

# Falkirk Council Community Services

## Minute of Meeting - Denny Development Group 27 November 2007

Present: Douglas Duff - Head of Economic Development, Falkirk Council  
Colin Frame - Development Surveyor, Falkirk Council  
Robert Lumme - Architect, Keppie Design  
Ian Wallace - Henry Boot Developments  
Cllr Alex Waddell - Chair Denny Development Group  
Cllr Jim Blackwood - Denny and Banknock  
Cllr John McNally - Denny and Banknock  
Cllr Martin Oliver - Denny and Banknock  
Cllr Joe Lemetti - Depute Convener Economic Development  
Mick McIntosh - Denny & Dunipace Community Council  
David Dow - Denny and Dunipace Community Council  
George Stevenson - Retailers Representative  
Jade Allison - Youth Consultation Group  
Sophie Maurant - Youth Consultation Group  
Kate Kane - Local Planning Officer  
Michael Strong - Denny & District Local Community Planning Reference Group  
Claire Thorpe - Community Education, Falkirk Council

### 1.0 Election of Group Chairperson

It had previously been agreed that Cllr Alex Waddell should Chair the Denny Development Group.

### 2.0 Town Centres Regeneration Presentation

Colin Frame explained that the revised Masterplan is the result of extensive consultation and addresses the feedback received from design consultants, local interest groups and the local community. He went on to confirm that the consultation showed that 93% of the local community supported the proposals.

Issues raised included:-

- Temporary Accommodation
- Urban Space
- Traffic & Pedestrian Movement
- Site levels & Parking

Colin and Robert went through the presentation (attached for information) showing original proposal and revised proposals addressing consultation feedback.

Questions raised during meeting included:-

- David Dow relayed a concern from local RC Church regarding the position of the Lion & Dragon in the new scheme. Colin explained that it is too early for assignments but this would be considered at the appropriate stage.
- Mike McIntosh asked for increased provision for community space. Discussion followed on the viability of increasing the 25 sq m currently proposed.

**Action: Noted by Colin. A Group will be established to look at this prior to next Development Group Meeting.**

- George Stevenson was asked for his views on the revised masterplan and he thanked those concerned for the “marvelous job” in addressing all the previous negative issues.
- Cllr McNally asked Ian Wallace about food retailer interest shown for the scheme. Ian reported that 2 operators had shown interest but that the priority was to get current retailers slotted in to the new scheme.
- Mick Strong asked about the location of the Cenotaph in the new scheme. Colin was able to confirm that this will be located in the new Town Square and will feature in future consultation about public realm works in this area.

### **3.0 Public Consultation Process and Timetable**

Colin reported the following:-

- Denny Development Group - 22 November 2007
- Denny Church Walk Retailers - 27 November 2007
- Public Presentation - 28 November 2007
- Public Displays - 30 November-24 December 2007
- Denny Development Group Feedback - 23 January 2008

### **4.0 Development Timetable**

- Planning process initiated - April 2008

### **5.0 Any Other Business**

- Next meeting 23 January at 6pm.