

AIRTH PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting 20th Feb., 2008.

Councillors Present

R. Smith
J. Tibbles

D. Gilmour
A. Amos

B. Elliot

Also Present

I. Phillips
J. Reynolds
Councillor Martin

J. Maciocia
I. Cameron

J. McTaggart

Apologies

Constable Marshall

Constable McLaren

J. Anslow

Minutes

The chair stated the yellow inserts at the side of the minutes are not part of the approved minutes. There were a number of corrections to the minutes; the complaint to SEPA should read not an official complaint from the Community Council but an official follow up from the original complaint from R. Smith. Mr. Campbell stated he had at the request of the Planning Dept., put in a new set of plans to the Planning Dept., as a tidy up exercise; in fact he had inserted the various changes he had made to the original plan. The Black Ave., is a private road. It was omitted the complaint from J. Maciocia regarding the felling of one tree being pulled down by ropes, on ground belonging to G. McKinlay, since then another two have been felled. The secretary will contact Mr. Grasson at Falkirk Council as most of the trees have a preservation order on them. After the amendments the minutes were approved by B. Elliot and seconded by J. Tibbles.

Written to R
Christie re
trees .
Awaiting a
response.

Matters Arising

A report has been received from SEPA following our official follow up from R. Smith's official complaint. Investigations are still being carried out to try and establish the source of the sewage in the ditch.

R. Smith wrote a personal letter to all villagers in Dunmore explaining his reasons for his official complaint to SEPA.

The secretary will contact Mrs. Crossan after March regarding the one way system.

W. Douglas, R. Smith and A. Amos, had a meeting with Superintendent G. Samson and Chief Inspector Beaton regarding the letters from the villagers organised by the Community Council. Superintendent Samson stated he had no available resources to provide Airth with Community Police Officer, he stated he would increase the time the constables spent on foot in the village. He was unwilling to attend a public meeting but stated he would attend the next Community Council meeting to answer any questions. In the discussions regarding young people he advised us youth shelters in their experience were not advisable.

Mr Samson will
attend the
meeting on 28th
March. This will
be an open
meeting to be
held in the Main
Hall.
Suggest we
distribute leaflets
wit the Crier to
advertise
meeting.

The secretary circulated the letter of “Comfort” P. Campbell had asked the Community Council, to send to Falkirk Planning Dept., stating we had no objections to his latest set of plans, we also stated in the letter he had to comply fully with Policy EQ12 and that he should have full discussions with his immediate neighbours to resolve any outstanding issues. Mr. Campbell has contacted R. Smith on 3 occasions and he is not satisfied with this letter; he would like us to write another letter to the planning dept., explaining we were happy with the building prior to the fire, in our capacity as a Community Council we must ask residents to comply with Conservation Laws, therefore we will not be sending another letter.

Written a brief note to Mr raine.

The secretary circulated the E-Mail from C. Raine, this contained many inaccuracies, his tone was also very sarcastic, it was agreed we should acknowledge receipt of his E-Mail and note the contents, as to have a meeting with him it was agreed would prove to be pointless.

The play equipment has still not been installed at the Clinic.

Police

Due to a confusion of dates there was no police presence; Constable McLaren gave A. Amos a list of the crime sheet.

There have been 39 calls since the last meeting they include 3 theft at Airth Castle of money, 2 assault, 1 vandalism, 1 dangerous driving, 1 petrol theft, 1 theft of a trailer and fuel, and 14 calls which were youth disorder related calls. In Letham there were 3 breach of the peace calls.

R. Smith reported by mobile telephone to the Police, hare coursing up the estate; he will follow this up to see if his call was recorded.

Councillor Martin stated the Police had used the new system to test if shops in Airth were selling alcohol to underage youths, this proved not to be the case.

Correspondence

A sub-committee will meet to discuss and respond to the Core Path document, this has to be in by the end of April.

Notification of Larbert and Stenhousemuir Area Forum Core Group meeting on 28th Feb. 2008. Noted

Notification of Grangemouth Area Forum 4th Feb. 2008. Noted

Notification of Larbert and Stenhousemuir Area Forum 19th Feb. 2008, W. Douglas gave a presentation on Local and Community Planning.

A questionnaire from Falkirk Council, Housing & Social Work Services, this is the start of a consultation process regarding the review of allocations for housing.

Copy of a letter written to Robbie McGregor Superintendent Area Commander from Frances Hamilton regarding policing in the village.

Application for let of the School

An item calling for Clinics in the Health Centre will be on the Agenda for the next Area Forum

Notification of meeting of Larbert/Stenhousemuir-Community Health Group on 26th Feb., 2008 in the Tryst Community Centre, although this date is not suitable, we will make an effort to attend the next meeting.

Brochure of play equipment from Wicksteed

Notification of On Street Parking For Disabled Persons at 18 High Street, Airth.

Notification of On Street Parking For Disabled Persons at 50 Elphinstone Crescent, Airth

Letter of thanks from Louisa Harvey of Communities Scotland for taking part in the dialogue

on Community Empowerment, which W. Douglas attended.

E-Mail from Sarah Bromley of Dare to Care, asking us to help disseminate information about anti-child poverty. Noted

Scottish Commissioner Applications Noted

E-Mail from R. Smith to W. Douglas, P. Campbell contacted him asking for a copy of the letter we sent to Falkirk Planning Dept.

Received from Falkirk Council a copy of the draft Corporate Plan for 2008-2011

Consultation Paper from the Scottish Government on Development Management, a sub-committee will meet to discuss this and respond to the document which has to be in by 2nd April, 2008.

