

LARBERT, STENHOUSEMUIR AND TORWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING - 25 April 2007 IN THE TRYST COMMUNITY CENTRE

1. Attendance Details:

Committee:

- Charles Ambrose
- Evelyn Crosbie
- Patrick Devlin
- Denis Shovlin
- Yvonne Weir

Also present:

- Frank McChord, Falkirk Council

Apologies for absence:

- David MacLeod
- Marguerite O'Rourke
- Lauralin Scott
- Bill Robertson
- Chief Inspector Beaton

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Charles Ambrose chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. It was noted that the date of the minutes and the date of the next meeting were incorrect.

3. Matters Arising

- **Young People's Fund** - It was reported that the Falkirk Herald had printed an article advising that the Community Council were intending to submit an application to the Young People's Fund. Charles Ambrose advised that he had spoken to Craig Rennie (reporter with the Falkirk Herald) in advance of the article going to print and had advised him that the application was not going ahead. Concerns were voiced about expectations being raised in the Community that would not be realised at the current time. Denis Shovlin suggested that the Community Council should put any reports to the press in writing to avoid any future misrepresentation. This was agreed as a good idea. Evelyn Crosbie advised that she would be attending a Community Health Group meeting on Tuesday 1 May and would also raise the article with David Cairns from the NHS. Consideration would be made to a joint statement with the NHS.

Action: Evelyn Crosbie to discuss with David Cairns and consider a joint statement.

- **Wetland Pond** - Yvonne Weir advised that the Community Council had still not responded to Falkirk Council's request on what planning matters had been contravened.

Action: Yvonne Weir to discuss with Charles Ambrose

- **PFI Letter** - Yvonne Weir advised that she had sent Charles Ambrose the draft letter for comment about the use of PFI for the new hospital.

Action: Yvonne Weir to discuss with Charles Ambrose

- **New Primary School** - Evelyn Crosbie advised that 105 pupils had opted to move to the new school and 454 remain at Stenhousemuir Primary School. A number of teachers had been appointed.
- **McLaren Park** - Yvonne Weir advised that Frank McChord had confirmed that Falkirk Council had completed their Options Appraisal for the Park and had advised that the Play Practice proposal was the preferred option. It was noted that this the more expensive option. Frank had also advised that work could commence from 1 April 2008.

Action: A group to discuss the Park is to be convened to take the proposal forward.

- **Laser Group** - Frank McChord advised that he is trying to get a venue for the group to meet. Charles Ambrose advised that the Community Council would be able to fund a meeting if finances were an issue for the LASER group. Frank McChord also advised that there was to be a public meeting on 9th May 2007 at 7pm in the Tryst Community Centre to discuss the Environmental Justice Fund proposal by Central Scotland Forrest Trust to improve the Mill Lade. Frank issued information leaflets to the Community Council for distribution.
- **Co-opting of new members** - Yvonne Weir advised that no letters had been issued. It was agreed that Derek Williamson and John Silver would be invited to the next meeting. Denis Shovlin is to approach Mr Hashmat.

Action: Yvonne Weir to write to Derek Williamson and John Silver to invite them to the next meeting. Denis Shovlin to approach Mr Hashmat.

- The attendance at Community Council meetings of all members was discussed. It was agreed that a note be added to the minutes that members must attend meetings whenever possible. It was agreed that a remit for each member would be agreed e.g. environment, health, education, planning etc.

4. Police Report

- Chief Inspector Beaton was absent from the meeting but had passed a verbal report to Charles Ambrose.
- Charles advised that Anti-Social Behaviour was showing some signs of improvement. As the weather improves, issues are anticipated to increase again. The Police are currently seeking extra resources.
- Charles advised that the Tryst Golf Course had indicated that there were young people on the golf course and on the wall between Burnhead Road and Tryst Road. The Tryst Golf Club had asked if the Community Council would write to local schools reminding them about their health and safety responsibility and good neighbour policy. It was agreed that it would be more appropriate for the Golf Club to write to the schools.

5. Correspondence

- Yvonne Weir circulated the correspondence report and advised on the correspondence that required to be actioned.
 - 07/In/22 - Charles Ambrose & Evelyn Crosbie to attend Community Safety Panel AGM on 15 May 2007.
 - 07/In/23 - Community Council to opt-in to notifications about public processions, parades and marches.
 - 07/In/24 - Disabled Persons parking space Main Street, Stenhousemuir - no comment to be made.
 - 07/in/28 - Falkirk Council Local Plan - comments to be made by all members to be discussed at next meeting of Community Council. Response is required to be sent to Falkirk Council by 1 June 2007.
 - 07/In/30 - Airlie House Planning Application - Copy of letter received about insufficient information being supplied with the planning application is to be sent to Donald & Helen Smillie.
 - 07/In/31 - Disabled Persons parking space 12 Crownest Loan, Stenhousemuir - no comment to be made.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Pat Devlin advised that the balance is £7,337.51 (NB £5K is ring fenced for McLaren Park).

7. Planning

- There were no applications to note.
- Charles Ambrose advised that Kim Grant had raised the issue of traffic on

Tryst Road. It was agreed that a letter be issued to Rhona Geisler, Falkirk Council to discuss plans for the road and to invite a Council officer to a future meeting to discuss.

Action: Yvonne Weir to write to Rhona Geisler, Falkirk Council.

8. Reports

- **Health** - Evelyn Crosbie advised that she had attended a Community Health Partnership Management Meeting. Sue Dow (General Manager of CHP) had reported that due to an administrative error with the plans, there would be a delay in the construction of the health centre. This was as a result of the plans being issued to the wrong body for approval. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to NHS Forth Valley about the Community Council's concerns over the delays to the Health Centre. This letter is to be copied to Niall McLean from MacDonald Estates.

Action: Yvonne Weir to write to NHS Forth Valley to voice concerns about the delay to the construction of the Health Centre. Evelyn Crosbie to provide Yvonne with contact details.

- **Education Hustings** - Evelyn Crosbie circulated proposed questions for the education hustings in advance of the local elections. As Denis is a candidate, he was asked to leave the room while the questions were discussed. The questions were agreed and will be asked by Bill Robertson and Evelyn Crosbie at the Hustings.
- **Education** - It was noted that St Francis is due to have a 3-stream Primary 1 which contravenes Falkirk Council's policy. It was advised that the results of the surveys at Stenhousemuir Primary School are still being awaited. It is anticipated that there will be issues with traffic at that site. The foundations and ground conditions at the alternative Antonshill site could still be an issue. This may be a more expensive site.

9. AOCB

- Denis Shovlin advised he had received a letter from the Town Centre Management advising of a bid for Falkirk to become a Fair Trade Town.

10. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 May 2007 at 7:30pm at Tryst Community Centre, Park Drive, Stenhousemuir.
- Evelyn Crosbie submitted her apologies for the next meeting.