

BORESTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Borestone Primary School Wednesday 23 April 2008

Present: Jim Bruce (Chair), Maureen Allan, Alex Black, Mary Bruce, Mary Burns, David Cooke, Tricia Cooke, Matt Curry, Alex Smith, George Weir

In Attendance: Councillor Neil Benny, Councillor Scott Farmer, Councillor Andrew Simpson, Andy Davis, Mr & Mrs Robertson, Sharon McGrouther (notes)

1 Apologies

No apologies

2 Minutes of Previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2008 was approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Proposed by Mary Bruce
Seconded by Maureen Allan

3 MATTERS ARISING

Annual Report – had been circulated to all Members.

4 Police Report

No police report was available for this period.

5 Discussion Ref £100,000 Planning Gain from Wimpey Development Site Wordie Road – Graystale Road

Councillor Simpson advised that at a meeting of the Executive on 9 March 2008 a decision had been taken to ring fence planning gain money from new build developments to fund play facilities across the Council area. Discussions took place on the £100,000 from the Wordie Development would now be part of the ring fenced funds. Councillor Simpson was to make the point to Stirling Council that this money should be spent in the Borestone area.

Councillor Benny commented approximately £500 per house contributed by developers was in reality paid by new owners/tenant's so they were entitled to expect to play funds to be spent in their area.

Members were advised that a consultation period would be underway and a report would be presented to Council outlining the outcome in the near future.

Councillor Farmer and Benny had advised Members that they had spoken with the Director of Children's Services regarding the £100,000 being spent in Borestone.

Discussions took place on the St. Modan's redevelopment and that the £74,000 allocated for play facilities in the area.

Member asked if the new Administration of Council could overturn the decision taken in March. This was not possible and although a consultation period was underway a new decision on the subject would be taken when a report was presented to Council.

The Community Council were to provide appropriate locations where the new play park facilities should be. Some of the ideas were as follows:-

- Cultenhove and Wimpey development;
- St Modan's football park had been given from the National Trust for a play area;
- Hillview area.
- Thistle Park – meeting on Monday 28 April at Hillview to discuss possible siting of astro-turf at Thistle Park.

6 Planning Matters

The Chair reported that an application from T Mobile UK Ltd had been received to implement further black boxes. Discussions took place on the size and location of the new boxes and the intrusion on the public.

Decision

The Community Council agreed to object to the application with concerns of the size and location of the new boxes.

He advised that the Cauld barn Farm and MFI had been refused and the Cemetery Cambusbarron application for Forget Me Knot had been withdrawn.

Enforcement Matters

The Chair reported that Lidl advertisement would be removed, Arnold Clark at Glasgow Road had improved slightly and the Cattle Shed, Glasgow Road had an Enforcement Order applied.

7 Report on Community Partnership Forum held on 19 March at SRI – Progress of New Larbert Hospital

Alex Smith reported the outcome of the above meeting which discussed what the priorities with new hospital and what would the community like to happen to the old hospital.

The following concerns were raised:-

- Where would the clinics be located in Stirling or Falkirk;
- What transport would be available to the new hospital – this was not decided as yet. Concerns were raised about the bus timetable and where they stop.
- 1,500 Parking spaces would be available but 1,000 were allocated to staff and after 3pm they would then be available to visitors. Staff were not allowed in the visitors spaces. Parking would be free.
- There would be wardens employed to patrol the premises.
- There was a questionnaire available regarding priorities but with no information on the above the questionnaire was useless.
- There would be a meeting on 7 June, Council chambers, Stirling.
- Out of hours services were never mentioned.
- Extended hours for Doctors was never mentioned.

Councillor Farmer to keep the Community Council upto date with any additional information.

8 Update on Roads and Drainage – Problems Locally

- Mr Robertson advised the problem had been sorted.
- The pedestrian crossing at Glasgow Road was still to be dealt with.
- Give way sign at McLaughlin Avenue and Nailer Road – Alan Ogilvie.
- The assessment on the road at Glasgow Road and Borestone Place still to be completed.
- A new Borestone Place sign to be implemented.
- The hedge at the United Free Church, Borestone Place needs cutting – not sure who was liable.

9 Correspondence and

- A letter from Bruce Crawford MSP outlining the increased road investment was tabled for Members to view.
- The Core Path plans were tabled for Members to view,
- Road Closures - The Area Forum would be notified 2 weeks prior to any road closures
- Announcement – SNP Parade held in Stirling to the Battlefield on Saturday 21 June 2008.
- Forestry Commission Consultation – more information could be viewed on the website or free phone number available.
- Scottish Cala Village of the Year Award – letter tabled for Members to view.

10 Any Other Competent Business

- Tricia Cooke had undertaken a consultation with the Smiths Institute regarding the storage of costumes.
- Closure of the Resource Centre, Library services being lost. Councillor Farmer advised nothing could be done to overturn the decision and other saving would need to be found.
- Councillor Simpson reported the Ramblers had won their case against Snowies.
- At Sauchieburn Notices had been served.
- A letter from Paragon had been received in connection with the garden with some improvements.

- Visit to the High School – if any Member would like to visit the new school please forward names to Alex Black and Councillor Simpson would make the arrangements with the Headteacher.
- Paragon – what was happening with the cleaning of streets. Councillor Farmer advised that Stirling Council were cleaning the roads and streets in the area.
- Paragon were only responsible for the Open Spaces. Residents were annoyed that they had to pay twice for the cutting of grass. As the deeds state they pay a fee for open space they request a reduction in Council Tax.
- Litter picking at Borestone Primary School was arranged by COP for Friday 25 April 2008 at 1.30pm.

11 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council was scheduled to be held on **Wednesday 21 May 2008 at 7.00pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm