

LARBERT STENHOUSEMUIR AND TORWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING - 26 March 2008 IN THE TRYST COMMUNITY CENTRE, STENHOUSEMUIR

1. Attendance Details

Committee:

- Charles Ambrose
- Evelyn Crosbie
- Pat Devlin
- Bill Robertson
- Marguerite O'Rourke
- Denis Shovlin
- John Silvers
- Lauralin Scott
- Yvonne Weir

Also Present:

- Councillor Martin, Councillor Waddell and Councillor MacDonald
- S Bennett & F Logan, Falkirk Council Community Warden Service
- 1 member of the public

Apologies

- Councillor Carleschi

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Charles Ambrose welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Vice Convenor Evelyn Crosbie for chairing the previous 2 meetings in his absence.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- Page 2 - Matters Arising - Open Space Strategy - Yvonne Weir advised that the Community Council still had to make a response to the general consultation. It was agreed that Bill Robertson and John Silvers would make this response.

Action: Bill Robertson & John Silvers to complete the general response to the Open Space Strategy.

- Page 4 - Correspondence Report - In/08/60 & 62 - Yvonne Weir advised that the information had been received for the Community Council stall at the Health Fair for the Dare to Care Campaign from CSV Scotland. It was agreed that the stall would be covered as follows: 10:30am-12noon - Bill & Evelyn; 12-2pm. Marguerite; and 2-3pm Lauralin.
- Page 4 - Treasurer's Report - McLaren Park - Yvonne Weir advised that Bill and herself had arranged a meeting with Frank McChord for Monday 7 April 2008. Councillor Martin advised he would arrange for Parks and other relevant officers to attend.

- Page 4 - AOCB - Denis Shovlin advised that he would raise the new town centre at the June Core Group meeting of the Area Forum for discussion at the September Forum.

4. Procedures for Meetings

- Charles Ambrose advised that he had met with Evelyn Crosbie and Yvonne Weir to discuss procedures for meetings. Iain Tough from Falkirk Council had provided draft Stranding Orders. These were circulated. Charles advised that the maximum length of time for meetings should be 90 minutes. It was agreed that meetings would start at 7:15pm. He advised that the Community Council would, at forthcoming meetings, ask if members of the public would write any questions they may have on a form (to a maximum of three questions per person) and hand it in at a 15 minute refreshment break before AOCB. Any questions will then be read out and action agreed. This new system will be put in place at the next meeting on 30 April 2008. All members were asked to consider the introduction of the Standing Orders provided by Falkirk Council.

5. Police Report

There was no Police Report at the meeting.

6. Correspondence Report

- Yvonne Weir circulated the correspondence report and highlighted the key items which required to be actioned/discussed:
- In/08/65 - Falkirk Council - Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes for You and Your Trees, Trees and Development & Biodiversity & Development - passed to Bill Robertson.
- In/08/68 - ASCC - Note on Local Authority Support to Community Councils - It was agreed that Falkirk Council are already offering all the support services detailed to the Community Council and no further action is required.
- In/08/69 - ASCC - Requirement for Community Councils to register as Data Processors under the 1988 Data Protection Act - It was advised that Falkirk Council is to provide guidance on this and will cover the costs of the registration fee.
- In/08/70 - Michael Matheson MSP - Modernising Planning Appeals Consultation - passed to Bill Robertson for response.
- In/08/73 - ASCC Scottish Parliament Justice Committee - Oral Evidence on experience of community policing - document to be circulated to all for discussion at April meeting.
- In/08/76 - ASCC - February 2008 Edition of the Community Councillor - copies were circulated the Community Council members. Yvonne Weir highlighted the sections on forthcoming consultations on the future of Community Councils and national schemes of establishment and standing orders.
- In/08/77 - CSFT - Opening of Broomage Greenspace project 1 April 2008 - it was agreed that Denis Shovlin and Lauralin Scott would attend.

- In/08/81 - Scottish Government - Planning Modernisation - Consultations and Electronic Publication Strategy - Passed to Bill Robertson for completion.
- In/08/84 - Forestry Commission - Notification of consultation on Forestry Commission Scotland's Draft Climate Change Action Plan 2008- 2010 - John Silvers to complete.
- In/08/84 - Michael Matheson MSP - Consultation Paper on the Development Rights for Domestic Microgeneration - passed to Bill Robertson for Completion.
- In/08/86 - Kinnaird Primary School - Invitation to attend the opening of the school library - 4 April 2008 - Evelyn Crosbie and Charles Ambrose to attend.
- In/08/87 - Falkirk Council - Notification of the Scottish Government's review of the role of Community Councils and the ASCC Stakeholder Survey. The Survey is to be circulated to all members of the Community Council for completion.
- In/08/44 - Falkirk Council - Consultative draft of the Core Paths Plan - Passed to John Silvers for completion.

7. Treasurer's Report

- Pat Devlin advised that the books were with the Accountant and therefore there was no Report.

8. Planning Officer's Report

- Bill Robertson provided a planning report.
- There is an application for a dog boarding house. The exact location is not known and will be investigated as there could be issues over noise..

Action: Bill Robertson to ascertain location.

- The plans for the Tryst Golf Club were discussed. These have still not been seen.
- The Glenbervie Slip Roads were discussed. There has still been no communication from Transport Scotland following the Community Council's agreement to meet them.

9. Other Reports

- (a) Community Development Alliance Scotland Conference - 18 March 2008. Denis Shovlin advised that he had attended the Conference. The Conference discussed the concept that community development is essential to creating a wealthier, healthier, safer, greener and fairer Scotland. He attended the workshops on safety and green issues. He advised that the Conference was informative and proposed consideration to a local community conference to consider the issues.
- **(b) Launch of the Community Support pack by the Litter Strategy Team - 13 March 2008.** Lauralin Scott attended this on behalf of the Community Council. She advised it was an informative event. A number of volunteers spoke positively about their projects and activities that had taken place. Information on funding

was also provided along with a booklet on how to improve your neighbourhood.

- One of the issues discussed by the Community Council during this report was dog fouling and the presence of bins. Locally there are issues with lack of bins and bags being left by dog owners in various areas. Some bins are also being vandalised and are expensive to replace. The Community Wardens advised that pooper scoopers and bags are available free of charge from the one stop shop in Stenhousemuir. It was agreed that the issue would be raised via the Laser Group at their meeting on 28 April 2008. It was also agreed that members of the public attending the health fair would be approached for ideas through the Community Council stall.
- **(c) Laser Group AGM** - It was advised that the President/Chair had resigned and a replacement was not appointed although there are 7 Committee members. This will be carried forward to the next meeting. The Group are keen to have another 'project' to focus on. It was advised that a feasibility study for the Mill Lade project is now being carried out. It was agreed that it is important that the Community Council stays on the Laser Group. It was also agreed that the Community Council could support the Laser Group further by printing leaflets. Lauralin Scott and David McLeod attend on behalf of the Community Council. It was agreed that if David McLeod wishes to step down from the Group, John Silvers would be willing to take his place.

10. AOCB

- Yvonne Weir advised that she had e-mailed Maureen Goggins at NHS Forth Valley about the future of Larbert House given that proposals were to be handed in to Falkirk Council by December 2008. It was advised that Larbert House was due to be discussed by the Environmental and Heritage Committee of Falkirk Council on 15 April 2008. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Falkirk Council in advance of this meeting outlining the Community Council's position that the House be retained for social, community and education use.

Action: Letter to be agreed and sent to Falkirk Council

- Quad Bilking in RSNH Grounds. It was advised that this has become an issue. It was advised that Falkirk Council are considering 3 sites for a formal facility.
- New RC School in Antonshill. It was advised that Falkirk Council are awaiting the drawings to be finalised to enable the planning application to be submitted.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be on 30 April 2008 at 7:15pm at the Tryst Community Centre in Stenhousemuir.