

LARBERT, STENHOUSEMUIR AND TORWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING - 30 November 2009 Held in LARBERT LIBRARY, STENHOUSEMUIR

Attendance Details

Committee:

- Eric Appelbe (EA)
- Gillian Bellingham (GB)
- Michelle Carleschi (MC)
- Margaret Cheyne (MCh)
- Pat Devlin (PD)
- Vivien Murchison (VM)
- Peter O'Rourke (PO)
- Bill Robertson (BR)
- Lauralin Scott (LS)
- Dennis Shovlin (DS)
- Yvonne Weir (YW)

Also Present:

- PC Alan Imrie (AI)
- Councillor Kenna (LK)
- Councillor Carleschi (SC)
- 10 members of the public

Apologies

- None

1. Welcome and Introductions

- MCh welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- GB proposed the minutes and DS seconded the minutes

3. Matters Arising

- Page 2: LASER Group - It was agreed that LS would represent the Community Council on the LASER Group.
- Page 2: Appointment of Nominated Representatives: YW outlined the process for nominations from representative groups as detailed in the Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils. Given the holiday period, it was agreed to extend the period for nominations beyond the 28 day limit. It was agreed that YW would arrange a notice for nominations to be circulated with responses due back before the January meeting.

Action: YW to circulate a notice for the nomination process

- Meeting dates and venues: It was agreed that meetings would be on the last Monday of the month with the exception of July and December. Meetings will be held in the Library at 7:15pm.

Action: YW to book Larbert Library

- Page 4 - Consultation on Rezoning of Secondary School Catchment Areas - EA reported his findings to the Community Council. It was agreed that the Community Council would favour Proposal 1. Issues over long-term capacity, accuracy of demographics and finance were discussed.

Action: YW to respond in favour of Proposal 1

- Page 4: Falkirk Open Space Strategy Consultative Draft - VM & BR had reviewed the document. BR had considered a response to the questions. The issue of open space and the cutting down of trees in Torwood was discussed.

Action: YW to respond

- Page 4: Licensing Scotland Act 2005 - Section 7 - Duty to Assess Overprovision - The response to the consultation was discussed and the following response agreed to the questions:
 1. Localities should be based on Community Council areas
 2. The assessment should be based in individual license types
 3. The expected starting level of 85% appears a reasonable starting point
 4. Yes, the assessment should distinguish between Licensed Premises which are open after 1am and Premises which close earlier
 5. Yes, this should be considered

Action: YW to respond

- Page 5: Lorne Road Planning Appeal - BR & GB attended and BR provided a report. The result of the appeal is expected within a few weeks.

4. Police Report

- PC Alan Imrie provided a police report for the period 1 November 2009 - 30 November 2009.
- There were 161 calls received by the police from the public in the stated time period, of which 25 calls were in relation to Antisocial behaviour from Youths. (3 outside Asda). Included in the total of 25 were 7 calls in relation to fireworks. Of note, over the same 2 month period last year there were 22 calls in relation to fireworks.
- A total of 13 crime files were raised as a result of the calls received from the public, of which, 4 were theft related crimes, 3 were crimes of Assault, 4 were crimes of Vandalism and 2 were anti-social behaviour crime (Breach of the Peace).
- In addition to the 13 crime files raised from calls received a further 158 crime files were raised by Police during the period. The majority were in relation to proactive patrols by officers. Included in this total were 6 drug related detections.

- Community Police Officers are continuing with high visibility antisocial behaviour patrols on Friday and Saturday evenings, with a focus on antisocial behaviour, particularly near Asda. In addition officers will maintain high visibility foot patrols at local primary schools to deter irresponsible behaviour by motorists.
- Members of the public have highlighted issues regarding speeding at Tryst Road. This is currently being monitored by Police. Last week a further complaint was received regarding speeding at North Broomage Avenue. This will also be monitored in the forthcoming weeks.
- In relation to the identity tags for lost children, PC Imrie advised he had contacted the CO-OP. It is likely that they will support the tags and provide funding. However, the Police cannot be the applicant for funding. It was agreed that the Community Council would work in partnership with the Police and submit the funding application. It was agreed that MC would work with PC Imrie to take forward the proposal with all the local primary schools in the Community Council area.

