

LARBERT STENHOUSEMUIR AND TORWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING - 1 June 2009 Held in LARBERT LIBRARY, STENHOUSEMUIR

1. Attendance Details

Committee:

- Charles Ambrose
- Pat Devlin
- Gerry Murphy
- Marguerite O'Rourke
- Bill Robertson
- Denis Shovlin
- John Silvers
- Yvonne Weir

Also Present:

- Councillor Coleman
- PC Reid
- Frank McChord and John Banks, Falkirk Council
- 2 members of the public

Apologies

- Evelyn Crosbie
- Lauralin Scott

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- CA welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- The previous minutes were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- Page 2 - Matters Arising - Report on Community Council Liaison Meeting - PD asked YW to forward him the new figures detailing the calculation of Community Council annual grants.

Action: YW to provide PD with figures

- Page 4 - Correspondence Report - In/09/92 - YW advised that she had suggested to Falkirk Council that the Community Council intended to put the community policing initiative at Larbert High School forward as a nomination for the CES awards. However, the Council had advised that as the initiative is conducted by an agency and not community members or on a voluntary basis, it would not qualify for this particular awards ceremony

- Page 5 - AOCB - Retired Senior Volunteers Programme - Unfortunately the RSVP programme were unable to make a presentation to the area forum but Frank McChord has arranged for the programme to be brought up at an Implementation Group meeting for Senior Citizens which will provide wider coverage.

4. Discussion - Potential Options for Play Park Funding

- CA welcomed John Banks from the Parks Department of Falkirk Council to the meeting. CA provided a background to the £5K funding the Community Council had received from the CO-Op for McLaren Park. Following representations by residents, it was agreed with the Co-Op to seek a similar project in the Larbert/ Stenhousemuir area to spend the funding.
- John Banks advised that the costs of play parks and in particular ground works had increased considerably over the past few years. As a result it was agreed that the £5K would be best utilised if added to an existing project or park
- A range of options were discussed including the Broomage Play area, Hillview, and Russell Park. The possibility of installing MUGAs at local schools was also discussed.
- It was agreed that the Parks Department would instruct the Play Inspectors to review the existing parks for extra items over the next 2 weeks and report back to the Community Council with options. A final decision will be made on the use of the funding once a report is received.

Action: John Banks to instruct a review of existing play parks by play inspectors and to report back to the Community Council on options

- CA raised the issue of missing goal posts next to Stenhousemuir Sports Centre and St George's Court in Larbert. John Banks advised there is an issue with drainage at the Stenhousemuir site which is currently being investigated. In relation to St George's Court, it was advised that the removal of goal posts at the end of the football season is normal practice to relieve the pitches of excessive use and in relation to requests by householders.

5. Police Report

- PC Reid provided a Police Report.
- He advised that due to officer illness, the results of the youth questionnaire issues to schools are not yet available. Initial feedback suggests MUGAs would be utilised.
- He advised there has been an increase in disturbances in the Valley area of Stenhousemuir.
- In relation to Torwood, whilst MO'R advised there had been a big difference in issues, Councillor Coleman raised concerns over responses to call. PC Reid advised that Torwood is a hot spot and continues to be regularly checked by duty constables.

Action: PC Reid to contact PC Noble and to report to Councillor Coleman on issues and actions taken

6. Correspondence Report

- YW provided a verbal report. A full copy of the Report will be issued with the minutes of this meeting.
- The following items requiring action were discussed:

| Date | Item | Content | Actions Agreed/Taken |
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| 28/04/09 | In/09/96 | Falkirk Council - Revised dates for meetings for Stenhousemuir Development Group | Passed to CA |
| May 2009 | In/09/98 | Delta Studios - 2 Invitations to Annual students exhibition private viewing on 13 June 2009 and information on main public viewing from 15 June to 12 July 2009 | Invitation passed to DS |
| 05/05/09 | In/09/101 | Falkirk Council - Letter confirming that planning application for flats on Lorne Road had been declined | CC advised |
| 15/05/09 | In/09/110 | Falkirk Council - Request for YW's E-mail to create a Community Council mailbox on Falkirk On-Line | YW provided |
| 17/05/09 | In/09/112 | NHS Forth Valley - Information on Braveheart Healthy Living Event on 26 May 2009 | YW forwarded to CC members |
| 18/05/09 | In/09/114 | Falkirk Council - confirmation from Alan Rodger that Community Council would meet with him to discuss local plan on 2 June 2009 at 1030am | Feedback to be provided at next meeting |
| 20/05/09 | In/09/115 | Falkirk Council - Information on Heritage Lottery Fund Surgery Day to be held on 17 June 2009 from 930 to 5pm | No-One to attend |
| 20/05/09 | In/09/116 | Community Along Carron Project - Invitation to feedback session - Council Chambers - 11/06/09 7-830pm | CA to attend |
| 22/05/09 | In/09/117 | ASCC - Nomination form for Area Representatives - to be returned by 30 June 2009 | Due to forthcoming elections agreed not to nominate |

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| 23/05/09 | In/09/118 | ENQUIRE - Request for Community Council to promote services | Agreed to be suggested for Falkirk On-Line |
| 25/05/09 | In/09/119 | NHS Forth Valley - Information on Growing Communities Fund Deadline on 4 June & 27 August - Information sessions to be help on 4 June | CC Not eligible |

7. Treasurer's Report

- The 2009/10 budget was approved.
- PD advised the balance was £8,419.69 including the £5K grant from the Co-Op. PD advised that the £1036 grant would be approved in the next 10 days. It is still unclear if Falkirk Council will continue to pay the £35 Data Protection registration fee on an annual basis.
- It was agreed That the Community Council would be able to put additional funding towards the £5K co-Op funding. The possibility of applying to Falkirk Council for additional special project funding was also discussed.

8. Planning Officer's Report

- The Planning Officer's Report from BR was circulated. There are no issues.
- YW advised that she had written to all 3 local Councillors as agreed outlining concerns about Torwood.

9. Other Reports

(a) Stenhousemuir Development Group - CA attended and advised that the dates had been changed and the time moved forward to 4pm. This had resulted in poor attendance particularly from the retailers. An update on the developments was provided with Block A due to be completed by the end of August. ASDA will market 2 units in Block A . There will also be an additional 42 parking spaces which will be owned and managed by Falkirk Council. There will also be disabled places. The Community Centre should be completed by the end of July 2009 and the Health Centre by April 2010. CA reported there had been discussion at the group about the Lido and the football pitch, and an increase in vandalism in the area. CA advised that he had informed the Group that the Community Council would support Dial-a-Journey in relation to the bus provider. In addition, the Group asked if the Community Council would write to the Police to press for a shared facility in the new development.

Actions: YW to seek an update on Dial-A-Journey and its plans for route to the new town centre. CA to draft a letter in relation to the shared police facility in the Town Centre.

(b) McLaren Park, Torwood - CA & BR attended a consultation event at Glenberrie

House for the proposed McLaren Park housing development in Torwood. They reported back that the current proposal for 10 large house with large plots.

(c) New Acute Hospital Residents Evening - YW advised that she had attended the residents meeting on 7 May 2009 at the hospital site. Presentation materials, photographs and staff were on hand to provide residents with updates on the project. YW advised that one of the key concerns has been the amount of road works at the new roundabout. One of the other issues discussed with the Project Director was the 40mph speed limit at the entrance and potential moves to get the limit reduced to 30mph. There was also the offer to the Community Council for the Project Director to attend a future meeting and provide a tour of the site.

Action: YW to invite Lindsay McGibbon to the next Community Council meeting to provide an up-date.

10. AOCB

(a) Home Energy Community Conference - 18 June - CA advised that he would attend and report back

(b) Girl Guides Centenary - YW advised that LS had received a request from the Secretary of the Girlguiding Larbert Division requesting funding support for activities to celebrate the Centenary of Girlguiding in the UK. It was agreed to award the local division £100 to support local girls to participate in events.

Action: YW to advise of decision to award £100

(c) Local Community Plan - Frank McChord circulated copies of the final local Community Plan and advised there would be a formal launch at the next area forum.

(d) Torwood Petition - MO'R thanked the Community Council for its support with the Torwood petition against the building of additional houses in the wooded area.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be on **Monday 27 July 2009 at 7:15pm** in Larbert Library.