

## BORESTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held in Borestone Primary School Wednesday 22 August 2007

**Present:** Jim Bruce (Chair), Maureen Allen, Alec Black, Mary Bruce, Mary Burns, David Cooke, Pat Coyne, Ian Crawford, Andy Davis, Raymond Knox, Alex Smith, George Weir

**In Attendance:** Councillor Neil Benny, Councillor Scott Farmer, Councillor Andrew Simpson, P.C. Hogg, David McDonald (Kings Park Community Council), Mrs Rogerson (Broomridge CC), Mrs McCallum, Grace Scott, Scott Richards, Mrs Campbell, Mr & Mrs Roberts, Jean Houston (notes)

#### 1. Apologies

Matt Curry

#### 2. Minute of Previous Meeting

The Minute of the A.G.M. held on 19 June 2007 was approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Proposed by A Smith  
Seconded by P Coyne

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#### 3. Matters Arising

All matters arising were on the agenda.

#### 4. Police Report

P.C. Hogg presented the Police Report. Since the last meeting of the Community Council and during the period June-August there had been 30 detected offences and 30 road traffic offences. 13 offences remained undetected. It was reported that there had been a breach of ASBO by an individual who had previously breached their ASBO. This person had subsequently been sentenced.

P.C. Hogg informed the meeting that forged £20 notes were circulating. If anyone was asked to exchange 2 x £10s for a £20 note, they should pass relevant information to the Police.

It was brought to P.C. Hogg's attention that the 20mph limit around Naylor Road was not being adhered to. P.C. Hogg advised that this speed restriction did not come into effect until 17 September.

It was also brought to his attention that drivers were not only driving over the top of mini-roundabouts, but were also going round on the wrong side to get past traffic.

In response to an enquiry, P.C. Hogg informed the meeting on how Police respond to house alarms.

## **5. NHS - Orchard House**

Jim Bruce, as community representative on the Orchard House Community Health Centre Project Board, gave a brief outline on how the planning application for the proposed development had progressed, especially in relation to parking provision. Jim pointed out that whilst there had been considerable discussion with health professionals, the health board had not consulted with the public to any extent and there was little public awareness. Practices should have set up Patient Forums and sent letters on the development to all patients – this had not happened except for Park Avenue Practice – the other practices would set up forums in September. There had been no public meetings since January 2005.

The original plans submitted in December 2006 had shown 200 parking places – to be split 50:50 between staff and patients. However Stirling Council Roads had asked that this be reduced to a total of 157, as it was felt that the transport system would not cope with 200. It was questioned whether the most appropriate site had been chosen in the first place, and members thought that the health board had probably chosen the simple option based on land ownership.

The health board's current plans show the revised parking provision to be split so that staff have 93 space, and patients 70. (It was noted that the Atkins Transport Study showed a need for at least 180 spaces.)

It was strongly felt that patients should have greater provision for parking. Jim advised everyone that there was a meeting taking place the following evening at the Mayfield Centre and he hoped there would be a good turnout to support the patients' cause. This was scheduled to be discussed at Planning Panel on 11<sup>th</sup> September – which meant the Patient Forums would have no constructive input.

On the future of the Mayfield Centre, Jim advised that there had been a statement that there were "no plans to close" by Eddie MacDonald of NHS Forth Valley. It was thought that the strength of patient use would influence this. Some GPs have indicated that they will continue at Mayfield as long as patients want them to.

Councillor Farmer stated that as far as he was aware Planning supported a split of 65 staff spaces and 98 for patients. However Assura, the developer, wanted the split to be the opposite way.

There did not appear to be any breakdown of priority parking by each practice relocating to Orchard House. It was understood, however, that 9-5 staff were not expected to be allocated parking places.

It needed to be noted that there was no direct bus to Orchard House.

Finally, Jim advised that the annual review of NHS Forth Valley was due to take place. Anyone wishing to comment should contact

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## **6. Parent Council**

When School Boards were disbanded in favour of Parent Councils, Mary Burns and Mary Bruce had expressed interest in being on the Primary School Parent Council. After a period of 6 months they had had no contact from the school. It was noted that Parent Councils were a legal requirement. The Community Council would be interested in knowing the current situation.

