

## **BORESTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of meeting held in Borestone Primary School Wednesday, 16 May 2007**

- Present:** Jim Bruce (Chair), Ian Crawford (Vice Chair), Raymond Knox (Secretary), David Cooke, (Treasurer), Alex Black, Mary Bruce, Patrick Coyne, Matt Curry
- Apologies:** Maureen Allan, Mary Burns, Alex Smith, George Weir
- In Attendance:** Helen Geddes(Stirling Council) (Minutes), Andy Davis (Stirling Council), Bill Eadie (Stirling Council), PC Will Hogg, David McDonald (Kings Park CC), Kitty McWilliam (Borestone Primary School), Collette McEwen (Pupil Council – Borestone Primary School), Councillor Ian Brown, Councillor Scott Farmer, Councillor Andrew Simpson, K Pratt and Mrs P Cooke (Residents)

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

##### **Minutes of the previous meeting were duly approved**

Proposed	-	Pat Coyne
Seconded	-	Matt Currie

#### **Matters arising**

All matters arising from the Minutes were included in the Agenda.

#### **Police Report**

PC Hogg apologised for his non-attendance at the last meeting.

Current situation is that there have been 37 detected crimes and 2 undetected since his last attendance.

The first Fixed Penalty Notice was issued in April for anti-social behaviour. Such Notices can be issued to offenders over the age of 16.

Tar Lorries – PC Hogg confirmed that larger lorries are covered by legislation. Lorries causing concern outside the Primary School are probably exempt.

Three drug turns were very successful.

The coming holiday weekend would see 3 officers on patrol between the hours of 3 and 11pm. Chair raised concern about the Rotunda area being used by underage drinkers. PC Hogg confirmed that moving groups along has resulted in houses being used – tenants risk being in breach of tenancy agreements.

Chair also raised the issue of speeding on Glasgow Road. Also that there was no crossing patrol for school children on at least 3 occasions recently. Police aware that this has happened in other areas.

PC Hogg confirmed it may be possible to utilise small speed display units over the next few months. These act by showing their speed to oncoming drivers.

Stirling Council had promised that “slow” signs would be emblazoned on the road surface but this has not yet happened. Bollard removed due to vandalism has not been replaced.

Mini-bikes are still using public roads in the area. If residents can identify the culprits, the Police can act.

Use of mobiles while driving still an issue. PC Hogg confirmed drivers risk £60 fine and 3 penalty points.

A Community Council member recorded 26 occasions when vehicles have accessed the Tar Depot via the housing estate – having taken vehicle registrations, the same two vehicles are the most frequent offenders.

Chair concerned about number of construction vehicles in the area due to the various housing developments.

### **Play Facilities in Borestone Area**

Bill Eadie, Head of Support for Children's Services thanked Chair for inviting him to the meeting. He confirmed that proposals for Beechwood Park are on hold due to the dissatisfaction of local residents to some of the ideas.

A briefing note has been prepared for Stirling Council's elected members on planning gain from all PPP projects.

Chair expressed concern that Borestone or any other Community Council had not been included in discussions on how planning gain should be spent.

Bill confirmed investment in play areas is tied in with Developers. Stirling Council has no budget to develop play parks.

Beechwood and Kings Park were therefore identified as best use of the money rather than in the local area where the development is taking place.

Chair claims Rebecca Maxwell must have been misled about the planning gain. He believes, it was clear at planning meetings she attended that any gain would benefit local communities.

The Treasurer made the point children are tribal and would not access other parks in case they were "beaten up".

Children's Services are working with Youth Justice to break down barriers and promote "Stirling's Children".

Bill confirmed that it is not the Developers responsibility to replace the all-weather pitch at St Modan's. Planning gain is for facilities for young children. Active Stirling are responsible for sports facilities.

Residents are concerned that there is nothing for older young people in the area.

Borestone Primary School – Pupil Council view on parks was:

#### **Thistle Park/"Blue" Park**

- Children not allowed to use park on their own because of busy road
- Incidents of violence against children by other children makes it frightening to use

Councillor Farmer asked her where would she like to have a park. It was confirmed by those at the meeting that they believed the field with the cows near the Bruce statue was the preferred area. Chair confirmed that it was the National Trust who owned this land.

