

Balfron Community Council

Balfron Community Council met at the Balfron Campus on Thursday 11th January at 7.30pm.

Present: Bill Astley-Jones, Archie Bell, Jean Browning, P.C. Campbell Dunn, Anne Fleming, Kate Griffith, Alison McGregor, John McLean, Betty McVean, Sandy Shearlaw and Mary Young.

Apologies: Pam Campbell, Tom Hillis, Gladys Farquharson and Councillor Colin O'Brien.

Minutes of Meeting on 28th November: Bill welcomed everyone to the first full meeting of the Community Council. The minutes were then checked and their adoption proposed by Mary, seconded by Betty.

Matters Arising

1. Co-operative Store. Since the secretary had received no reply to her letter, Bill will write as Chairman of the Community Council.
2. No Cold Calling Scheme. The WRVS and perhaps the Rotary will transport people to Balfron Campus on the 26th and 27th of February for the drama input. Alison and Anne will attend drama performance by FADS. Various sites were marked on a map to show where "No Bogus Callers" signs should be put and this will be sent to Pam Campbell. Campbell said that back-up kits would be issued to vulnerable people.
3. Sites for economic development – Bill has still to pursue this with Stirling Council.

Police Report

Two bikes had been stolen from insecure sites on Station Road. Two people had been caught in connection with the local pre-Christmas burglaries. Much police activity had been weather related.

Mary had been asked to raise the matter of cars being parked on double yellow lines especially at the clinic and the Co-op and also the problems caused by cars parking on narrow pavements. Campbell said non-occupied cars had been issued with fixed fine notices. He proposed police would put notices on cars re inconsiderate parking. Attention was drawn to continued diesel spillages at turn-off to LCH Generators and also to some young people jumping in front of cars in Buchanan Street. Anne commented on problem of school buses at 3.30pm going down the main street in quick succession and quite fast. The possibility of having a pedestrian crossing is to be re-investigated in connection with "Safer Routes To School" initiative. Cyclists without lights were mentioned and Campbell said he had spoken to several young people about this. He then left the meeting.

Planning

Information on Planning Training for Community Councillors on 20th January is to be passed to Gary.

Finance

At 14th December 2006. £4,894.67 was in the bank.

Community Council Profile In The Community

Names of Community Councillors and some phone numbers are to be put on the noticeboards. An invitation to meet with Community Council is to be issued to residents via posters and newspapers. Suggested dates are 10th or 17th February from 10-11.30 in the McLintock Hall. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available.

Road Sign

Bill proposed making enquiries about a road sign at the junction of A811 and the Kepculloch Road to highlight Balfroun's facilities eg golf course, swimming pool, shops, eating places etc. This was thought a good idea and so contact is to be made with the relevant authorities and people in the village with an interest in attracting visitors.

Tennis Court In Balfroun

This idea was discussed and approved and one possible site is the area near the school owned by Council and also with good parking nearby. Bill will contact Stirling Council Planning and Sports development, the School, Jarvis and Sports Council.

Correspondence

- Letter from Stirling Council re public Transport Users Committee in Scotland – invitation from Scottish Executive for someone to apply for one of 11 member posts.
- Area 5 Community Planning Forum – 29th January in the Strathendrick Suite, Balfroun instead of Gargunnoch.

A.O.B

The possibility of 40mph limit between Balfroun and Boquhan was raised; Secretary is to check with police on recent accidents in this area.

Lighting on Bankers' Brae is poor Stirling Council is to be contacted. Barnwell Drive road surface will not be adopted until housing and services are completed. Play area in Donaldson Way still not in place. Stirling Council to be written to on these points: -

- a) When Barnwell Drive will be adopted.
- b) Update on play area situation
- c) Update on development of old school building in Cotton Street.

Dates of Future Meetings: 22nd February; 29th March; 3rd May; 14th June.

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