

## **LARBERT STENHOUSEMUIR AND TORWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING - 27 July 2009 Held in LARBERT LIBRARY, STENHOUSEMUIR**

#### **1. Attendance Details**

##### **Committee:**

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

##### **Also Present:**

- PC Reid
- Lindsay McGibbon, Laing O'Rourke
- Duncan Hearsum, Dial-a-Journey
- Frank McChord, Falkirk Council
- 1 member of the public

##### **Apologies**

- Gerry Murphy
- John Silvers
- Councillors Coleman, Martin, Kenna

#### **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- CA welcomed everyone to the meeting. CA advised that there had been an alteration to the agenda and that Duncan Hearsum from Dial-a-Journey would speak after Lindsay McGibbon to discuss a potential bus service for Stenhousemuir Town Centre.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- The previous minutes were approved.

#### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

- Page 2 - Co-Op Funding, McLaren Park, Stenhousemuir. DS advised that there was a Co-op meeting on 5 August 2009 and that he would be asked for an up-date on the Park. YW advised that following the last meeting, Falkirk Council had provided a list of options. Councillor Martin had also e-mailed a proposal and contact details. It was agreed that a follow-up meeting would be arranged with Falkirk Council to finalise options.

**Action: YW to provide DS with update for Co-op meeting**

#### **4a. Presentation - Lindsay McGibbon, Laing O'Rourke - Update on new hospital**

- Lindsay provided an information presentation outlining progress with the new hospital in Larbert. He advised that the construction phase would be substantially completed by the end of 2009 with the first patients being seen mid-2010. The project is currently in week 116 out of 207. A number of rooms are now complete and have been "handed over" to the NHS. The final of the 3 phases is expected to be complete by April 2011.
- The presentation included statistics and information on amounts of materials used, local employment and training, local procurement and community liaison.
- Following the presentation, there were questions from the floor:
  - Lindsay confirmed the important role played by the Public Patient Panel
  - Lindsay confirmed there is still a commitment to no charging for parking
  - There has been no change to the number of car parking spaces or beds within the hospital.
- CA thanked Lindsay for his presentation. Lindsay also offered the Community Council a visit to the site.

#### **4b. Discussion - Duncan Hearsom, Dial-a-Journey - Potential Bus Service to Stenhousemuir Town Centre**

- Duncan outlined the background to Dial-a-Journey and its operation of the 2 Shopmobility scooters in Stenhousemuir Town Centre. He advised that Dial-a-Journey had also set-up a commercial trading company which is considering operating a route around Larbert and Stenhousemuir into the new town centre. They are currently establishing the need and commercial viability of the service which is likely to be a 16-seater bus. A potential route was discussed and if it went ahead would run on a 3-4 month trial with approximately 4 services in-between school hours.
- A number of options for increasing awareness were discussed: Age Concern, CC Newsletter, information to churches and links with the Take the Right Route project.
- CA thanked Duncan for his contribution. It was agreed that the Community Council would comment on the route and timetable.

**Action: Duncan Hearsom to e-mail YW with details of the potential route and timetable. YW to circulate and any comments, gaps etc to be passed back to YW for feedback to Duncan.**

#### **5. Police Report**

- PC Reid provided a Police Report.
- He advised that there had been a limited response to the football kick-around survey at Larbert High with only 28 responses received. The preferred option was the Lido.

- He advised there has been an increase in house and commercial break-ins within the area.
- Following the request by the Community Council, the police have also looked into the issues of speed on Tryst Road. The road has not been identified as an accident blackspot.

## 6. Correspondence Report

- YW provided a correspondence report. The following items requiring action were discussed:

Date of Item	Ref	Item	Action Agreed
04/06/09	In/09/127	Falkirk Council - Falkirk Development Plan Scheme - <a href="http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/development/planning_and_environment/development_plan_scheme.aspx">http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/development/planning_and_environment/development_plan_scheme.aspx</a>	Passed to BR
13/06/09	In/09/134 and In/09/138 In/09/139 In/09/145 In/09/168	Tryst Road - E-mail from resident concerned about speed and use of road by heavy vehicles - request that Community Council reconvenes focus group	E-mails sent to McDonald Estates & police copied to Falkirk Council roads. Councillor Martin has liaised with roads and 3 dates for meeting suggested - 2 members of CC and 2 residents to attend. Agreed that CA and DS would attend
15/06/09	In/09/135	ASCC - Notification of regional meeting to be held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2009 in Hamilton - 10am to mid-afternoon - Response by 20 September.	Agree attendance
15/06/09 and 18/06/09	In/09/136  In/09/141	Falkirk Council - E-mail from John Banks re McLaren Park funding and potential uses for funding. Councillor Martin - E-mail re play park in Broomage with needs upgrading - resident contact information provided	CA/EC to meet John Banks to discuss options CA has attempted to make contact with resident. To be discussed by EC/CA at meeting with John Banks

17/06/09	In/09/140	Falkirk Council - Stenhousemuir Development Group - notification that 24 June meeting cancelled and re-scheduled for 16 September 4pm in library	YW to write to advise that concern over numbers of meetings that have been cancelled and loss of momentum
19/06/09	In/09/142	Ladeside Primary School's Parent Council (PALS) - Invitation to open evening 28 September 2009 - 530 - 7pm. Opportunity for CC to have a stall at the event	LS/DS to co-ordinate
23/06/09	In/09/146	Central Scotland Police - Acknowledgement of letter sent 10 June re police presence in Stenhousemuir - copies passed on and assurance given that all options will be explored	To be noted
25/06/09	In/09/147	Hugh O'Donnell MSP - requesting details of meetings up to July 2010 & wish to attend - also interested in hearing of any issues	YW to provide information on next meeting and link to minutes
29/06/09	In/09/151	Falkirk Council - Details and links to National Planning Framework 2 document.. The document guides long term planning to 2030 - link: <a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/National-Planning-Policy/themes/npf">http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/National-Planning-Policy/themes/npf</a>	For retention and reference. Passed to BR
29/06/09	In/09/152	Falkirk Community Planning Partnership - Information on Community Safety Implementation Group - Strategic Assessment - seeking community views	LS to be main contact

01/07/09  And  07/07/09	In/09/156   Out/09/51	Falkirk Council - Pete Reid Scottish Government Town Centre Regeneration Fund plan for Area - Details of proposals for Larbert area - requesting feedback  E-mail to Pete Reid at Falkirk Council re proposals to include Larbert in Town Centre bid - advising we will discuss at meeting and highlighting our previous discussions have dwelt on the introduction of a parking bay at the wide pavement area East of East Croft St. This would ease the congestion on Main St., which has been the subject of many complaints from the locals. Also, the existing parking bay, between East Croft St. and Dundarroch St. is at a higher level than the pavement and there is often flooding after rain	Agreed to provide letter of support - would wish to see the issues e- mailed on 07/07/09 addressed and the study area widened up to include other retail outlets within the village centre.
06/07/09	In/09/157	ASCC - Link to Community Councillor and request for articles for future editions	Information on coal trains and bees to be passed to ASCC
08/07/09	In/09/159	Falkirk Council - Web team - Advised that CC e-mail addresses via Falkirk on-line requires a major policy change and decision is awaited	YW to raise at CC liaison meeting
09/07/09	In/09/160	Girlguiding - Larbert Division - letter of thanks for £100 donation and details of where cheque to be issued	PD to issue cheque
15/07/09	In/09/164	E-mail from local resident advising that they have heard that Larbert House/Walled Garden is currently subject to the trawl procedure with the marketing agent and will be sold on the open market	YW to write requesting that CC is involved in ongoing discussions.. Letter to be sent to NHS & Falkirk Council

16/07/09	In/09/165	Falkirk Council Licensing Board - Application for Ochilview Bar to provide on-sales - objections by 17 August 2009	No action
16/07/09	In/09/166	Falkirk Council Licensing Board - Application for Glenbervie Golf Club to provide on-sales - objections by 17 August 2009	No action
21/07/09	In/09/167	Falkirk Council - Agenda & papers from Liaison meeting on 30 July - Main items: Elections & new model schemes for Community Councils	YW & GM to attend. Agreed no issues with proposed schemes and happy to adopt provided they can be reviewed if issues arise following adoption. Also need to ensure adequate advertising in place for elections.
24/07/09	In/09/170	ASCC - Information on Scottish Ambulance Service Consultation - Closing date 11 Sept for Community Councils. Discussion documents are available at <a href="http://www.scottishambulance.com/futurestrategy">www.scottishambulance.com/futurestrategy</a>	EC advised she has reviewed. Agreed to comment on the need for improved communication between hospitals, the Ambulance Service and patients

## 7. Treasurer's Report

- PD advised we have received grant of £1036 from Falkirk Council plus £35 refund for Data Protection registration.
- The balance of funds is £9,491.85 including the £5K grant from the Co-Op.
- It was agreed that EC would contact Larbert High School to discuss possibility of a community services prize.

**Action: EC to contact Larbert High School**

## 8. Planning Officer's Report

- The Planning Officer's Report from BR was circulated. There are no issues.

## 9. Other Reports

- There were no other reports.

#### **10. AOCB**

**(a) Communities Along the Carron** - The final report following the consultation period is due to be presented in Falkirk Town Hall on 22 September at 7pm.

**(b) LASER Group** - It was advised that the LASER Group have made an initial enquiry with HLF about a potential funding bid to promote the Mill Lade project.

**(c) Coal Trains** - It was noted that there had been a 2-week break in the running of the coal trains due to holiday periods.

#### **11. Date of Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be the AGM and will be on **Monday 31 August 2009 at 7:15pm**. LS to contact Community Centre as possible venue.

**Action: LS to contact community centre for availability**

*Post meeting note - due to a number of planning issues that need to be considered, the meeting on 31 August 2009 will now be an ordinary meeting with the AGM re-scheduled for Monday 28 September.*