

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June 2005.

Present;

R. Smith	W. Douglas
A. Amos	J. Anslow
G.Kerr	I Cameron.
Iain Phillips	A. Martin
M. Maccioccia	David Napier
D. Hamilton	M.Penn
Inspector B. Beaton	J. Detlaff.
A. McKinley	J. Maccioccia
B. Elliot	B. Napier
D. Stubbs	

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2005 were agreed as a correct record, moved J. Anslow, second I Cameron.

Fly tipping at the High Street garages, there had been a partial clean up but more needed to be done. Cllr. Martin will talk to cleansing.

Fly Tipping at the mound in Castle View. Ownership has still not been established and tipping was still ongoing. It was decided to make a further attempt to establish ownership and to approach David Walker Homes to have the area cleaned up.

The residents Association have approached Falkirk Council to have speed limit signs installed at the entrance to Castle View. They requested twenty's plenty sign. Falkirk Council will not place any signs until the roads have been adopted. The secretary will approach Falkirk Council for further information.

The secretary distributed bundles of the Mercat Crier for distribution.

Inspector Beaton advised that there had been a minimum of problems over the past month.

Paint stripper had been splashed over cars in the Crown Hotel car park. There were two instances of non payment of petrol at Bowtrees. And concern about the number of mini bikes using the footpaths and main roads. The Inspector will place emphasis on controlling the use of these vehicles. A number of vehicles had been caught speeding.

The secretary circulated a draught poster form the campaign against crime. It was decided that Inspector Beaton would have his team look at this and come back with improvements.

The Convener reported on the meeting with the PTA, School board, Councillor Martin and members of the Roads Department.

A number of issues were discussed included traffic at the School gates, speeding traffic, footpaths and a Belisha crossing.

Mr Brown of the roads department will report back on the issues raised, copies of his report will be sent to groups attending.

The Community Council Circulated copies of their 45 point report sent to Falkirk Council in 2003 and drew attention to the fact that most of these issues had been dealt with, an agenda designed to make the approach roads to Airth, Letham, South Alloa and Dunmore safer

The Community Council members who attended felt that most of the matters raised had been reported to Falkirk Council on a number of occasions had met with little success. It was decided that once the report from Roads had been considered the Community Council would re-submit their arguments for improvement.

Inspector Beaton had considered our submission to the Chief Constable he noted that W.P.C. Cullen had only a four hour commitment to Airth Parish, he stated that he believed this could be corrected fairly quickly and that he would advise the Community Council of any change. He also stated that consideration of our request for a full time area constable would reach his desk and he would discuss this further with Superintendent McDonald.

He reported a number of incidents in the Parish over the past month, 4 were for thieving or similar crimes 2 for speeding. Action against 2 people had been successful.



There followed a discussion about the Community Wardens Inspector Beaton felt that there was room for improvement in the scheme. It was decided to invite the supervisor of wardens to our next meeting.

The incident reported to the last meeting regarding air guns was discussed; Inspector Beaton appealed to members to report such incidents immediately this would allow prompt action and perhaps allow full investigation.

1. An application for 12 houses at Bloomfontein following some discussion it was decided not to object to this development we should however comment on the requirement to build to

conservation area requirements

An application was also received for a use in Graham Terrace. It was decided not to object to this application.

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Noted. .

- c) Applications for HGV. Licenses_ none for Airth. Noted...
- d) Extract from REFOCUS a, Canadian magazine~ received from Neill Phillips of HCR1 explaining how Community worked with Canadian Authorities to harness wind power. Noted
- e) Sustainable Falkirk. Newsletter. Noted.
- f) Report from ASCC. Regarding Community Councils role in the protection of Phone Boxes from closure. There was an attempt by BT. to have the Community Councils role removed. The secretary will investigate further.
- g) NHS. Community News advising that stroke patients would be treated in both hospitals ongoing treatment would be carried out in Falkirk Royal Copy of letter from F Falkirk Council to Mr Raine detailing actions they have taken.
- h) Copy of letter from Falkirk Council to Cllr Martin confirming that planning consent had been given to the Old Mill site on completion of a section 75 agreement regarding site access. They also confirmed that while no enforcement action can be taken before planning consent is confirmed, the enforcement officer is monitoring the site and will act whenever he has the opportunity.
- i) Biodiversity newsletter. Noted
- j) Acknowledgement of our objections to Kersie Mains Farm Development.
- k) Letter from Scottish Executive Promoting AntiSocial Behaviour Awards sponsored by the Co-op. Noted.
- l) Forth Sight Magazine. Noted.
- m) Off street parking Disabled for 30 South Green Drive. Noted.
- n) Postwatch Scotland Magazine. Noted.
- o) Leaflets describing the Outdoor Access code of conduct Circulated.
- p) Letter describing actions taken by Falkirk: Council against Central Scotland Waste. The letter noted 5 planning conditions which were not being adhered to and advised the company that enforcement action would be taken if these were not rectified.
- q) Letter from Primary Care thanking the Community Council for their assistance during the consultation on plans for a new Clinic.

It was noted that we were awaiting funds from Rural Voice; there were a number of bills outstanding however these would be dealt with as soon as funds were available.

F Falkirk Council has overturned the decision of the Heritage Committee to allow further development in Airth before 2012. The Structure plan Alterations have been submitted to the Scottish Executive and any further comment would require to be submitted to them.

It was noted that a planning application has been submitted to Falkirk Council for the New Clinic at Millar Place,

The Secretary, Mrs Amos and Mr Anslow reported on the meeting they had with Mr Patterson of Primary Care. They reported that in their opinion all recommendations made at the various consultation meetings had been ignored, the road access which we believed should be via the farm road was via Millar Place. The walled garden at the South End which we believed would attract

vandals was still in place and the toddlers ~lay area was not included on the plans. We also made comment about the number of parking places which we felt were inadequate.

The members had expressed their concerns but with the exception of the play area, this decision was changed when we advised Mir Patterson would be grounds for our submitting a major objection to his plans, no other changes have been made.

It was decided that we would submit comments to Falkirk Council Planners recommending changes to the access to the site, parking facilities and that the walled Garden be removed from the plans.

We would also seek explanations of way the amount of planning gain monies had changed from £75,000.

The secretary circulated the results of the referendum these were No of votes cast 609 36% of the electorate

Votes for 477 79.0% of votes cast

Votes against 119 19 % of votes cast

Spoiled papers 9 1.5% of votes cast.

This gave the community Council a strong mandate to pursue funding for a Wind Farm at Letham Moss.

It was decided to hold a sub-committee meeting: on Tuesday 23rd March to discuss the detail of funding applications and confirm the lease of land at Letham Moss.

The bus shelter at South Green Drive.

Cllr Martin has been pursuing this matter and is hopeful of a quick resolution. The litter Bin at the Elphinstone Cres. Shelter has not been locked.

The Public Phone Box has been vandalised and the door hinge broken.

There has been litter dumping at the Granges on Cemetery brae.

The mound at Castle View was discussed, it was noted that some work had been carried out smoothing the surface; however no planting has taken place and some debris has been dumped to the rear. Cllr Martin will seek a progress report from David Wilson Homes.

There being no other competent business the Convener closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

The date of the next meeting: would be the 20th April 2005