

LARBERT, STENHOUSEMUIR AND TORWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING - 28 March 2007 IN THE TRYST COMMUNITY CENTRE

1. Attendance Details:

Committee:

- Steven Carleschi
- Evelyn Crosbie
- Lauralin Scott
- William Robertson
- Denis Shovlin
- Yvonne Weir

Also present:

- John McIntosh, Youth Representative

Apologies for absence:

- Charles Ambrose
- Patrick Devlin
- David MacLeod
- Marguerite O'Rourke

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Evelyn Crosbie chaired the meeting in the absence of Charles Ambrose and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved

3. Matters Arising

- **Young People's Fund bid**
 - Evelyn Crosbie advised that a further meeting had taken place on 19 March 2007 which Charles Ambrose and Yvonne Weir also attended. Given the complex issues around the Community Council becoming employers, it was agreed that the Community Council would not make a bid to the Young Peoples Fund. Yvonne Weir advised that there may be other funds the Community Council can apply to in the future. The group had agreed that there would be a mapping exercise carried out to identify all the facilities and activities available to young people. This would be distributed to all young people. It would also identify any gaps in provision.
- **Correspondence Report - 06/In/106** - Yvonne Weir advised that Councillor Coleman had commented on the letter that the Community

Council had originally sent to Falkirk Council regarding the Wetland Pond. However, Yvonne advised that a position on what had been contravened by Falkirk Council had still to be agreed and further discussions would still have to take place. This will be taken up by Charles Ambrose.

Action: Charles Ambrose to take forward.

- **Planning Report** - Yvonne Weir advised that she had received the draft letter from David McLeod but had still not issued letters about the PFI and the new Hospital.

Action: Yvonne Weir to issue letters.

- **New Primary School** - Evelyn Crosbie advised that a further public meeting had resolved most of the issues. There will be a footpath and road completed between the Inches and the School before the school opens in August 2007. The uniform will be grey. Applications for the Head Teacher closed on 22 March 2007 and 7 teachers had already been appointed. There was concern over the noise from the development disrupting teaching. Parents were advised that the planners would visit regularly. The nursery may not be open by August but they would be able to use a room. The children from Torwood are expected to move in October. There is information on the new school available on Falkirk Council's website: http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/education/school_information/primary_establishments/kinnaird.aspx There has been some confusion over the secondary school with questions raised over the children going to Denny High School. Evelyn advised that at present, the children would go to Larbert High School. Provision has been made at Carrongrange School for some of the Larbert High School Classes to be undertaken there. There was some confusion over this and John McIntosh was to ask at the High School if provision had been made for senior classes.
- **McLaren Park report** - Yvonne Weir advised that Frank McChord had not contacted her about the Park. He had advised he would liaise with John Banks.

Action - Yvonne Weir to contact John Banks to ascertain progress on options appraisal.

- **Laser Group Report** - Yvonne Weir advised that she had contacted Ken Drummond to get a schedule of meetings. The Group currently is having difficulty organising venues. It was suggested that the Community Council could perhaps assist and provide financial support towards this if funding was an issue.
- **Co-opting of new members** - Yvonne Weir advised that Robert Stuart had contacted her and at present could not attend meetings due to other commitments. It was suggested that Mr John Silver from the

Inches would be approached and also Mr Hashmat would be approached. Yvonne Weir advised that she had checked the rules over co-opting and contacted Iain Tough who had advised that in terms of approaching the High Schools, they would be best represented as some of our 5 “nominated places” as opposed to co-opted members. Yvonne advised she would review the rules before approaching the schools. Yvonne Weir also advised that she had asked Iain Tough to look into the rules on child protection given that John McIntosh is under-16. Iain advised that John can continue to participate in meetings but cannot have any formal status. He will check out the rules on child protection and advise if there any issues. Evelyn Crosbie reminded everyone that they should not be alone with John before or after meetings or offer him a lift home.

Action - John Silver and Mr Hashmat to be approached. Yvonne Weir to confirm the rules on co-opting and nominated places. Iain Tough to confirm the rules for child protection.

- **Town Centre Re-Development Meetings** - Yvonne Weir advised that she had not heard from Councillor Kenna in relation to the issues surrounding the variations to the Planning consent to the Town Centre.

4. Police Report

- There was no police report.

5. Correspondence

- Yvonne Weir circulated the correspondence report and advised on the correspondence that required to be actioned.
 - 07/In/10 - Copy of Falkirk Council Information Bulletin Volume 5 2006/7 and Volume 5 of the Council and Committee Minutes 2006/7. Evelyn Crosbie was given these to review.
 - 07/In/11 - National Spring Clean Campaign. It was agreed this would be the remit of the Laser Group.
 - 07/In/12 - Disabled parking space at 17 Crownest Loan - No comments to be issued.
 - 07/In/13 - Falkirk Council Development Plan - Update and Questionnaire - to be passed to David McLeod.
 - 07/In/17 - Young Peoples Fund meeting 19 March 2007 - per comments above under matters arising.
 - 07/In/18 - Hustings at Larbert High School - 26 April 2007 - members to attend if possible.

- 07/In/19 - Subscription to ASSC to be renewed.
- 07/In/20 - E-mail from Iain Tough about co-opting junior members. As detailed under Matters Arising.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Pat Devlin had provided Yvonne Weir with information before the meeting. The balance is £7,337.51 (NB £5K is ring fenced for McLaren Park).
- Yvonne Weir asked if we should have any plans for spending this money. Evelyn Crosbie asked everyone for ideas.

Action: Members are to propose ideas at the next meeting for spending some of the funds.

7. Planning

- David McLeod had passed information on planning to Denis Shovlin.
- P/07/02222/FUL - It was advised that there was to be an increase in the number of houses from 10 to 12 at 86 Burnhead Road.

Action: Stephen Carleschi to contact David Paterson at Falkirk Council.

- Lorne Road Development - Bill Robertson advised that there was some confusion over the planning applications for this development in that the Community Council had been advised the application had been withdrawn and at the same time neighbour notifications had been issued.

Action: Bill Robertson to contact Falkirk Council for clarification.

8. Reports

- **Education** - Evelyn Crosbie advised that there still had not been any surveys carried out in relation to the new RC Primary School.
- **Health**- Evelyn Crosbie advised that she had attended the PPF meeting. The role of this group and others are to bring forward the views on health by the community to the Community Health Partnership management. There are a number of channels for this and numerous meetings. Evelyn attended a meeting that was discussed "Anticipatory Health" presented by Dr McWhitter. This covered smoking, prison health and also patterns of life between affluent and non-affluent areas. It had been advised that there would not be the same level of resources available in affluent areas.

9. AOCB

- There was a discussion over ideas for use of funds. Denis Shovlin

suggested a Community Festival or a Community Award. Ideas are to be further discussed at the next meeting. Evelyn Crosbie asked members to consider time resources within their ideas as the time of members can be limited.

- **07/In/15 - Letter from Councillor David Alexander in response to Community Council letter dated 31/1/2007.** Evelyn Crosbie read the letter received from Councillor Alexander in relation to the lack of recreation facilities in the Larbert and Stenhousemuir area. It was agreed that elements within the letter were inappropriate and did not satisfactorily take matters forward. It was agreed that there would be no response made to the letter.
- Bill Robertson raised the issue of road signs on Carronvale Road outside Ladeside Primary School. One sign had been placed directly in front of another which had only recently been erected. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Falkirk Council Roads Department.

10. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 March 2007 at 7:30pm at Tryst Community Centre, Park Drive, Stenhousemuir.