

**MEETING OF BRIDGE OF ALLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2007**

**PRESENT:** Les Ferguson (Chair), Ian Anderson, Jim Christie, Claire Gibbons, John Gill, Frances Hamilton, Marjorie Russell, Sam Shortt

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Calum Campbell, Lyn Kennedy (Community Governance Manager), Douglas Ross & Julia Bottoms (Merchants Association), Lynsey Flynn (Allanwater News), Deirdre Ashton, David Inglis, Jean Houston (notes)

**APOLOGIES:** Keith Ironside, Alison Logie

**BA402 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minute of the meeting held on 18 September 2007 was approved as a correct record of proceedings.

**BA403 POLICE REPORT**

P.C. Colquhoun continued to be absent because of sickness and therefore there was no Police Report.

Les reported that Sgt Donna Duncan had now moved on to another post. Contact had been made with Inspector Sharkey at Dunblane who had given an assurance that there would be a Police presence at the next meeting, on this evening – this had obviously not materialised.

Sgt Adrian Wright had been appointed recently to Bridge of Allan and until there is a long term solution to the Community Police Officer post, members of the public should take matters to the Police Station.

Frances would email Inspector Sharkey in the meantime asking why there was no Police presence at this meeting.

**Decision**

It was agreed that

- The Secretary should contact Inspector Sharkey

**BA404 MATTERS ARISING**

War Memorial

Jim Christie reported that as at 15 October 2007 the War Memorial Fund stood at £21,500. The coffee morning on 6 October had raised over £2,000. There had been outstanding support from the Army, who had collected £250 on the street. Fundraising was now coming to an end and application had been made to the Common Good Fund to meet residual costs, which were estimated at around £9,500. A meeting of the Provost's Panel, of which Councillor Campbell is a member and would be attending, was scheduled for 6 November. Frances would send a letter to Provost Brisley detailing funds raised and the estimated funds required.

Councillor Campbell advised that he had a meeting scheduled with the Victory Fund which he would report back on.



## Decision

It was agreed that

- A letter detailing War Memorial funding be sent to the Provost
- The Secretary continue to pursue parking and double yellow lines matters
- Minutes of meetings be exchanged with the Merchants' Association

## BA405 AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM

Lyn Kennedy, Community Governance Manager, attended to give members sufficient information to make a decision on whether to continue with the Area Community Planning Forum or not. The Community Council doubted there was any value in continuing with Dunblane & Logie, as Dunblane had made it clear that they had not favoured the process from the start and wanted to go it alone.

Lyn gave a brief history of the ACPFs, which were intended to give communities collectively greater influence on the more strategic issues. Members needed to take into account whether there was added value to Bridge of Allan working with other communities. Whilst it had been intended to get communities working together within ward boundaries, Bridge of Allan also needed to consider if, in the event of discontinuing the Forum with Dunblane and Logie, it made more sense to consider joining in with a different ACPF, such as Causewayhead, Cornton and the other Area 2 communities. It was agreed generally that there were more shared issues with Area 2 communities – the same high school, roads matters, and environmental concerns such as the flood plain.

There was general consensus that the current arrangement with Dunblane and Logie was a “dead duck”. However, Marjorie, who had been to most ACPF meetings, said it was important to be part of a Forum to be aware of what’s going on in the wider sense and have a voice in policy making. In the meantime, with agreement round the table, Les indicated that he would make contact with the Area 2 Forum and test the water to see if these communities would welcome Bridge of Allan joining them. It was agreed that the Community Council would also send a response to Stirling Council indicating this was their preference.

## Decision

It was agreed that

- The Chair contact Area 2 ACPF

## BA406 TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no Treasurer's Report due to Keith Ironside being absent due to illness. However he had informed Les that the Accounts were with the Auditor who had indicated approval and would be signing them. The Community Council would then be in a position to submit them to Stirling Council and apply for their administration grant.

## BA407 PLANNING

Claire Gibbons reported on planning issues since the last meeting –

Planning applications received	5	none of which were contentious
Recommended for approval	0	
Delegated to Planning Committee	0	

One enforcement order had been issued relating to an outbuilding demolished without permission and two enforcement actions had been closed.

Claire had no up to date information on the awning for The Running Company at 17 Henderson Street.

