



BANNOCKBURN

WORTHY AND STRONG

Bannockburn & District Community Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 17 January 2008

Present:

Terry Barlow	Secretary
Kirk McInnes	Chairperson
Ian Dawson	Vice-Chairperson
Danny McPhail	Planning Officer
Willie McEwan	
Linda Masterson	Treasurer
Steve Traynor	
P.C. Hatrick	Central Scotland Police
Margaret Brisley	Councillor, Stirling Council
Wilma Comrie	Stirling Council Community Worker
Lesley Malkin	Stirling Council Corporate Asset Management
Tony Cain	Stirling Council Head of Housing

Kirk opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and wishing them a happy and prosperous New Year.

Apologies:

John Grant

Presentation:

Lesley Malkin, Stirling Council Corporate Asset Management, and Tony Cain, Stirling Council Head of Housing, gave a presentation of Bannockburn as it used to be, as it is at present, and how it could be in the future. It was agreed that Lesley and Tony would attend the Public Meeting on 23 January, give a similar presentation, and discuss with those present the feasibility of producing a master plan for development and improvement.

Police Report:

P.C. Hatrick submitted his report for December 2007, for which he was thanked.

Report is available online at:

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

Arising from Police Report

- 1) Terry had been asked to raise the issue of cars being parked on the main street beside the Spar shop.
- 2) Agreed that double yellow lines are needing to be redone.
- 3) Linda reported that the Spar shop is still experiencing difficulty in getting a quick response from Police if the shop phone them.
- 4) Hard-standing on the pavement was discussed at length.
- 5) Ian mentioned to PC Hatrick that a friend of Ian's had had his house broken into and his car stolen – he was left feeling that the Police did not believe him.
- 6) The number of times Police were called to Bannockburn Club in January 2008 had decreased from the previous month.
- 7) Parking will be the focus for PC Hatrick for the next Community Council meeting.

Kirk thanked PC Hatrick for his report.

Minutes of the last Meeting:

Acceptance, with two changes, proposed by Danny McPhail and seconded by Willie McEwan.

Business arising

- 1) Grass-cutting, etc. - It was decided that Les Goodfellow should be invited to the next Community Council meeting to discuss the schedule for 2008 for grass-cutting and maintenance.
- 2) Cemetery - Regarding the toilets at the cemetery Kirk had spoken to Margaret Henderson-Lloyd and asked her if there had been any complaints made to her about the toilets being closed. She said that their business had two toilets which were open to the public at any time a funeral was taking place. They had applied to buy the land next door to the cottage, for use as parking, but had received no reply. As procedure stands at the moment, Margaret Brisley explained, if an application is made to the Cemeteries Section and they decide to lease a piece of ground it would be passed to Corporate Asset Management and would probably be leased at the highest cost. Discussion followed about Councillor O'Brien's representation of Mr McDonald and support of Mr McDonald's application. Margaret said that until such times as any member of the Planning Panel attends a meeting they cannot give any indication anywhere as to whether they are for or against an application. If they do so, they are not allowed to attend the relevant meeting or to vote. Councillor O'Brien should have taken no part in the discussion and no part in the vote. Terry said that Councillors O'Brien and McPherson were not representing the Community Council's views, and in fact the Community Council had been treated abominably. Margaret pointed out that there may have been other reasons for Councillor O'Brien's and Councillor McPherson's decisions.
- 3) Web Site – Questions were asked about Councillor McPherson's actions in leafleting householders adjacent to the cemetery.
- 4) Bannockburn News – Terry is still trying to obtain "before and after" photos of the benches so that this can be put in the next issue of the Bannockburn News. He will chase this up.

Report from Margaret Brisley:

Available on Community Council website.

Report from Alasdair McPherson:

Available on Community Council website.

Business arising from Reports:

- 1) Bannockburn House – Important that something is done about the state of disrepair. Margaret was asked to maintain her and the Community Council's interest in this building. Agreed that it must be kept wind- and water-tight.
- 2) Web-site – Minutes will be on the web-site and will be made available in the library, etc. Report from Councillor McPherson is already on the web-site, despite the fact that Community Council has said all along that Councillors' reports should be brought to the Community Council meetings for discussion and comment prior to being put on to the web-site. Councillors should not respond to queries on the web-site until the Councillors report has been discussed at such a meeting. Margaret does not want the web-site to be used for political reasons. We will be switching over to the new Community Council electronic system.
- 3) Councillors' Reports – Willie noted that it was of benefit to have two Councillors' reports at this meeting.
- 4) Councillors' Attendance at Meetings – It was agreed to write to Councillor O'Brien and ask if he is prepared to attend Community Council meetings, as he has not been in attendance since the last AGM in 2007. Steve reaffirmed the request that we have a confirmed rota of Councillors' attendances, and Margaret offered to attempt to get this done.

- 5) Bannockburn Sign – Council are paying £400 for a replacement sign – for an extra £200 we could possibly get a “proper” sign. Options discussed were that perhaps local shopkeepers could be asked for a donation towards this, and that there is money available in the Green Fund. Framework is still there for the sign, and Willie will enquire about exact prices. Alasdair McPherson will be asked to put the erection of the sign on hold until prices have been obtained and a decision made.

Treasurer’s Report:

Awaiting grant.

Correspondence:

A letter had been received from Keith Brown, MSP for Ochil, introducing himself and asking if there are any issues which require to be discussed with him. He had requested that we provide his Constituency Office with a list (dates and times) of Community Council meetings. This will be done.

Any other competent business:

- 1) Wording was agreed for the memorial plaque for Hooky and this will be taken forward by Willie as a matter of urgency.
- 2) Two benches are to be sited – one in memory of Jimmy Sharp and one in memory of Hooky – with a small plaque on each. Could these be anti-vandal benches?
- 3) Willie re-stated that he would like to see members of the Churches, representatives from Schools, etc. invited along to Community Council meetings. A letter will be written to the Chair of the relevant Parent Councils and to each School in the area, and to a representative of each Church in the area. Perhaps someone from the Health Board, e.g. a local Health Visitor, can also be lettered.
- 4) Ian asked if the register for housing swaps which used to be on display in Local Offices had been done away with. Margaret offered to find out the present procedure.
- 5) Community Trust – Terry was delighted to report that there are now 10 Directors of the Trust.
- 6) Memorial – This is being brought up at the Public Meeting next week. Perhaps a questionnaire could be handed out, e.g. do we want a miners’ memorial, a millworkers’ memorial, or two memorials?
- 7) Public Meeting – Margaret has not been approached by either of the other two Councillors with regard to the Public Meeting. Kirk expressed concern that the meeting might become political and this was not desirable. It was decided that Margaret will open the meeting and explain that she had been asked by the Community Council to organise it so that the Community Council members and the elected Councillors can hear the views of the community. Margaret will then hand over to Kirk who will take the Chair for the rest of the meeting. Margaret will bring the meeting to a close. Margaret, Kirk, Lesley Malkin and Tony Cain, will occupy the top table.
- 8) Community Council meetings have been booked for the next 12 months. More members are required and should apply for the 4 vacancies. After the vacancies have been filled representatives can be approached to see if they are interested in becoming co-opted members.

Planning Report:

- 1) No new planning applications received to date.
- 2) Erection of portacabin and change of use of land to form display area for memorials/headstones at Cemetery, Bruce Street, Bannockburn. Recommendation – approve – temporary consent.
- 3) Proposed erection of dwelling house at land to south west of Muirfield House, Muiralehouse Road, Bannockburn. Recommendation – approve with conditions.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 7th February 2008 at 7.30 p.m.