## **7. Planning Matters**

Raymond Knox presented plans on two planning matters –

- The mini-roundabout on Glasgow Road at Milton Terrace. Stirling Council had taken most of the residents' views into account and had written to the residents affected. This appeared to be to the satisfaction of the residents.
- Erection of a house on land at Barnsdale Villa. It was agreed that the Community Council should submit an objection on the basis of overdevelopment of the site, concerns regarding insufficient visitor parking, and on-road parking a problem at the junction. It would be stated that should planning consent be given, the sight line should be maintained, and there should be an assurance that plans agreed should be adhered to throughout the whole build.

## **8. Correspondence**

- Anne McGuire MP had written regarding the Post Office Network Change Programme. This includes proposals to relocate the main Post Office to WH Smith in the Thistle Centre, in response to post office losses and a change in customer base
- No Cold Calling Communities – this gave details of how a community can let unwanted cold callers know that they are not welcome, and help discourage bogus workmen
- Riverside Amateur Dramatics – performance of “Doorstop” on 4<sup>th</sup> October from 2-4pm
- Townbreak – an awareness raising leaflet had been received. This voluntary organisation provides a befriending service to people with dementia. New volunteers are always welcome
- Association of Scottish Community Councils – looking for two representatives from the Stirling Council area to attend regional meetings. It was agreed to support nomination of Terry Barlow of Bannockburn Community Council
- ‘B’ class roads – details of money available for works to ‘B’ class roads – none of which are in the Borestone area.

Whilst not relevant to the roads works, it was agreed to raise the state of pavements on Glasgow Road and Pat Kelly Court.

## **9. Any Other Business**

- Letter from Mr Robertson regarding change of ownership of Glasgow Road van and car dealership from Ian Grieve to Arnold Clark.

Mr Robertson was present to let members know the impact of this business on residents. Because of the volume of vehicles being stored on site, employees were using on-street parking which meant that residents could not get parked.

The original permission granted to Ian Grieve stipulated that parking was required on-site. However two parking bays were filled with pallets and tyres, exacerbating the situation. Vehicles were being parked in front of the showroom window, restricting access to mobility vehicles. Mr Robertson thought the Police should stop this practice.

Councillor Farmer stated that Planning were unaware of any change of ownership and would be looking for a meeting with Arnold Clark to discuss contentious issues. He also said that Arnold Clark did not appear to be aware of any restrictions, and were unlikely to have been notified of any restrictions by Ian Grieve.

Raymond Knox stated that at meetings in the past when consent was originally given, Mick Stewart, Head of Planning & Regulatory Services, had stated that it was not anticipated that there would be any increase in the size of the operation. This had undoubtedly taken place and the present situation was causing safety concerns.

Mr Robertson was invited to attend the next meeting of Broomridge Community Council by Ann Rogerson (Vice Chair).

- Glasgow Road volume of traffic – Stirling Council had agreed to take an accurate count of the peak traffic using Glasgow Road. The Community Council would get a copy of the readings along with speeds registered. Councillor Simpson indicated that this was in the region of 32,000 vehicles a day.
- David Cooke asked if there was any update on play areas. Councillors Farmer/Benny said they would ask David Cameron, Director of Children's Services. A previous assurance had been given by David Cameron that there would be no decision without public consultation.
- George Weir raised ongoing problems with Paragon regarding grass cutting, overgrown trees and lack of response to enquiries from Paragon. He indicated that Paragon were abdicating responsibility as a landlord and also failing to respond to letters. Paragon were billing owner occupiers for maintenance of open spaces, but were not accepting any liability to ensure that their tenants were keeping their areas tidy.

As Councillor Farmer had been successful on a previous occasion in getting Paragon to take action, George asked if he would take up the current issues.

- Ian Crawford notified the meeting that there would be a public consultation with interested parties the following evening on the proposed closure of Whins of Milton School. Ian indicated that there were no immediate savings with this proposal, however future use of the site could result in capital receipt. Members should bear in mind the playing field across the road when considering this proposed closure. It was noted that this clashed with the meeting on the Orchard House development.
- Refuge, Milton Brae – It was noted that houses at Milton Brae had drainage problems. Councillor Farmer indicated that this would be considered at Scrutiny Committee and that no money had yet been awarded.
- Pat Coyne reminded the Chair to submit a claim for expenses incurred.
- Ian Crawford raised the state of the rotunda at the Bannockburn Visitor Centre – the woodwork is now in a dangerous state. He indicated that Stirling Council appeared to be responsible for maintenance of the cairn and surrounding ground.
- Pat Coyne wondered whether the MFI building could be developed as a sport centre, but was informed that there was a planning application in for housing. However it was thought that there may be a right of way, which should be investigated.

**10. Date Of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Community Council was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm.