

Bannockburn & District Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 03 July 2008

Present:

Kirk McInnes
Terry Barlow
Ian Dawson
Steve Traynor
Linda Masterson
Danny McPhail
Ian McMenemy
Wilma Comrie, Stirling Council
Willie McEwan
Elaine Ouhibi
Natasha Reynolds
Tommy Cattigan
Councillor Margaret Brisley
Councillor Alasdair MacPherson
Council Gerard O'Brien
P.C. Hatrick, Central Scotland Police

Kirk opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and welcoming Mrs Ouhibi. He proposed co-opting Mrs Ouhibi to the Community Council. Terry seconded the motion.

Apologies:

None.

Minutes of last meeting:

Minutes of the last meeting – approval proposed by Danny and seconded by Steven with the amendment that under the heading “Correspondence” the time of the public procession had been minuted as 7.30 a.m. instead of p.m.

Business arising:

New Hospital – Terry expressed disappointment that Alan Rennie had stated in his editorial in the Stirling Observer that the journey to the new hospital could be undertaken in 18 minutes. This was not considered to be a true reflection of travelling times, particularly as not everyone will be able to drive or to be driven to the hospital. Terry will write to Alan Rennie to confirm the Community Council’s views. Wilma said that the forums are considering holding a joint meeting, perhaps of 2-3 forums combined – perhaps Alan Rennie could be invited to attend.

Bannockburn Arms Hotel – CCTV has been installed, only 4 tables instead of 10, outside area will be screened by planters. Situation will be monitored.

Police Report:

P.C. Hatrick submitted his report for the previous month, for which he was thanked. Report is available online at:

http://www.centralscotlandpolice.uk/local_policing/stirling_stirling_bannockburn.php

Parking in Main St. – There has been a change in plans for vehicles marking roads due to the rising diesel costs. Main Street marking will be put out to tender as a one-off.

Alcohol Consumption – Councillor MacPherson wondered if it might be worthwhile approaching the shops to ask if they will reconsider promotions on alcohol. Agreed that this could be worth a try.

Police Cover – Natash said that police cover has been excellent and there has not been much trouble. PC Hatrick said that extra patrols would be in place during the forthcoming school holidays. There has been quite a bit of spray-painting going on recently.

Incidence of Verbal Abuse – Terry reported an incident where a woman on her own had seen some youths sitting on a car and had remonstrated politely with them. She had been verbally abused and had felt intimidated, but no-one had come to her assistance. By the time she reached her home she had been very distressed. Councillor MacPherson queried whether the woman had reported the matter to the police but was told that it had not been reported for fear of repercussions. It was generally felt that, particularly because of the presence of CCTV, the woman should have reported the incident.

Terry thanked PC Hatrick for his report.

Councillor’s Report:

Written report received from Councillor MacPherson. This will be available on the website.

Items Arising:

Bannockburn House – Terry expressed pleasure that the visit had taken place, although he queried whether John Dreczkowski was a member of the Community Trust. Community Council or Community Trust would take on the responsibility of administering an Open Day and Councillor MacPherson will keep the Community Council updated.

Recycling Skips at Quakerfield Car Park – A lengthy discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of retaining this facility or removing the facility totally, as requested by members of the public. Steven Traynor recommended retention of the bottle banks, as the problem had only arisen after the addition of the other bins. Councillor MacPherson said “If you vote to keep this I will personally chap every door and make them aware of your decision”. William McEwan then moved that the whole facility be removed, seconded by Terry Barlow. This motion was carried by a majority.

Murrayfield UF Church – will go to Planning Panel at end of July. Decision may depend on how old the gates are.

New/Standby Website – Standby site is in place at <http://bannockburncommunitycouncil.forums-free.com>

Questions from Joe Smith –a) Seats - Steven has an application from the Stirling and Clackmannanshire Environmental Trust. If successful, this could provide funding for the proposed seats. b) As Chair of the Workers’ Memorial Sub-Group Kirk had received a phone call from a stone factory in Alloa offering to supply the stone and get engraving done. Figure quoted for stone had been £1,600. This came with an offer to welcome some young people from the village into the factory as a learning experience. Councillor MacPherson said that local businesses should be considered as well.

Councillors’ Attendance Rota:

Councillor Brisley is trying to establish a rota for Councillors attending meetings of the Community Council and meetings of other community groups.

Grass-cutting:

Money is available for grass-cutting but not for picking-up.

School Transport:

Concern had been expressed about transport provision to and from the new St Modans High School. Consultation is going ahead.

Town Centre:

Councillor Brisley had suggested to Tony Cain that anything affecting the town centre should be put to the community as a whole. Tony will hopefully attend the next Community Council meeting.

Treasurer’s Report:

Linda reported no change.

Correspondence:

Community Council Elections – Will take place in October and November 2008. In the meantime, Linda proposed the motion that Tommy Cattigan be co-opted onto the Community Council and this was seconded by Ian.

Planning Report:

Proposed erection of 4 residential flats on land and function suite at Bannockburn Arms Hotel, West Murrayfield, Bannockburn – No objections from Community Council as long as sympathetic consideration is taken into account regarding noise, etc.

Proposed siting of boundary fence at 24-32 Main Street, Bannockburn – Community Council objected because of the adverse impact on neighbouring property and the fact that a substantial part of the right-of-way would be lost.

Proposed installation of ATM at Post Office, 21 Main Street, Bannockburn – No objection.

Erection of new dwelling-house at south-west of Murrayfield House, Bannockburn – No objection.

Report from BannockburnTrust:

Book-keeping - Previous book-keeping had not been good, but Ian and Terry have now seen the accountants. Letter has been sent to Awards for All to ask for an extension. Accountants are convinced that there will be no problem with the £10,000.

Any Other Business:

Bridge at Chartershall - Ian said that this is now basically a main road and is going to contact Borestone Community Council and express his concern about the crash barrier.

Post Office Card Accounts – This provision is being put out to tender by the Post Office. Community Councillors will advise local Post Office if they are aware of anyone who would be interested in tendering.

Public Footpaths – Ian queried who was responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of public paths and was advised that responsibility lies with Streetscape. Depending whether or not the path was an access path or a right-of-way the Countryside Rangers could also be involved.

Provost's Awards Ceremony – Various names were suggested and it was agreed that a sub-group will convene and decide on nominations (Linda, Terry and Elaine).

Date of next meeting:

Thursday, 4th September 2008 at 7.30 p.m.