

LARBERT, STENHOUSEMUIR AND TORWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING - 31 August 2009 Held in LARBERT LIBRARY, STENHOUSEMUIR

1. Attendance Details

Committee:

- Charles Ambrose (CA)
- Pat Devlin (PD)
- Dennis Shovlin (DS)
- Bill Robertson (BR)
- Lauralin Scott (LS)
- Gerry Murphy (GM)

Also Present:

- PC Scott Noble (SN)
- Councillor Macdonald (CM)
- Councillor Gow (LG)

Apologies

- Councillor Carleschi
- Councillor Coleman
- Yvonne Weir
- Evelyn Crosbie
- Marguerite O'Rourke

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- CA welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- The minutes of the last meeting were approved by Dennis Shovlin and seconded by Lauralin Scott.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- Item 4b: Dial – A – Journey update. It was reported that unfortunately the trading company of Dial-A-Journey at this time will not be taking forward a route to Stenhousemuir Town Centre although will continue to research demand over the next 12 months. However, where people have difficulty using the existing public transport available to them, it is likely that they would be eligible for Dial-a-Journey's door to door service.
- DS asked about attendance at ASCC Regional Meeting. CA said the Community Council would be represented by a member from the re-constituted Council.
- McLaren Park funding - to be discussed under reports

4. Police Report

- PC Noble provided a Police Report.
- There has been a reduction in the number of ASB calls, but there were more calls from Commercial premises. One male was apprehended.
- The issue of Tryst Road speeding did not seem to be a significant problem. However there still seem to be a problem with heavy trucks using this on occasion.
- ASDA reduction in ASB calls
- Foundry Loan at Church – increase in youth disorder
- Question re PC Kerry Marshall – PC Noble replied that she had gone temporarily to Grangemouth, but will be replaced in the next 2 – 3 weeks
- In general the number of ASB in the Larbert / Stenhousemuir / Torwood area has reduced.

5. Correspondence Report

- A correspondence report was circulated at the meeting in the absence of the Secretary

6. Treasurer's Report

- PD advised that 2 cheques have been issued: £316.99 to Larbert Print and £228.30 to Falkirk Herald for newsletter
- The balance currently is £8847 of which £5000 is the Co-op Funding

7. Planning Officer's Report

- The Planning Officer's Report from BR was circulated.
- A discussion arose about the erection of 10 dwelling houses. Residents had not complained. The general opinion was that it was attractive development. However, it was contrary to the Local Plan and an objection would be sent to Planning.
- There are ambitious plans for other houses – would this result in over development? £2,000,000 project – Public Golf Course, Riding Centre etc.
- Objections to planning applications were raised: 0466, 0507, 0519 and 0525.
- Objection letters for all four applications will be sent to Planning.

8. Other Reports

8(a) Larbert Village School Meeting re Network Rail Coal Trains

- 1996 Present bogeys for trains became acceptable
- Network Rail say they cannot reduce the speed of the trains over the tracks to reduce vibration
- Another meeting suggested and legal action
- BR stated he had e-mailed Michael Mathieson re reduction of vibration during holidays
- 2 truckloads a day should suffice so stock piling is obviously taking place.
- CS suggested getting more details and perhaps contacting Westminster.
- BR replied that Scottish Power would be a possibility too

8(b) Play Park Funding

- CA issued some photos and a map. The proposal is to utilise a site near South View, Carronvale.
- Equipment such as chutes, climbing frame and swings from Dollar Park would be available for our use.
- DS suggested a metal sign saying the park was funded by the Co-op be erected on the site. John Banks Parks Superintendent recommended this.
- Rubber based rather than bark would require an extra £1000 from the Community Council.
- It was agreed that the Community Council would go ahead with this project and provide the extra £1000 if the rubber base can be installed.

8(c) Larbert Stenhousemuir and Torwood Newsletter

- The cost for this was £545 . There was a rush to complete this in time as it is part of the election process.
- It will be distributed via the Falkirk Advertiser as an insert. Over 7000 to be distributed to postcode area FK5.
- It was reported that Evelyn Crosbie had checked out that the minutes of our meetings can be held in the library.

9. AOCB

- CA indicated that he was going to stand down from the CC. He was thanked by the committee for his outstanding service and commitment.
- Problems at the junction at Carronvale Road caused by car parking were mentioned. A suggestion was raised as to whether a mini roundabout was viable here Cllr Gow has offered to look into this.
- The meeting closed with a vote thanks to Charles Ambrose.

10. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be the AGM on Monday 28th September 2009 at 7.15pm in Larbert Library.