## **BA408 CORRESPONDENCE**

- A complaint had been received in the suggestion box concerning the state of kerbstones and double yellow lines in Blairforkie Drive, the old bus stop markings in Fountain Road, marking for the new bus stop, double yellow lining for Keir Street, and resurfacing on Allanvale Road needing relined. Frances had replied that these issues were currently being pursued with Stirling Council.
- Anne McGuire had written with surgery details.
- Core Paths – drop-in sessions were planned on 24<sup>th</sup> October at Albert Halls and 25<sup>th</sup> October in Dunblane. Frances intended attending. A copy of the notice would be put on the noticeboard.
- Cawdor Gardens – confirmation that this road will go on the list of pavements to be slurry sealed.
- It was noted that the pathway from Station Road into Cawdor was particularly bad and was a health and safety issue. Marjorie stated that the Mine Woods paths were currently treacherous with fallen leaves covering uneven surfaces.
- Notification of community council vacancy elections. A form had to be returned to Helen Geddes, Community Council Support Officer, by 9<sup>th</sup> November confirming current membership details.
- Review of polling places from Joyce Allen, Committee Officer. No changes were indicated for this community council area.
- Notice of temporary closure on any two days from Saturday 13 October to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October while Forglen Road is resurfaced from Keir Street to Pullar Avenue. It looked as though this would take place 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Notice regarding Public Liability Cover for Christmas lights/trees. Douglas Ross, Merchants' Association, stated that the lights were donated and installed by Graham Robertson, an approved electrical contractor.
- Notice that application for funding for replacement equipment at swing park would be considered at a meeting of the Landfill Tax Trust on 7<sup>th</sup> November.
- Avenue Park lights – there had been no response but Ian reported that work appeared to be being carried out.
- The Community Council were asked to submit dates of meetings for 2008. It was agreed that these would continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month with the A.G.M. in May.

### **Decision**

It was agreed that the following matters be raised with Stirling Council:

- Pathway from Station Road into Cawdor Gardens and Mine Woods pathways
- Form be returned to Helen Geddes regarding Community Council elections
- Dates of 2008 meetings be submitted

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- There would be an annual review of NHS Forth Valley by the Cabinet Secretary for Health & Wellbeing at Stirling Royal Infirmary. Marjorie agreed to attend.
- Ian notified that the dropped kerb at Avenue Park had been installed.
- John Gill asked if the Roads Authority could be asked to upgrade the zebra crossing on Henderson Street to a Pelican Crossing. It was also agreed that the sensor at the crossing at the Cafe should be modified to be more quickly responsive, such as the crossing in Station Road, Stirling.
- John also reported that the general speed of traffic entering Bridge of Allan from Lecropt was too fast and would like to see 30 marked on the road surface.
- Claire would like Stirling Council to be contacted regarding overgrown shrubbery at the bottom of Alexander Drive which prevented a view of traffic coming down Well Road. It was thought that a mirror on the corner behind the toilets, angled to show cars coming down Well Road would be good for safety.

Claire also reported that the grass cutters continually park their vehicles on the double yellow lines at the bottom of Alexander Drive, making the situation more dangerous.

- Sam advised that he had phoned Planning to see if there was a timetable for the Structure Plan going to Committee, but had not been advised of any.
- Marjorie raised the issue of who had the right to park behind the flats above the shops on Henderson Street. A resident was being continually blocked in and wondered who to report this to. It was thought this was a Police matter.
- Douglas Ross reported that the Annual Charity Fun Day would take place on 9<sup>th</sup> December, sponsored by Grahams Dairies. It was agreed that the Community Council would take a stall as before.
- Netta Malcolm asked if Stirling Council could be advised that the fall of leaves on the road and beech nuts was causing difficulties for mobility vehicles.
- David Inglis had noticed that the website maintained by the Merchants was in need of updating and offered assistance as this was his area of expertise.
- Douglas Ross asked who the Merchants' Association could approach for information on grants. He was advised to contact Jean Cowie, Grants & Funding Officer at Stirling Council.
- Toilets – there was no update on this, but it had been noticed that the gents padlock had been broken. It was also reported that the portaloos were not getting unlocked on Sunday. It was agreed to take this up as a priority.

**Decision**

It was agreed that -

- Marjorie would attend NHS Forth Valley Annual Review
- Request be submitted for upgrade of crossing on Henderson Street and timing sensor be adjusted at crossing at Cafe
- Request be submitted for 30mph markings on road surface for traffic entering village from Lecropt
- Request for overgrown shrubbery to be cut at bottom of Alexander Drive

- Idea of a traffic mirror at foot of Alexander Drive/Mine Road
- Grass cutters be asked not to park on double yellow lines at foot of Alexander Drive
- Community Council to take stall at Fund Day
- Difficulties caused by leaf fall for mobility vehicles be raised
- Request for portaloos to be open on Sundays

**BA410 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE**

Now that Stuart Ritchie had left school and moved on to University, it was agreed to co-opt a new Youth Representative, Jamie Nicol.

Proposed by Marjory Russell  
Seconded by Frances Hamilton

**BA411 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Community Council was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 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 was closed at 9.20pm