

**NOTE OF THE THIRD MEETING OF CLUSTER 3 HELD IN BORESTONE
PRIMARY SCHOOL, STIRLING, ON TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2005 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present:-

Borestone Community Council

Maureen Allan
Alex Black
Jim Bruce
M Curry
Patrick Coyne
Mary Ewbank
Mary McCaffery
Alex Smith
George Weir

Broomridge Community Council

Keith Henry
Iain Hume
Hugh McEwan
Jan Reekie

Carron Valley Community Council

David Petch

Cambusbarron Community Council

Catherine Angiolini
Arlene Brisbane
Mike Graham
J James
Francis Maculay

Cultenhove Opportunities Partnership/H.C.C.A.

Charlotte Hunter
C J McNabb
Veronica Ross
Jacqueline Walsh

Torbrex Community Council

Murray Dickie
Jim Docherty
C Edward
G Giannandrea
Genia Graham
Mike Jodeluk
Sue Ridler

Youth with a Mission

Donna Branaghan

Others

E Niven
A Sulieman

Officers:-

Barbara Allan, Service Manager (Communities) Stirling Council
Andy Davis, Community Worker, Stirling Council
Ann Dromgoole, Committee Officer, Stirling Council
Les Goodfellow, Head of Roads and Transport, Stirling Council
John Risk, Head of Customer Services, Stirling Council

Apologies for absence were received from John Crawford, Kevin Gillespie and Ann Rogerson.

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Head of Roads and Transport, Environment Services apologised for the delay in the start of the meeting owing to his late arrival.

Introduction

Following on from the decision taken at the Cluster meeting held on 25 October 2005 the Head of Roads and Transport, Environment Services, gave a Presentation on Transport 2020 – Stirling – the City Area. The Presentation covered the following areas:-

- UK and Scottish Context
- Local Policy Priorities and the Transport Dilemma
- Traffic and population trends
- Stirling's Policy Approach
- The City Area and agreed Frameworks
- City Action Plan
- Roads Maintenance
- Road Safety Schemes

Following the Presentation the Group was invited to ask questions on the general strategic issues in the Presentation. The responses given to the questions concerned:-

The Environment Committee had approved the Winter Service Policy and Level of Service for Home to School Transport 2005/2006 on 3 November 2005. 89.5% of students travelled the whole of the home to school transport routes on roads that benefited from a Priority One Winter gritting Service. To cover all routes to Priority One level would incur additional expenditure of £884K. It was noted that it was impossible to put a cost on a Fatal Accident.

Referring to the backlog of £13M on Roads Maintenance clarification was sought on how the Council planned to raise this money e.g. – would this be via raising charges to Property Developers, or cuts in other budgets. Investment of £1.5M would be made via Prudential Borrowing but contributions could not be required from Developers for spend on Roads Maintenance.

The introduction of the Inner Circle Road referred to in the Presentation and the introduction of the Park and Ride system were unlikely to see any modification to the current Inner Multi Storey Car Parks. Stirling Council only had input to the Wellgreen Multi Storey. The introduction of more Park and Rides would be welcomed. The intention was to target commuters and encourage more car drivers to use Park & Ride.

How would the public access Orchard Hospital where it was proposed to site 6 General Practices – comprising 29 General Practitioners. It was intended that there would be good links with the bus routes and the Park & Ride buses.

It was confirmed that the Scottish Executive new National Entitlement Card will come in on 1 April 2006 giving free bus travel on a Scottish nation-wide basis to people aged 60 plus.

It was confirmed that a bid would be submitted to the Scottish Executive for the extension of the Park and Ride at Springkerse from the current 2 days to 6 days per week.

The Council could seek recompense, via the Planning process, from Housing Developers, if developments were seen to have an adverse affect on transportation.

It was confirmed that the introduction of rising/falling bollards in the City Centre would limit access to King Street/Murray Place.

It was noted that First Bus did not contribute directly to the Stirling Council's Roads Maintenance costs but does receive substantial payments from Stirling Council for transporting students and other concessions such as OAPs.

Following the Presentation John Risk asked the representatives to go into groups to identify the specific roads issues which Cluster 3 wanted to take forward for answers/action.

Representatives expressed concern that at the previous meeting of the Cluster it was agreed that answers would be provided to the issues raised on 25 October 2005. Answers had not been provided e.g. the question of Rat Runs through residential streets.

The temperature in the Hall had become cold and the evening was going on but the opportunity was taken by representatives from Broomridge Community Council to ask and answer some specific questions:-

- The Borestone Roundabout at St Ninian's forms part of the City Transport Strategy.

Responses to the following questions were also requested:-

- Mayfield Court Car Park required the signage updated and the lines marked up –
This Car Park is held on the Housing Account but Les Goodfellow will request a response from Housing Services, Regeneration Services.
- The former MFI site at St Ninian's was being used as a dumping ground. Could something be done about this? Les Goodfellow would ask Planning Services whether there was a Planning Application for this site.
- The consensus was that the participants present did not want a talking shop and were not convinced of the benefits of communities coming together in a Cluster system. The meeting also felt it was inappropriate for the Workshops to proceed.

- Ann Dromgoole would also ask for a response from Planning Services on the impact on Glasgow Road of the proposed major house building.

The representative from Cultenhove Opportunities Partnership advised that the outcome of a survey held in Cultenhove had highlighted concerns on:-
Street Lighting (in Cultenhove) – related to fear of crime
Roads related issues

John Risk reminded representatives of the last item on the agenda that concerned how the Cluster Group managed its activities from now on. The Group was also advised of the likelihood of the Council making a recommendation for spending the £250,000 currently unallocated within the General Fund Budget to benefit communities across the Stirling Council area. £1,000 was likely to be distributed to each Community Council and the balance of £209,000 distributed equally amongst Area Community Planning Forums (£30,000 per Cluster Group).

Following a full discussion during which various opinions were expressed the proposal was made on the need to tease out the issues, and co-ordinate a joint set of decisions being agreed on how the Cluster will take forward priority issues e.g. Impact of Public Private Partnership; Safer Routes to Schools, Housing Developers making contributions to Roads. The request was also made by representatives to meet with those Officers involved in the decision making process about issues which concerned the Cluster area.

Decision

The representatives agreed:-

- 1 the need for openness and for representatives from the Group to put forward their suggestions; to this end a small Ad Hoc Group comprising representatives from Community Councils and Cultenhove Opportunities Partnership meet to plan the next Cluster meeting and set clear deadlines;
- 2 to remit to Council Officers to suggest a date for this meeting and advise Community Councils and COP early in 2006 of the date of this meeting;
- 3 thereafter the Community Councils and COP nominate representatives to attend the Ad Hoc meeting;
- 4 the remit of the Ad Hoc Group be to agree a way in which discussion will take place at the next Cluster meeting and identify the appropriate Council Officers to be in attendance;
- 5 that the responses to the queries raised by the representative of Broomridge Community Council above are addressed direct to the Community Council.

The meeting was closed at 9.20 p.m.