

**MEETING OF BRIDGE OF ALLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2008**

**PRESENT:** Les Ferguson (Chair), Jim Christie, Claire Gibbons, Frances Hamilton, Alison Logie, Keith Ironside, Marjory Russell. Desiree Ashton, Sandi Grieve, David Inglis, David Middleton, Mike Watson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor David Goss, Councillor Callum Campbell, Sgt Adrian Wright, Constable Gary Meikle, Community Constable Wendy Alexander, Sharon McGrouther (Notes).

**APOLOGIES:** Sam Shortt and Jamie Nicol

**BA430 POLICE RERPORT**

Sgt Wright had advised with the competing demands on resources he has been able to increase the policing arrangements forward so himself along with Const. Gary Meikle - Cornton area, Const. Scott Craigie – Stirling University area and Community Constable Wendy Alexander were the officers who would cover the 4 areas of Cornton, Causewayhead, Cambusbarron and Bridge of Allan.

In the period since the last meeting of the Community Council on 15 January 2008, there had been 13 offences reported – 10 detected and 3 still under investigation. These included 1 offence reported related to the University. Eight road traffic offences had been reported. He advised that the figures were a reduction by half since the last period showing there was an active involvement with the community in dealing with these issues.

Sgt Wright would like to hear from the community with any views or problems which might be an issue or an upcoming problem including Seasonal problems.

The following Issues of concerns were raised by residents:-

- Henderson Street – Anti-Social behaviour had diminished which was a result of the ASBIT team being present in the area every weekend. This was a good result.
- Primary School – parking issues and speeding traffic when children were leaving the school. Most of the problems of parking were caused by parents. Past events of contacting the children and involving them to appeal to parents proved worthwhile. Education rather than enforcement.
- Beaconsfield School – parking was a major problem and causing an obstruction and danger as pedestrian could not be seen. The Community Council had been asked to raise this issue to the School and the Police to see if these issues could be resolved.

### **Action**

1. Bridge of Allan Community Council to write to Beaconsfield School and Central Scotland Police to raise the problems of parking at the school and the dangerous impact for pedestrians.
  2. Community Constable Wendy Alexander to progress and update the Community Council.
- Kenilworth Road – problem with tradesmen parking but maybe due to the construction work. There was a problem with school bus parking near the entrance on a corner. Could the bus be parked in a more appropriate and safe place?

He advised that the police had a commitment to Wallace High School to advise on internet safety to children over the next 2 weeks and he suggested contacting the Parent Association as another avenue to solving or raising the parking problems around schools.

The Chair thanked Sgt Wright for all his work behind the scenes to increase the policing staff in these areas.

### **Decision**

The Police Report was noted.

**BA431**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2008 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

**BA432**

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Reconstruction of War Memorial - the tendering process and evaluation of the site was undertaken. It was suggested that a Maintenance Fund be implemented so when the War Memorial was completed there would be maintenance fund, of approximately £3,000/£4,000 for the upkeep of the site. This would be updated at the next meeting.

Community Planning Forum – Area Forum 2 welcomed 4 members of the Community Council to their meeting in January held in the new Raploch Campus. Members were encouraged to visit the new campus. This meeting was refreshing and there were lots of commonalities between the two areas. The Community Council were invited to link up with Area Forum 2 for the future.

Saturday 8 March 2008 – 10am-4pm – there would be a meeting held to discuss Community Council and Local Authority give better idea on the Forum Concept. Members were asked to attend. Marjory Russell and Mike Watson agreed to attend and update.

Wallace High School – it was requested that the Community Council write to Wallace High School to enquire about how and when the Community could use the school facilities. Check if there was a booking system or programmed event list.

**Action** - Secretary to write to enquire about the above.

Merchants Association – the Community Council is an honorary member of the Merchants Association and is not liable for a subscription. However it was agreed to pay £25 as a contribution towards funding the proposed Food and Drinks Festival being organised by the Merchants.

Public Toilets – Councillor Campbell advised that the Council would be setting the budget on Thursday 21 February 2008 and it would be best to wait to see what the outcome was. He would contact David Crighton to follow up on what could be done after the budget decisions. There was to be a review of all public toilets in the Stirling Council area. The Community Council agreed to write to Stirling Council to emphasise the public toilets as a problem which should be resolved and had an impact on tourism in the area. Councillor Campbell and Goss to fight for this cause.

**Action**

To write to Stirling Council to emphasise the public toilets non-operation as problem which should be resolved and its impact on tourism in the area.

