

LARBERT, STENHOUSEMUIR AND TORWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING - 29 October 2009 Held in LARBERT LIBRARY, STENHOUSEMUIR

1. Attendance Details

Committee:

- Eric Appelbe (EA)
- Gillian Bellingham (GB)
- Michelle Carleschi (MC)
- Margaret Cheyne (MCh)
- Vivien Murchison (VM)
- Bill Robertson (BR)
- Dennis Shovlin (DS)
- Yvonne Weir (YW)

Also Present:

- PC Alan Imrie (AI)
- Councillor Kenna (LK)
- Councillor Carleschi (SC)

Apologies

- Pat Devlin
- Lauralin Scott
- Brian Pirie, Falkirk Council

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- In the absence of Brian Pirie from Falkirk Council, it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Lynda Kenna should chair the meeting. LK welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the newly elected Community Council

2. ELECTION OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- LK advised that there had been 11 nominations for 11 positions on the Community Council and that a ballot was not required. LK read out the names of the 11 elected members.

3. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS

- (a) Convener - Denis Shovlin (DS) proposed Eric Appelbe (EA) as Convener but EA declined at this time. There were no further nominations.
- (b) Vice-Convener - Bill Robertson (BR) nominated Margaret Cheyne (MCh) and Vivien Murchison (VM) nominated Denis Shovlin (DS). DS declined and it was unanimously agreed that MCh would be Vice-Convener. MCh accepted.
- (c) Secretary - DS nominated Yvonne Weir (YW). It was unanimously agreed and YW accepted.
- (d) Treasurer - YW nominated Pat Devlin (PD). PD had advised in writing he would

be willing to accept the post if nominated. This was unanimously agreed.

- In relation to the vacant post of Convener, it was agreed that EA would consider the post over the coming months and a final decision would be made in March 2010. YW advised she would support MCh in the interim period.

4. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATED MEMBERS

- It was advised that there are 5 positions for appointed representatives of local organisation on the Community Council and that all local organisations should be invited by public notice to nominate candidates to serve as representatives on the Community Council.
- It was agreed that YW would contact Brian Pirie at Falkirk Council to ascertain the correct procedure for the appointment of nominated members.

Action: YW to contact Brian Pirie

- It was agreed that representation from young people should be sought and that a notice would also be sent to the Central Scotland Racial Equality Council. It was noted that previously Age Concern and the LASER group had been represented.

5. NEW CONVENER - INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

- MCh welcomed everyone and hoped that it will be a busy and effective year for the Community Council.

6. APPOINTMENT OF LEAD OFFICERS

(a) Planning - DS proposed BR. This was seconded by Mch. BR accepted.

(b) Local Area Forum - EA proposed DS. This was seconded by Mch. DS accepted.

(c) LASER Group - This post will be carried forward to the next meeting in order that LS can be considered for the post.

(d) Community Health Group - DS proposed GB. This was unanimously agreed and GB accepted.

7. Police Report

- PC Alan Imrie provided a police report for the period 1 October 2009 - 29 October 2009. During this time, the police have received 153 calls from the public of which 38 were in relation to anti-social behaviour from youths (5 outside ASDA). There were also 3 calls in relation to fireworks included within the 38.
- During the time period a total of 34 crime files were raised as a result of the calls from the public: 8 theft related, 11 assault, 11 vandalism, 1 breach of the peace. 1 fraud. 1 drug related offence and 1 road traffic related offence. There was one crime of note relating to a house break-in in Larbert. The perpetrator was not traced at this time but the stolen property was recovered along with other property and there is a

positive line of enquiry.

- During the period a further 108 crime files were raised by Police. The majority were in relation to proactive patrols by officers including 9 drug related detections.
- PC Imrie advised that the police had stopped a suspicious vehicle and seized a quantity of controlled drugs with a street value exceeding £1K.
- PC Imrie advised that Community Police Officers are continuing with high visibility antisocial behaviour patrols on Friday and Saturday evenings, with a focus on firework related incidents this weekend and next weekend. In addition officers will maintain high visibility foot patrols at local primary schools to deter irresponsible behaviour by motorists.
- There were a series of questions for PC Imrie:
- EA asked about current initiatives. The main initiative this period is the misuse of fireworks. This initiative is in partnership with the Fire Brigade and other agencies.
- EA asked about the role of the Police report at meetings. It was agreed that the role is a 2-way communication process between the Police and the Community Council. If the Community Council raises an issue, a PACT file is made.
- GB asked if there had been ongoing issues with the Library. PC Imrie advised there had been no calls in the last month.
- VM asked what the Police were doing in relation to issues at ASDA. PC Imrie advised there are patrols all the time in the area.
- PC Imrie advised he had been approached by Larbert Old Church Playgroup to discuss the importance of children staying with adults whilst shopping. He is currently seeking funding for identity tags which can be placed on a child's jacket zip containing contact details for the child's parents. It was suggested that he approach the Co-Op for funding, seek sponsorship from the company supplying the identity tags and to contact Pauline Barnaby at Falkirk Council for details of potential other funders.

8. Correspondence Report

- A correspondence report was circulated by YW. The items to be actioned are as follows:

Date of Item	Ref	Item	Action Taken/Required
25/08/09	In/09/191	Falkirk Council - Consultation on Re-Zoning of Secondary School Catchment Areas and invitation to Public Meetings - LHS meeting is 29 October at 7pm. Response to consultation due 2/12/2009.	EA to consider and report to next meeting.
28/08/09	In/09/196	Michael Matheson MSP - Consultation on High Hedges & Other Nuisance Vegetation	DS to complete response selecting Option 4 and return to YW by 2 November
03/09/09	In/09/199	Falkirk Council - Falkirk Open Space Strategy - Consultative Draft. Response required by 30 November 2009	VC to consider and report back to next meeting. YW to seek an extension
08/09/09	In/09/205	Lightways (Contractors) Ltd - Information on Christmas Festive Lighting	Agreed no further action
14/09/09	In/09/206	ASCC - Notification of Annual National Conference - Saturday 14 November 2009 at the Scottish Parliament	All can attend. DS to consider.
28/09/09	In/09/219	Falkirk Council Licensing Board - Application for variation to Premises Licence for Scotmid, 24 Johnston Avenue, Stenhousemuir - response by 23/10/09	None
28/09/09 And 12/10/09	In/09/220 And In/09/233	Falkirk Council - Notification of Pre-Determination Hearing for erection of school etc at Edward Avenue Stenhousemuir - P/08/0875/FUL - 19 October 2009 at 6pm in Dobbie Hall	BR attended. It was noted the application had been declined.
28/09/09	In/09/221	Falkirk Council - Licensing Scotland Act 2005 - Section 7 - Duty to Assess Overprovision - Consultation. Response required by 6/11/09	YW to seek and extension and circulate with minutes
2/10/09	In/09/224	Information Commissioners Office - Renewal of Data Protection Registration - £35	Agreed to renew. As signatories for cheques have not been changed, it was agreed YW would issue a personal cheque and be reimbursed.
2/10/09	In/09/225	Scottish Government - Consolidated Scottish Planning Policy - Additional Consultation due to changes to other legislation. Response required by 12/11/09	BR to consider

2/10/09	In/09/226	<p>ASCC - A range of items:</p> <p>~National Postal Ballot (Responses due by 12/11/09)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Election of National Officers (only one candidate for each post) 2. Approval of ASCC Balance Sheet 3. Motions submitted by Member Community Councils (2 motions) 4. Approval of the articles of the limited company <p>~Information on the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland</p> <p>~Copies of the Community Councillor</p> <p>~Notice of the National Conference</p>	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree with nominations for national officers 2. Approve balance sheet - YW to write and request additional information on expenditure 3. Agree motion 1 and disagree to motion 2 (7 votes to 1 vote) 4. MCh to consider the articles and advise YW
07/10/09	In/09/230	Falkirk Council - Response to letter re Development sites at RSNH - Due to costs and need to preserve B listed house, residential use for Larbert House, the stable block and adjacent small sites are the most viable option.	To be noted
20/10/09	In/09/236	Scottish Government - Planning Appeal - Lorne Road Larbert - Hearing Procedure - to take place 10am on 19/11/09 at the Park Hotel, Falkirk. CC has written reserving right to speak at appeal	BR to attend
28/10/09	In/09/237	Planning Aid Scotland - Invitation to Parliamentary Reception 10/12/09 6-8pm	BR to consider attending
29/10/09	In/09/239	Larbert Community Health & Wellbeing Group - Invitation to meeting on 12/11/09	GB to attend

9. Planning Officer's Report

- The Planning Officer's Report from BR was circulated. There were no issues arising from the report.
- BR advised he had investigated the planning application for the erection of the wind turbine near Loch View - P/09/0608/FUL. He advised it was an experiment and that he had contacted local residents. There were no objections from local residents. Concern was voiced over the continuous noise from wind turbines.

10. AOCB

- DS requested that tea and coffee be available at future meetings. It was agreed that when meetings return to the community centre this will be taken forward.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be Monday 30 November 2009 at 7:15pm. Venue to be confirmed.