

BALFRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 30th AUGUST 2007

AT 7.30PM AT BALFRON CAMPUS

Present: Jean Browning, Anne Fleming, Alison McGregor, Mary Young, Betty McVean, Gary Scott.

In Attendance: Councillor Graham Lambie, Sgt. Roddy Swan, Pam Campbell, Stirling Council Rural Development Worker, Kate Griffith, Gladys Farquharson and Maureen Newton. Gary, Mary and Maureen left the meeting after 9pm.

1. Apologies: Bill Astley-Jones.

In the absence of the chair, Bill Astley-Jones, Betty McVean, vice chair, chaired the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 14th June 2007 were checked for accuracy and their adoption proposed by Mary Young and seconded by Alison McGregor.

3 Matters Arising

Slow signs at The Clachan: Nothing to report

Swimming Pool Area: Nothing to report.

Tennis Court Project: Nothing to report.

Painting of Greek Thomson Benches: It was agreed to leave contacting the Criminal Justice Team about painting the Greek Thomson benches in the mean time.

Community Council Website: There was nothing to report on this and it was agreed to raise the matter at the next meeting.

POLICE REPORT

Sgt. Roddy Swan of Central Scotland Police introduced himself as the sergeant based at the Balfon office and he was attending the meeting instead of PC Campbell Dunn. There had been a number of house-breakings and lines of enquiry were being pursued in relation to these. Youth disturbance during the summer holiday period had not been significant and local shops had remained diligent over the sale of alcohol to under age youngsters. There was a discussion about reporting incidents to the police, particularly concerning misuse of drugs but also concerning other crimes and Sgt. Swan advised members and those present about the proper procedures.

FINANCIAL REPORT

There was no financial report in the absence of the treasurer.

PLANNING REPORT

Gary said there was no new planning applications.

BALLINDALLOCH MUIR PROPOSED WINDFARM DEVELOPMENT

The meeting discussed what the community council's stance should be on the proposal by Npower to build a windfarm on Ballindalloch Muir following the distribution of the CC leaflet and questionnaire. It

was felt by some members that before any formal stance could be taken, the results of the survey should be properly analysed. Betty and Alison agreed to undertake this but Mary and Gary felt that the results were already clear and that 58% of the responses indicated opposition to the development. Mary said that Drymen Community Council had come out against the windfarm. Gary said that there was a lot of work to be done in the period before Npower submitted their planning application and that there was only two weeks to respond to the application before it went to the Planning Panel. Pam advised that if the community council did decide to object, then their objections had to be submitted in the right format otherwise they would be invalid. Betty said that she would ensure that the information contained in the questionnaire returns was collated and analysed and a report ready for the next CC meeting. Gary said that he would not be attending a meeting with Frost Free this week.

CORRESPONDENCE

Roads Consultation Meeting: Invitation from Stirling Council to attend a Roads Consultation meeting in Port of Menteith Hall on 4th September. No one from the CC was available to attend but it was agreed to send an email in support of the council's decision to make the C21 road between Balfron and Balfron Station its top priority for repair this year.

Invitation to a Stirling Council Health and Safety Panel meeting.

Letter from Town Break, an organisation based in Stirling, which supports dementia sufferers and their families.

Association of Scottish Community Councils invitation to nominate a representative from a CC in the Stirling Council area to be a member of the association. Nominations to be returned to Helen Geddes by 21st September.

Letter from Stirling Council asking for members for the new Local Licensing forum. Nominations required by 31st August.

Members' Survey from Scottish Association of Community Councils. Meeting discussed responses which should be made.

A.O.B.

The meeting felt that a letter should be sent to Carvill Homes about the state of the woodland behind Dunkeld Court.

Name plates for several streets were missing and it was recommended that Stirling Council should be contacted about this.

Pam asked if the CC would consider supporting the community's wish for a play area for younger children in Donaldson Way. A recommendation to support this will be put at the next meeting.

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Date of Next Meeting --- Thursday, 4th October 2007 at 7.30pm in Balfron Campus.

Betty McVean.
11/10/07