

BORESTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Borestone Primary School Wednesday 18 April 2007

Present: Jim Bruce (Chair), Maureen Allan, Alex Black, Mary Bruce, Mary Burns, David Cooke, Pat Coyne, Ian Crawford, Matt Curry, Raymond Knox, A Simpson, Alex Smith, George Weir

In Attendance: Kitty McWilliam, Councillor Scott Farmer (from item 5), Jean Houston (notes)

Apologies:

1. Minute of Previous Meeting

The Minute of the meeting held on 21 March 2007 was approved as a correct record of proceedings subject to the following change. Point 2 under Any Other Business should read "residents' meeting" and not "C.O.P. meeting".

Proposed by M Bruce

Seconded by M Burns

2. Police Report

P.C. Hogg was not in attendance to present the latest Crime Report.

3. Chair's Report

Play Areas

The Chair reported on a visit to Broomridge Community Council along with the Vice Chair. He had met with Bill Eadie, Head of Support & Development – Children's Services, and had a discussion on play parks in the area. Bill Eadie had confirmed the policy of upgrading existing facilities rather than providing new ones. However at a recent meeting with David Cameron, Director of Children's Services, Jim Bruce had been led to believe that proposals to upgrade Beechwood with developer contributions from St Modans would definitely be put on hold to allow further consultation with the community.

Ken Macdonald, Chair of Broomridge Community Council, had written to David Cameron on this matter and the reply from David Cameron did not appear to support the statements made to Jim Bruce.

The Chair would ask Councillor Farmer to continue to pursue this matter, but it was acknowledged that it would probably be after 3rd May elections before any further action could be taken.

Members were again in agreement that Kings Park has had money spent on it and doesn't need more investment. They also agreed that one of the most important issues is to retain a surface for teenagers to play football.

For clarification, when Council officers have referred to "play areas" they mean play parks with equipment; when they refer to "play space" they mean an open space with no equipment. Members have found these terms quite confusing without explanation.

Tricia Cooke circulated a draft letter that she planned to send to the Stirling Observer/Stirling Council in support of the Community Council.

The Chair said he would invite Bill Eadie to the next meeting of the Community Council on 16th May to discuss this further. In the meantime, members would need to give consideration to where any proposed play space could be located.

4. **Borestone Primary School**

Kitty McWilliam indicated that a group of children from the primary school would attend the next meeting of the Community Council.

She confirmed that no letter had gone out to parents regarding illegal parking around the school. However she was happy to put this in the next Newsletter and had asked for the zig-zag lines to be repainted. Kitty suggested that the Community Council may wish to consider writing to the Police to complain about this issue.

When asked, Kitty said that she was aware of pupils cycling badly and on the wrong side of the road to school. She was taking steps to bring in the Police to improve proficiency.

5. **Planning Matters**

R Knox reported

- planning application for formation of access at Barnsdale Villa
- planning application for extension to house in Chartershall
- enforcement action for timber garage in Graystale Road – a retrospective planning application had been submitted

6. **Correspondence**

- A special meeting of the Area Forum 3 would take place on 19th April from 7-9pm to develop a Community Plan. This meeting is open to all individuals.
- Notice of Licensing application received for Battle of Bannockburn re-enactment on 23/24 June.
- Grass cutting proposals for 2007 – map for consultation and questionnaire to be completed and returned by 11th May. The map was available for all members to see.

7. **Any Other Business**

- Ian Crawford reported that it was proposed to erect a mobile phone mast at Ian Grieve's. No application had been received yet, but members should note that this meant there would be three masts on Glasgow Road within a very short distance of each other. It was noted that this pavement had been widened recently to erect bollards to prevent parking. Presumably the mast would narrow the pavement.
- Ian also reported that the proposed Women's Refuge would be proceeding at Milton Brae area.
- Speeding traffic on Glasgow Road – Broomridge Community Council have written to complain to the Police and it was proposed that Borestone Community Council do the same.

- Funds for road improvements – it was suggested that the Community Council put in a bid so that a traffic monitoring device can be put in place on the southbound carriageway of Glasgow Road, approaching the children's crossing, to record the volume of traffic and average speed.
- Brian Roberts (Traffic Management Team Leader) had agreed to meet to discuss the Atkins Report on 23rd April at 5pm at Viewforth.
- David Cooke intended writing to David Cameron, Director of Children's Services, taking issue with points made in Mr Cameron's letter to Ken Macdonald of Broomridge Community Council.
- Suspicious behaviour had been noticed at the car park turn at the top of Borestone Place. This would be reported to the Community Police Officer who can be contacted by anyone on 456991.
- It was noted that the bin at the top of Borestone Place needs to be emptied more frequently by Streetscape Services.
- Before the meeting closed, the Chair gave a vote of thanks to Councillor Farmer for his efforts over the past year on behalf of the community.

8. Date Of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 16th May at 7.00pm.