elliot advising him she is moving to a new job, her replacement will be Neil Phillips. She suggests we look at her website <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Scotland/Scottish-Community-and-Household-Renewables-initiative-SCHRI/Community-renewables/Projects-funded-to-date>

Letter from Councillor Martin advising us the Roads Dept. will be speaking to Airth Conservation Team about the barrier at Bakers Close. Officers have decided moving the traffic island outside 9 and 10 Forrester Place westward would have a significant impact on restriction access to the Elphinstone Inn, and the effects of moving the island would be absolutely negligible in assisting the school crossing patrol.

The traffic survey conducted showed the average westbound speed was recorded at 25.5mph. and eastbound at 23.5mph.

The trees obscuring the flashing 20mph. signs will be cut back to ensure visibility of the signs.

To date Councillor Martin has not got the report about the school patrol crossings.

Copy of a letter from Finlay Brown Roads and Development Manager to Councillor Martin regarding the roads issues in Airth.

Invitation to a joint Meeting of Falkirk Public Partnership Forum Coordinating Group and the Area Community Planning Forums and the Falkirk Community Councils Representatives on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan.2009 at 7.00p.m. in the Municipal Buildings Falkirk, W. Douglas, R. Smith and A. Amos will attend.

Invite from Friends of the Earth to the Big Ask campaign for an effective Climate Change Bill on Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Jan.2009 at Christian Centre, Glebe Street, Falkirk  
10.00a.m.to1.00pm

An invite to a meeting on “A limit on total emissions between now and 2050” Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 2009 7.30-9.30p.m. at Queen Street Methodist Church Stirling. This meeting will include a workshop and information on how to set up a new local F.O.E. Stirling group.

An invite to a meeting “Create a Climate Super Fund-Incentives and Sanctions” Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009 7.30-9.30p.m. Christian Centre, Glebe St. Falkirk.

Invitation to attend Community Empowerment Seminar on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2009 at 7.00p.m. in the Park Hotel, W. Douglas, R. Smith and A. Amos will attend, they also state if we would like to know more about what they do, they are happy to come along and visit our Community Council meeting.

### **Finance**

To date we have approx £3,000 in the bank, we have not yet received the invoice from Falkirk Council for the Christmas Lights which will be approx £1680. It was agreed the sub committee should have a meeting with George Dick to discuss our financial position for the coming year, and setting up a separate fund and separate committee for the Christmas Lights.

### **Planning Issues**

The secretary has written to the planning dept. objecting to the planning application submitted by M. Ferns, the objections included inappropriate development in the countryside, and problems with the access.

The secretary called in the planning application for garden Cottage, after studying the plans the Community Council have no objections.

An application from Kyle Crow 51 Kennedy Way Airth to Reinstate Property To A Residential Dwelling at 1 Graham Terrace Airth. The secretary will arrange a meeting with Mr. Crow, the Village Hall Committee, and the Community Council to clarify the access and parking space which is shown in the drawings submitted.

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

I. Cameron asked if South Alloa and Letham would be having a Christmas Tree in the future, Dunmore Village Committee have organized a tree situated on the village green for the past 5 years. The Community Council could offer no financial help for trees in Letham and South Alloa, and would expect their village committees to organize a tree themselves. R. Smith would like to plant a permanent Christmas tree in Airth, and is trying to arrange this.

J. Tibbles is a member of Falkirk Allotment Society and asked if anyone knew who they should apply to for land that could be used at the Pineapple, the Pineapple is leased by the Landmark Trust, Councillor Martin suggested she should speak to either Mandy Brown or Richard Broadly at Falkirk Council.

Councillor Martin has done a land search to establish who owns the land where the Caledonia Homes are situated, the spaces around the estate are the responsibility of the residents, Caledonia Homes say the problem of the land slip has been caused by the trees they planted being removed. A company has been contacted and they will conduct an investigation, which will cost the residents £9,500.

The residents of Caledonia Homes have contacted The Eastside News.

W. Douglas has had a complaint about the flooding between the Parsonage and Dunmore, Councillor Martin will investigate.

#### **Meeting**

There being no other competent business the chair thanked everyone for attending, the next meeting will be held in Airth Primary School, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009 at 7.00p.m.