E-Mail from the secretary to Michael Matheson copies to Michael Connarty, Linda Fabian, Cathy Peattie, Margaret Mitchell, Eric Joyce, and all Community Councils regarding our campaign to amend the law on drinking in public and seeking a voluntary imposition of an under 21 ban on the sale of liquor. We have had replies supporting us from Cathy Peattie, Grangemouth, and Polmont, Community Councils.

The secretary read out the minutes of the meeting held between A. Berg, Councillor Martin, J. Banks, W. Douglas and A. Amos on 20th Feb. 2008 regarding the planting of trees at the Wilderness, and the Community Garden at South green Drive.

Finance

To date there is £1,400 in the funds.

Planning Applications

Manor Kingdom's planning application will come before the regularity committee on the 27th Feb. 2008

Retrospective planning application for alteration to shopfront at 2 Shore Road, initially this was refused but it has now been Granted Planning Permission.

Extension to Dwellinghouse (Swimming Pool) The Kilns 6 Fairfields Falkirk, Mr. & Mrs Smith

Avised that to date no plans have been submitted.

We have called in the planning application for Conversion of Redundant Farm Building to Form One Dwellinghouse at Lochs of Airth, Falkirk Mr. W. Ferguson.

Erection of Fence (Retrospective) 25 Letham Cottages Falkirk Mrs. Caroline McLay Grant Detailed Planning Permission.

Erection of Garden Fence 38 Paul Drive, Airth Falkirk, Mr. R. Stoddart. Grant Detailed Planning Permission

Extension to Dwellinghouse 2 Banks View Airth, Falkirk, Mr. & Mrs. Holloway Permitted Development

Extension to Dwellinghouse 2 Kersie Mains Cottage, Kersie Terrace, South Alloa, Stirling, Robert Reid & Jo Tibbles.

Roads Issues

The new bridge has now reached the Airth side and a celebration was held to mark this event.

R. Smith enquired at the Area Forum on the progress of the footpath at Lightbody's Corner a C.P.O. has been issued by Falkirk Council.

Former Pupils Reunion

The secretary distributed the minutes of the sub-committee meeting regarding the F.P night. W. Douglas and A. Amos visited F. McCord and have put in an application for a grant. The secretary has printed 200 tickets, approx 70 of them have been given out. The school will be available from 6.00p.m. on the night. I. Phillips has a copy of the History Book which we will use on the night. W. Douglas and A. Amos will speak to Mrs. Crossan to discuss several points e.g. will the teachers be available to give tours of the school, will Mrs. Crossan be willing to present the bouquet of flowers and the bottle of whisky to our oldest former pupils, ask about the sound system, and the lay out of the schools presentation. We will also explain we want the children to design a Christmas Light for the lamppost outside the school, to help towards the payment of this we will be having a raffle on the night, the prize will be one night's dinner bed and breakfast at the Castle. We have had an E-Mail from Mrs. Marion Smith; her mother in law is 96 and is in Wheatlands Nursing Home. W. Douglas, R. Smith and A. Amos will have a meeting on 28th Feb. 2008 at 7.00p.m. to discuss in detail our progress.

£200 pounds received for purchase of buffet. Met with Mrs Crossan to discuss final details. Have taken extract from School Log for display.

Written to the
Chief Exec.
Waiting for a
response

A.O.C.B.

There is concern a homeless youth has been allocated a council house in Crawford Square, this house has a Mec system, a walk in shower, and handrails and should be allocated to an old age pensioner and not to a youth. Due to the Data Protection Act information is limited on this person. The secretary will write to Mary Pitcaithly and make her aware of the situation.

I. Phillips complained about the litter in the Crown Hotel car park, this is owned by Murdoch Smith, Councillor Martin will investigate.

The Keystore car park also needs tidied up.

There is once again a problem with dog dirt in the village; Councillor Martin will report this to the Council. People should report this as it is an offence.

B. Elliot reported there is a problem at Douglas Ave., with water pressure, the homeowner reported the matter to Scottish Water, who stated, this is an on going problem, the secretary will investigate.

B. Elliot asked for an update of the Windfarm, the secretary has contacted the organisation who deal in grants and has asked for the forms to enable us to apply for one, as this was some time ago he will contact them again.

On the road up to the Castle people are parking in the passing zones, as this is a public road it may be suitable for double yellow lines, Councillor Martin will investigate.

Rubbish
Cleared,

A. Amos asked Councillor Martin to speak to Falkirk Council to tidy up the rubbish and litter at the lay by near the Parsonage.

Investigation
carried wit
poison laid.
No evidence
of a major
infestation

R. Smith reported there is a problem with rats at the High Street, and South Green Drive, Councillor Martin will contact Environmental Health.

R. Smith asked what had happened to the Bottle banks, the Haulage Assoc. have objected to them being placed in the lay by at Burgoynes, the car park at the Wilderness is being considered.

Mercat Crier

It is hoped the Mercat Crier will be ready for distribution before the F.P. night, possibly the week before.

I. Cameron reported vehicles which were parked at the lay by at Burgoynes were exchanging paper work; she reported the matter to the Police

Councillor Martin said he had received a press release from Scottish Water stating there would be a 3.6million upgrade of the Airth treatment plant which would go ahead this year.

Because of
time
restrictions
date changed
to Tuesday
18th March

There being no other competent business the chair thanked everyone for attending, the next meeting will be held in Airth Primary School, in the big hall on Tuesday 8th March, 2008 at 7.00p.m.