Kitty McWilliam confirmed that a large number of children access the "Blue" Park at Maitland Crescent (so named because everything is painted blue!).

Councillor Farmer thanked Collette for her useful comments. He also confirmed the existence of correspondence from Stirling Council confirming gain from PPP would be spent on the local area.

Bill confirmed Briefing Note would advocate including local community involvement in the park improvements.

Further private housing is planned for the area which will result in approximately £100,000 of further planning gain.

Bill confirmed that the previous amount of £74,000 has been committed to Beechwood/Kings Park. He also confirmed Stirling Council has an obligation to provide facilities for all children to access play facilities.

A resident raised again that gain for loss of facilities should not always be spent in areas of affluence. Cllr Farmer supported her view.

Vice Chair produced Deprivation Index maps produced by Stirling Council showing area around St Modan's features as an area of high deprivation.

Kitty McWilliam expressed thanks on behalf of Collette and the Pupil Council for the opportunity to give their views.

Before they left the meeting, the Chair took the opportunity to thank Kitty for her tenure as acting Headteacher at Borestone and presented her with a bouquet on behalf of the Community Council.

In general, the Community Council feels that the safety of children is paramount. There is a view that Stirling Council is not keen on creating new play areas because of future maintenance costs. Bill pointed out that part of the issue at Kings Park is some of the equipment is 20 years old.

Chair hopes Bill takes Community Council views to Elected Members. Chair stated Borestone Community Council will continue to fight for the planning gain monies of £74,000 and £100,000 awarded to Borestone for play facilities and asked Councillor Farmer and other Councillors for their support. Bill confirmed happy to attend any future meetings, if required.

### **Chairman's Report**

- Forth Valley Health Board

Update given on the GP surgeries at Orchard House is that existing premises require to be vacated to allow demolition, with Spittal Street and Kildean providing temporary accommodation. New premises being considered as a planning application in June 2007. Concern was expressed that there has been no community consultation in advance of this or for a number of years previously. Stirling Council planners have reduced the number of car park spaces from 200 to 150 with 4 disabled spaces. Chair produced plans and aerial photos for perusal.

- Traffic Management

Following on from the meeting on 23 April, discussions to be taken up again once St Modan's development is complete.

Mini roundabouts planned for Milton Road at junction of Glasgow Road and Milton Gardens and at Lademill.

Additional crossing proposed at Turnbull's shop

Bannockburn Community Council have requested that the 30mph speed limit be extended as far as Ogilvie's roundabout.

### Planning

- RJM Development (Scotland) submitted plans for a retail and leisure development near Granada Services. Drawings produced for perusal. Traffic assessment awaited Community Council not keen because of access difficulties and further impact once Durieshill is developed.
- Proposals for 20mph around Borestone Primary School have Community Council's general agreement although there had been some alternatives suggested. Secretary raised issue that perhaps more streets could be included.

**Decision** Proposals to be expanded and a site visit requested. **Action** – Secretary

- Retrospective application for garage at 2 Graystale Road approved.
- Enforcement meeting re site at Cultenhove has resulted in improvement following public meeting on site management. Money now forthcoming during Summer for activities to deflect children away from the building site.

### Correspondence

- COP Minute for 9 April and Agenda for May meeting
- Application for procession to Bruce statue by SNP on 30 June 2007
- Community Conference organised by Stirling Council to be held on Saturday, 16 June 2007 at Old Viewforth – further information to follow
- Kings Park Community Council re Murrayshall Quarry listing 14 points of departure from planning procedure

### AOCB

1. Building work for Abused Women's Refuge in Milton Brae is going ahead. Already breached working hours, removed several trees and beech hedge.
2. Councillor Ian Brown raised issue of lack of signs at Stirling Station at weekends indicating that no train service available to Larbert. People pay to use car park and then find there is no train – could have driven to Larbert and caught the train there!

**Date of next meeting (including Annual General Meeting) to be held on Wednesday, 20 June 2007 at 7.00pm in Borestone Primary School**