

BORESTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of AGM held in Borestone Primary School Wednesday 18 June 2008

- Present:** Jim Bruce (Chair), Maureen Allan, Alec Black, Mary Bruce, Mary Burns, David Cooke, Pat Coyne, Matt Curry, Alex Smith, George Weir
- In Attendance:** David Burns, Tricia Cooke, Councillor Andrew Simpson (attended after surgery), Jean Houston (notes)
- Apologies:** Ian Crawford, Councillor Scott Farmer

1. Chairman's Report

The Chair reported that planning matters had taken up much time at meetings over the past 12 months and continued to frustrate members.

He advised that the extension to the mobile phone mast on Glasgow Road at Motac had been called in by Councillor Farmer for determination by the Planning Panel.

The 20mph area around Borestone Primary School had been implemented with proposals to extend it. The mini roundabout on Glasgow Road at Whins of Milton was now in operation and there were proposals for another pedestrian crossing north of the 1314 site.

Parking for visitors and staff at the Arnold Clark Garage and misuse of the unloading bay continued to be of concern and were subject to a Planning Enforcement Order.

He went on to say that the Community Council was still fighting for planning gain from local developments for play facilities.

The Chair gave thanks to Councillors for attending meetings, in particular Councillors Farmer and Simpson as well as to the Office Bearers and Members of the Community Council. He gave particular thanks to Raymond Knox for his past work as Secretary – unfortunately Raymond has had to move to Dundee for family reasons and the Chair wished him well.

2. Treasurer's Report

A copy of the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008 was circulated. The balance was approximately £20 less than the previous year at £531.95. Grant income had remained at the same level (£432.41) and the Treasurer pointed out the low level of interest earned on the account – roughly net 1%. Expenditure covered insurance, minute secretary, donations to helpers, stationery/photocopying and Chairman's expenses (£458.23). The accounts were unanimously approved.

3 Election of Office Bearers

Matt Curry proposed a vote of confidence in the existing Office Bearers. The Chair announced however that Alec Black wished to step down as Secretary and proposed Alex Smith as new Secretary. This was seconded by Matt Curry.

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1. Apologies

Ian Crawford (arrived after item 5), Councillor Scott Farmer

2. Minute of Previous Meeting

The Minute of the meeting held on 21 May 2008 was approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Proposed by Mary Burns
Seconded by Pat Coyne

3. Matters Arising

Livestock Shed at rear of Klondyke – Councillor Simpson advised that the Community Council could not stop this building. However if planning permission was not granted, the owner could be asked to demolish it.

Provost's Awards – The Chair intended putting in a nomination

Stirling High School – The Chair thanked Councillor Simpson for arranging the visit to the new High School. The Community Council had donated £100 and Councillor Simpson reported that this would be spent on plants for the greenhouse/outdoor gardens.

4. Police Report

P.C. Hogg reported that since the last meeting of the Community Council, there had been 34 crimes reported – 23 detected, 11 undetected one of which had a named suspect. There had been 11 road traffic offences. Detection rate – 76%.

Crimes included two incidents of possession/supply of drugs, and one case of housebreaking into a vacated property had led to charges relating to over 30 similar offences.

He informed the Community Council that over the past month he had been involved in the impact of the petrol strikes and an operation involving drug warrants. Nine had been implemented in one day – one in Borestone, and two in St Ninians. Councillor Simpson had been invited to observe on that day and commended the work of the Police. However he stated that the Police could only do their job if members of the public provided information if they suspected drug offences were taking place.

The Chair asked if the Police monitored parking on yellow lines, but PC Hogg replied that this would only be checked if a complaint was lodged, and then wardens would go out.

5. Plans for Traffic Calming – streets surrounding St Modans High School

Brian Roberts, Roads Improvement Manager, attended to explain plans for traffic calming on streets around the existing St Modans High School. Funding of £150,000 had been made available from the PPP for improvements on the local road network. Areas of congestion and “rat runs” had been identified for work and Brian displayed plans showing proposals.

This would be a fairly concentrated scheme, maximising a limited budget. The main aims were to reduce speed, reduce the impact of traffic, and improve pedestrian facilities. However the budget would not cover work at the Barnsdale Road junction with Glasgow Road prohibiting a right turn, as this would cost 2-3 times the resources available.

Brian pointed out that a study had been undertaken by Atkins in 2004 which was being used as one point of reference for identifying problem areas, particularly on Glasgow Road.

Traffic calming on streets which are part of the bus route would consist of speed cushions which allow buses and emergency services vehicles to drive over without bumping. Non-bus routes would have speed humps.

As the main point of access to the proposed housing development would be from Barnsdale Road, these works would not be completed until after the works were completed.

Brian agreed to undertake speed surveys on Nailer Road and Borestone Road to confirm whether there is in fact a problem of speed to be addressed. He was asked also to reconsider the change of traffic priorities at the junction of Craigend Road/Barnsdale Road and install a mini roundabout instead.

He invited everyone to submit any feedback on the proposals to him by 30th June. The Community Council were getting first opportunity to give input to the plans, then proposals would go out to wider consultation with residents and businesses directly affected.

After consultation was complete there would then be a period of time for the tender process. It was hoped that work could start in some areas before Christmas – certainly during this financial year.

Brian agreed to ask Bob Gil (PPP Project Manager) to give an update on expected timing of demolition of St Modans.

The Chair thanked Brian for attending to take comments on the proposals.

6. Plans for New Pedestrian Crossing on A872 Glasgow Road, opposite 171 Glasgow Road

Harry Doy, Project Engineer, presented plans for a new pedestrian crossing on Glasgow Road at Fairhill Road junction. The plans proposed resiting of the bus stop further north on the west side of Glasgow Road. Harry explained that the road had always had a shortage of pedestrian crossings and the plans took account of any recent changes such as the mini roundabout at Whins of Milton in determining where to locate an additional crossing. Those present viewed the plans and gave feedback to Harry.

7. **Arnold Clark – Planning Application 08/00312/DET**

The Chair read out a letter he had drafted to Ian Jeffrey, Planning Officer, responding to the proposed plans for alteration of parking layout. It was agreed that this letter should be sent. Mr Robertson advised that he had not received any neighbour notification for the changes. Councillor Simpson agreed to monitor this situation.

8. **Correspondence**

- Notification of procession by the Campsie Apprentice Boys of Derry on 27th June.
- Notification of Forum Meeting on 29th May (past).
- Notice of walk on 22nd June as part of the campaign to protect Gillies Hill. Those interested in taking part should meet at Cambusbarron Community Centre at 2pm.
- Letter from Councillor Jim Thomson concerning proposals for public toilets. Councillor Thomson was asking communities to let him know if they have any concerns and offered to attend a future community council meeting if necessary.
- Letter from the War Memorial Trust asking if any memorials or plaques require remedial attention
- Local Estate Action Plan from Carol Hamilton
- Temporary road closure notice – Chartershall Road
- Notice of procession in December by Action for Change, protesting against violence against women
- Notice of closure of Local Office
- Letter of thanks from Stirling High School for the recent donation

9. **Any Other Business**

- Alex Smith and Jim Bruce had recently attended a meeting on the new acute hospital. They thought there had been a severe lack of consultation with the public on this. They also reported that there could be traffic problems for people travelling from the Stirling area with access planned through Pleau, as there are no immediate plans for motorway access to be provided.

Plans on how the Community Hospital on the SRI site will be used are not yet available. It is possible however that some GP surgeries may relocate to there.

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Community Council was scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, 20th August at 7.00pm**. There is no meeting in July.