

BORESTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Borestone Primary School Wednesday 21 May 2008

Present: Jim Bruce (Chair), Maureen Allan, Alec Black, Mary Burns, Pat Coyne, Ian Crawford, Alex Smith

In Attendance: Councillor Scott Farmer, Councillor Andrew Simpson, Ann Rogerson (Broomridge Community Council), Iris Ferguson, Dorothy Scott, Mr & Mrs Denver, Mr & Mrs Robertson, P.C. Will Hogg, Jean Houston (notes)

1. Apologies

Mary Bruce, David Cooke, Matt Curry, George Weir

2. Minute of Previous Meeting

The Minute of the meeting held on 23 April 2008 was approved as a correct record of proceedings, subject to recording of Ian Crawford's apologies.

Proposed by Alec Black

Seconded by Alex Smith

Matters Arising

Planning Gain from Wimpey Development – Councillors Simpson and Farmer had no update to give on this matter, but supported the view that this money should come to Borestone Community Council as originally stated. It was noted that ultimately the decision would be taken by the Director of Children's Services.

Mast at Motac – Councillor Farmer advised that he had asked for this application to be determined at Planning Panel. Feedback from Roads on concerns was still required. He informed the meeting that either a decision could be taken by the Panel, or they may defer until a site visit takes place. It was agreed that Maitland Crescent would be a more appropriate location, and would cause less disruption. It was noted that if a "cherry picker" is required to carry out work on the mast, this will cause traffic onto the hatched areas of road.

Arnold Clark – This item is on the agenda – however the Chair pointed out that he had now received Plan 2 which appeared to show the loading bay on the pavement and he was awaiting Plan 3. Councillor Simpson understood that the up to date plan had been sent out. Ann Rogerson indicated that Broomridge Community Council had only received Plan 1 and would not progress this until up to date plans were received. Mr Robertson stated that he had received two neighbour notifications, both of which had been incorrect, but had received no copy of plans. He asked Councillors if they could make a request to Arnold Clark through Lynne Currie for a copy to be issued to neighbours. However he pointed out that Plan 2 showed no staff parking and there were still 5-6 staff cars parking regularly on Glasgow Road outside his house, restricting vision and access.

Give Way sign – Jim reported that this had been done, and recorded thanks to Alan Ogilvie, Development Control Team Leader - Environment Services. However the sign for Borestone Place still needs replaced.

Sauchieburn – Councillor Simpson reported that the owner had been taken to court and instructed two weeks ago to take down illegal fencing – it was unknown how long it would take for this to happen. Councillor Farmer said there had also been a commitment by the owner to unlock the gates.

3. Police Report

P.C. Hogg reported that since the last meeting of the Community Council, there had been 31 crimes reported – 21 detected, 10 undetected of which 2 were theft of petrol. There had been 20 road traffic offences.

He advised the meeting that he had recently been involved in “Operation Pincer” - an intelligence led initiative designed to make potential troublemakers aware that their activities were being monitored. Officers had been monitoring Social Websites and had identified local groups and groups from the wider force area who had been posting their intention on public forums to cause trouble. In a force wide operation, spanning a number of days, intelligence packages were produced detailing the activities of those who were actively posting on the social networking sites and expressing a desire to fight with other youths, consume alcohol. A number of officers working in teams were then tasked to visit these individuals, discuss their activities, and warn them about the serious consequences of disorderly behaviour. While the focus of Operation Pincer was to deter troublemakers from causing problems, it had a wider remit to address some of the problems associated with groups of youths who engage in anti social behaviour. It is hoped that by highlighting the type of material that youths are posting onto social networking sites to their parents or guardians we can raise their awareness of what youngsters are doing and gain their support in addressing the related problems.

P.C. Hogg reported that 3 individuals previously arrested on drugs charges at Borestone Place, had been caught again with drugs at Chartershall. He also reported that valium to the value of £5,000 had been seized from a car on Glasgow Road – 3 individual from St Ninians had been charged with intent to supply.

He informed the Community Council that with the lighter evenings, there was increased under-age drinking activity. The youngsters concerned were getting alcohol through people over-age. Regular activity was to the rear of Cultenhove Crescent. He asked the public to contact the Police if they saw any under-age drinking.

4. C.O.P. Meeting

There was little to report other than discussions had taken place on options for local youth.

5. Planning Matters

Alteration to car parking at 117-125 Glasgow Road – Arnold Clark

The Chair gave some of the background on this business. In 1990 demolition of a house at 117 Glasgow Road had been granted on the understanding that it would enable on-site unloading in the interest of road safety. The recommended parking was to have short term visitor parking located at the front of the Parts & Service Depts. In 1998 planning permission was granted for a building extension, followed by plans for an unloading bay using half of the existing pavement bay – to be available for use at all times. Bollards were put up to prevent parking on the pavement, along with special kerbs at the bus stop. However, at weekends customers park on the bus stop and block the entrance across the pavement. The Chair asked for a stronger position to be taken by the Council.

There was general discussion on the situation. Mr Robertson reported that the manager had become verbally abusive on the last occasion they had spoken.

Councillor Simpson informed the meeting that an agreement had been reached 4 months ago, but this had been breached on at least half a dozen occasions. Councillors Simpson and Farmer had met with Planning Enforcement several times – they would contact Planning the following day with a view to getting a strict enforcement notice serviced.

The Community Council were looking for –

- More parking at front of garage for customers
- More parking at the rear for staff
- Double yellow lines on the road at the front of the garage to prevent unloading on the road

Ann Rogerson agreed on all concerns raised. She advised that this matter would be considered at the next meeting of Broomridge Community Council. She had taken photographs of the situations reported, and reported that Lynne Currie, Enforcement Officer, had passed by and seen an incident for herself.

Both Borestone and Broomridge Community Councils would not discuss the proposed application until more information and accurate plans were made available. It was also suggested that someone from Planning should attend the next meeting of the Community Council.

Livestock Shed at rear of Klondyke

Ian Crawford displayed plans for this planning application. He pointed out that the shed is shown to be very close to the Klondyke boundary. He had concerns that roof drainage was shown to go into the existing field soak-away and there was no detail of internal drainage of effluent from animals. No animal pens are indicated on the plans, making it difficult to assess what the building is to be used for. The external finish of the building seems excessive for a livestock shed. The access road appears very narrow for livestock vehicles to access the site.

An additional concern was that the livestock shed could in future be used for pigs and this would have a detrimental affect on Klondyke – the prevailing wind being from the south west. This would also have an adverse impact on residents in Mill Lade estate and the new estate behind Morison's Garage.

It was agreed that the Community Council needed more information to assess this application:

- view of Roads
- Environmental Health views on proximity to Klondyke restaurant
- Planned frequency of vehicles

Barnsdale Villa, Fairhill Road

The Chair reported that this decision was being appealed. The Community Council agreed that they were still opposed to the application on grounds of overdevelopment.

Councillor Simpson reported on the recent tree felling works. Trees growing at the corner of Glasgow Road have now been felled. As the Council did not own these trees and they were not statutorily protected, there was no requirement to notify the planning authority of any intended works. However the planning decision notice of October 2007 stated the trees "collectively contribute to the character and amenity of the area and that their removal would adversely affect the character and amenity of the locale." The planning application was now subject of an Appeal and in the hands of the Scottish Executive and it was unknown whether this tree felling would have any effect on the Reporter's decision.

6. Correspondence

Alec Black reported the following correspondence had been received:

- Consultation on Education (Additional Support for Learning)
- Provosts Awards – invitation for nominations along with details of categories and criteria
- Association of Scottish Community Councils – constitution consultation
- Scottish Government – Community Council Working Group Consultation

7. Any Other Business

- Pat Coyne suggested that protruding kerbs for traffic calming at Hill Street and Whins of Milton could be painted at the edges to improve visibility. This request would be passed on to Alan Ogilvie, Development Control Team Leader - Environment Services.
- The Chair thanked Councillor Simpson for arranging the visit to the new High School. Members agreed with the Chair's proposal that the Community Council donate £100 towards stocking either the fishtank or greenhouse. Councillor Simpson added that landscaped areas required planting out.
- Ann Rogerson of Broomridge Community Council asked if Borestone members were aware of the Public Partnership Forum on 7th June in the Council Chambers. Those attending would be invited to give their thoughts and reservations about the new hospital. It was agreed that it was difficult for community councils to comment as no information was being provided on doctors' surgeries, after hours services, or future services at SRI.
- Councillor Farmer confirmed his appointment to the Health Board.
- The next Area Community Planning Forum was scheduled to take place at Borestone Primary School on 29th May. It was noted that a PA system was required for this.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council was scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, 18th June after the A.G.M. at 7.00pm.**