

## BALFRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2008

#### IN BCFDT OFFICES

**Present:** Jean Browning, Mary Young, Alison McGregor, Sandy Shearlaw, Bill Astley-Jones and Gary Scott.

**In Attendance:** Cllr. Alastair Berrill, Pam Campbell, Kate Griffith, Ann Johnston, Neighbourhood Watch, Maureen Newton, Gladys Farquharson and Elizabeth Holmes.

1. **Welcome:** Bill welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Apologies:** Anne Fleming and John McLean.

3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and their adoption proposed by Jean Browning and seconded by Sandy Shearlaw.

#### 4. Matters Arising

**4.1 Signposts:** Bill has arranged with Alan Ogilvie to meet in the village on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm to address the issues of signposting and roads maintenance. Members of the CC were invited to attend the meeting. Bill also asked if members could email him with particular areas of concern which could be raised at the meeting.

**4.2 High School Turbines:** Pam Campbell, rural support worker, had clarified the planning regulations for the high school turbines. No planning permission was required for the turbines. Complaints about the issues of noise nuisance and lack of proper consultation with residents should be sent to Stirling Council at Viewforth, Stirling, or to any of the local councillors. She added that the CC and local people could ask the council if they were planning a review of the effectiveness of the turbines. Councillor Berrill said that if the turbines were causing a nuisance to neighbouring residents, then the council might wish to review the situation.

**4.3 Website:** Peter Wilks from Killearn Community Council was unable to attend this CC meeting or the next one. However, he was prepared to meet with members interested in the website at another time convenient to everyone. It was agreed to do this and see if it was possible to meet at High School IT Suite.

5. **Police Report:** There was no police report as PC Campbell Dunn was still on sick leave.

#### 6. Finance Report

Sandy reported that the balance at the bank was £3129.22.

#### 7. Planning Report

Gary said that the application to form office space at the building currently occupied by Balfron Classic Cars had been approved. The current business was not considered to be a key local business and that the CC's argument that there was over provision of office space in the village was not upheld. An application for change of use of the former florist's shop in Dunmore Street had been submitted to Stirling Council.

#### 8. Items of Other Specific Interest

**8.1 Woodland Behind Dunkeld Court:** A reply had been received from Donald Murray, managing director of Carvill (Scotland) stating that the company had been in touch with Tilhill Forestry asking them to fulfil their commitment under the maintenance programme. Mr Murray also said that the company were negotiating with Scottish Water about the SUDS area to resolve the issue. It was noted that the woodland maintenance comment differed from the one made by Tilhill to Jean for the last

CC meeting. It was agreed that the CC would write to Brian Devlin, Director of Environmental Services at Stirling Council, as there appeared to be little progress concerning the SUDS area.

**8.2 Neighbourhood Watch:** There was nothing to report on this.

## **9. Correspondence**

a) Letter from Bruce Crawford following Killin Community Council's concern about manning of rural ambulance stations. He has written to Shona Robison, Health Minister, asking if the ambulance cover for the rural areas is adequate.

b) Notification of Stirling Council Civic Pride Awards which allows CCs to apply up to £1000.

c) Area Forum Meeting to be held on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September in Balfron High School. A representative from the National Park will give an explanation of the review which the NP is currently undertaking.

d) Fire Services Leaflet which Gary explained to the meeting.

## **10. A.O.B.**

**10.1 Culvert at Spinner Street:** Pam said this matter was currently in the hands of Stirling Council's legal department. Officials were also trying to pursue the building contractor about the matter.

**10.2 Plot at the corner of Buchanan Street and Spinner Street:** Mary said that the tree in the small plot at the corner of Buchanan Street and Spinner Street had been damaged by children playing in the plot. Gladys said that the plot was looked after by the Balfron in Bloom Group and had been the target for damage for several years. The whole corner was needing revamped and the tree pruned but not removed.

**10.3 New Secretary:** Jean had intimated at the CC's annual general meeting that she wished to stand down as secretary but no one had come forward to fill the vacancy. However, Gary and Mary offered to share the post. Pam pointed out that the ideal solution was for one person to be the secretary but the meeting agreed to the compromise of the post being shared. Mary is to be the point of contact for correspondence.

Date of next meeting ---- **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.30pm** in Balfron Campus.