Action: MC to liaise with PC Imrie.

- The new police station was discussed. It was agreed that PC Imrie would arrange a visit for the Community Council.

Action: PC Imrie to arrange a visit.

- The lack of police presence in Stenhousemuir was discussed with the closure of the Stenhousemuir station. YW advised that the Community Council had raised this issue on a number of occasions and had written to the Police to ascertain progress but a full response had not yet been received. It was also discussed that there are no notices on where to contact etc. It was agreed that YW should write again.

Action: YW to write to Central Scotland Police

5. 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
29/10/09	In/09/239	Larbert Community Health & Wellbeing Group - Invitation to meeting on 12/11/09	GB was unable to attend
29/10/09	In/09/242	Scottish Government - Agenda for Lorne Road Planning Appeal PPA-240-254 - 19/11/09	BR attended
03/11/09	In/09/246	Scottish Government - Scottish Ministers' Decision for M876 Slip Roads - Roads to proceed per Orders and Transport Scotland to consider a service road for residents	Letter to be sent seeking action for service road to Minister, Transport Scotland & Falkirk Council
03/11/09	In/09/247	Falkirk Council - Planning Permission in Principle - P/09/0781/PPP - Re-submission of application for erection of 10 dwelling houses in McLaren Park, Torwood	To be objected to on grounds of outwith local plan urban limits, road safety and access issues
04/11/09	In/09/248	Notice of Conference - "Community Engagement & Action around Alcohol Issues" - 8 December 2009, Glasgow - £45	No action
05/11/09	In/09/249	Falkirk Council - Planning Permission P/09/0525/FUL for 5 dwelling houses on Land South East of Byways, Glen Road, Torwood refused	To be noted (CC objected)
06/11/09	In/09/250	Falkirk Council Licensing Board - Stenhousemuir Football Club - Variation to Premises Licence	No action
10/11/09	In/09/251	Falkirk Council - Information on Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils & requirements for appointing representatives from groups	Process agreed - YW to action
10/11/09	In/09/251	Falkirk Council - Invitation to Homecoming Scotland 2009 Finale Celebrations - 29/11/09	DS to attend
11/11/09	In/09/252	NHS - Notification of Conference on 21/1/2010 - "Changing Your Community Through Arts & Heritage"	MCh to attend
12/11/09	In/06/254	Falkirk Council - Invitation to Falkirk Council Litter Strategy Christmas Celebration - Thursday 10 December 2009 in Council Chambers - 6-9pm - Refreshments, Workshops & Presentations	VM to attend
12/11/09	In/06/255	Information Commissioner - Confirmation of Renewal for Data Protection	YW to be reimbursed
13/11/09	In/06/256	Planning aid for Scotland - Details of training courses including specific course for Community Councils on roles & responsibilities in planning	Passed to BR - No action

13/11/09	In/09/257	Falkirk Open Space Strategy Consultative Draft - Notification of Consultation	YW to respond
16/11/09	In/09/259	E-mail from SALUS re M876 Connecting Roads requesting continued support for campaign for service road	Per In/09/247 - letter to be sent
18/11/09	In/09/261	Falkirk Council - Letter from Julia Swann re decision to decline application for new RC Primary School advising Council assessing how to progress matters	Letter requesting urgent action to be sent
18/11/09	In/09/262	Falkirk Council Licensing Board - Glenbervie House Hotel - Variation to Premises Licence	Agreed late hours during week to be objected to - clarification to be sought on requirement for off-sales
19/11/09	In/09/263	Falkirk Council - Invitation to Switch On of Stenhousemuir Christmas lights - 28/11/09	YW apologised to VM due to confusion with dates.
24/11/09	In/09/264	Falkirk Council Licensing Board - SPAR, 326 Main Street, Stenhousemuir - Variation to Premises Licence	No action
26/11/09	In/09/265	Local Works - E-mail requesting support to empower Parish & Town Councils by getting the Sustainable Communities At Amendment Bill adopted in Parliament	Awaiting information from Local Works on relevance to Scotland
26/11/09	In/09/266	Falkirk Council - Community Service by Offenders - request to give presentation to Community Council before April 2011	Agreed for February meeting - YW to confirm
27/11/09	In/09/267	Falkirk Council - Scheme of Assistance Consultation 2009 - Scheme will replace Repair and Improvement Grants System - Response by 18 December 2009 - Information session at Stenhousemuir One Stop Shop - 2 Dec 2009 12-2pm	All to consider and pass comments to YW - DS to attend information session

6. Treasurer's Report

- PD reported that the balance is £8,689.52 which includes the £6K park funding.
- YW asked if any progress on the funding for the park at Southview/Carronvale had been received. It was agreed that YW would contact the parks section at Falkirk Council for progress.

Action: YW to contact the Parks Department

- PD advised that he had written to the Falkirk Herald regarding the issue that the Community Council newsletter had not been issued with the Falkirk Advertiser despite the Community Council paying for its distribution. PD was to respond with evidence which he had gathered. It was agreed that alternative distribution mechanisms would be sought for future newsletter.

Action: PD to pursue with the Falkirk Herald

- PD advised that he needed to change the signatories on the bank account. It was agreed that the 3 signatories would be MCh, YW and PD.

Action: PD to arrange the change of signatories

7. Planning Officer's Report

- The Planning Officer's Report from BR was circulated.
- P/09/0769/FUL - Warrior's Social Club - Change of Use from Social Club to Public House - This was discussed and it was agreed to object to the proposal on the grounds of potential road safety, access and parking issues and the increased risk of anti-social behaviour, noise and public nuisance
- P/09/0781/PPP - Land to the North of Castlewood, Glen Road, Torwood - Erection of 10 dwelling houses etc - This resubmission was discussed and residents had been consulted. It was agreed to object to the application on the ground that there are potential road safety and access issues to the site, and that the application is outwith the urban limits for Torwood and is therefore contrary to the Local Plan

Action: YW to submit objections to the 2 applications

8. Other Reports

- Public Partnership Forum - GB advised she had attended the meeting and provided a full report. There had been a good discussion and presentation on the new hospital site.
- Local Area Forum Core Group - DS advised that he had suggested an update on the Town Centre Regeneration. VM raised the issue that there was not a Community Notice Board in the Town Centre. Councillor Kenna advised that there was a Stenhousemuir Development Group meeting planned for next week. YW advised the Community Council had not been made aware of the meeting and is part of the Group.

Action: YW to write to Falkirk Council to arrange attendance at the Stenhousemuir Development Group meeting.

9. AOCB

- Access Issues - A member of the public raised concern over access issues and highlighted in particular land at Central Business Park and RSNH. The issue of access at RSNH was discussed at length. There is barbed wire preventing access to paths. In addition there are concerns over continued access given the plans for housing at the site. It was raised that the site was gifted to the community. It was noted that the site is listed in the open space strategy as being of regional importance. It was agreed that the Community Council would seek clarification on the gifting of the site to the community and contact Falkirk Council in relation to ongoing access issues.

Action: YW to seek clarification on gifting of site and to write to Falkirk Council in relation to access issues.

- Tryst Road - A member of the public raised the ongoing issues of speed and heavy goods vehicles on Tryst Road. YW advised that a meeting with Falkirk Council, the Community Council and the residents was due to take place in August 2009 to discuss the issues and that the Police and MacDonald Estates had also been contacted. It was agreed that the Community Council would seek an update on the outcome of the meeting.

Action: YW to contact Falkirk Council in relation to the outcome of the Tryst Road meeting

10. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be Monday 25 January 2010 at 7:15pm in Larbert Library