**BA433      TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Audited Accounts had been submitted to Stirling Council so that the administration grant could be received. Les circulated copies of the accounts which were approved by Members.

The Audited Accounts 2007 were approved.

Proposed: Jim Christie  
Seconded: Mike Watson

**BA434      PLANNING**

Claire Gibbons reported on planning issues since the last meeting:-

Planning Applications received	6
Recommended for approval	5
Enforcement	1 –Kenilworth Road

There was no update on the planning application for Allanwood Court.

Discussions took place on 5 Upper Glen Road and two copies of letters of objections to the planning application were received on the splitting of the garden ground. The community Council agreed not to object to the application until a detailed application was submitted.

**BA435      CORRESPONDENCE**

Frances advised of the following updates:-

Notice – Stirling Council – Flooding Report –  
[www.stirling.gov.uk/flooding](http://www.stirling.gov.uk/flooding)

Talkback Annual Report – Stirling Council's Complaints System  
– [www.stirling.gov.uk/talkback](http://www.stirling.gov.uk/talkback)

Article in the Scotsman – Policy Change

Waterwatch – meeting had been cancelled. MSP Keith Brown would be attending a meeting encouraging close working relationship with Community Councils.

Scheme of Establishment of Community Council Revision – copy issued to all Members.

**BA436**

**AOB**

- Frances to check and update on the removal of swings at Avenue Park play area.
- Restoration of the Paterson Clock. Estimates for the full restoration need to be obtained. Also, find out more information from Stirling Council and Historic Scotland on possible restrictions in place in connection with the original colours etc.
- Museum Hall development – awaiting structural reports.
- Bridge of Allan Times were looking for additional volunteer distributors. Please contact Sandi.
- Marjory advised that the coach on Saturday mornings had left and no replacement had been implemented. She would contact Mr Ian McCourt, Community Development Worker, Stirling Council on the matter.
- Fountain Road – could a lid be attached to the litter bins? Frances advised that Stirling Council were replacing the bins and she would look in to the matter.
- HGV speeding – could the community council purchase equipment to help slow traffic down eg Flashing Slow Down Signs? Any ideas to be passed on to the Chair.
- Councillor Goss advised that the Boundary Commission had 71 new constituencies and Bridge of Allan came under a large area. He advised that any comments were to be received by mid March.
- Flooding of the Bus stop across from Beild Housing Complex. Could it be moved? Also no seating in the bus stop. Frances to write to Stirling Council on this matter.
- Proposed Post Office Closure, Stirling University – it was noted that a Public Meeting would be held in the University on Monday 25 February 2008 at 5.30pm to discuss the

closure of the post office. The Community Council agreed to send a representative to the meeting to put their concerns across.

Andy Mitchell, Stirling University advised that over 11,000 people, students and staff use the facilities and the closure of this post office would have an impact on the existing post offices in Bridge of Allan and Causewayhead including the traffic in these areas. He advised of the meeting in February and that all views were to be received by March to prevent the closure in April.

- Chicken Run –photos should be put in the local press of the contamination. This was classified as an Anti-Social Behaviour. Dog bins were located and the posters were beneficial, but dog-fouling was still in evidence.
- Angus Cameron explained his proposals for improvements and restoration of the Memorial Park. He discussed applying for funding from Historic Scotland for the railings and National Lottery Heritage Fund “Parks for People”. Although this had closed a pre-application for funding could be made.

The Community Council were behind the project and would also help in applying for additional funding.

It was agreed to request the original Deeds from Stirling Council so details of restrictions could be adhered to.

A list of priorities in improving the Memorial Park would need to be implemented and approved.

It was agreed that Angus would apply for any funding available to take this project forward.

- Review of Community Governance Strategy – Frances updated the Members on the above meeting. She explained the aims they were trying to deal with eg. How are we doing? What we could to help? She advised that other Area Forums had the same complaints about Stirling Council eg no feedback, complaints being ignored, listen more to local concerns, Councillors should have more input, more Council transparency, accountability and consultation.
- New Members roles:-

Sandi Grieve – Environmental/Flood Protection  
Desiree Ashton – Active Stirling  
Mike Watson – Pursue matters put to Council  
David Inglis – IT advice / Letterhead

David Middleton – Paterson Clock Project

**BA437 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Tuesday 18 March 2008 at 7.30pm.

**AGENDA**

1. Present/Apologies
2. Approval of Minutes/Matters Arising
3. Police Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Planning
6. Correspondence
7. AOCB
8. Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.25pm