

Broomridge Community Council



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Unadopted Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 2 April 2008 held in the Mayfield Centre, St Ninians, Stirling at 7.00pm

Those present were:-

Broomridge Community Council

Ann Rogerson (AR) Chair, Kenneth MacDonald (KMacD), Secretary, John Machray (JM) Treasurer, Alan Bunting (AB), Jan Reekie (JR), Peter McGowan (PMcG), Pat Mooney (PM), Sharon McGrouther Clerk.

Stirling Council

Andrew Davis (AD), Community Liaison Officer
Councillor Ian Brown

Apologies:

PC Tim Robinson, Central Scotland Police; Councillors Steven Paterson and Corrie McChord

1. Adoption of Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2008

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting on 5 March 2008 were approved as correct record of the meeting.

2. Matters Arising

12.2 AR and JR had gone to give Keith Henry and wife the gift from the Community Council. A letter of thanks from Keith and his wife was received.

The clerk to advise Helen Geddes, Stirling Council that correspondence was still being directed to Keith Henry.

Action

The Clerk.

12.3 The letter to Streetscape as yet no response had been received.

9 Councillor Brown advised that after speaking with Peter Morgan, Planning Department, Stirling Council the Seven Sister's Field proposal would be looked at and there might be an option in the Structure Plan but this proposal would need to go Council for approval.

- 10 Councillor Brown also advised that the figure of 90% provided at the last meeting for the target of planning application decision was incorrect and the actual figure was 78% including Building Warrants. He detailed that between April 07 and March 08 1370 application had been received and within the 15 working day the figure was 56% the aim of the service was 65%. He expressed that not all application were complete which keeps the target figures down. Since April 07 and March 08 81% of application had been returned.

He advised that there was a lack of Structural Engineers which was causing a lot of problems with accurate and complete application forms being received. Stirling Council provide excellent guidance notes on the web site which provide all information necessary in completing a planning application form.

- 12 5. Councillor Brown advised that he went out to investigate the lights at Canavan Court but could not see trees obstructing the lights. He arranged to meet PMcG to point out the actual lights which were becoming an issue.

3. Police Report

PC Robinson sent his apologies and had provided the Chair with the police report from 5 March 2008 for Broomridge Community Council area had the following:-

1.
 - 8 detected offences including 2 drugs related cases with good work carried out by the officers dealing with the incident.
 - 4 undetected cases with 2 cases still having some enquiries to be carried out.
 - Road Traffic. There were 11 miscellaneous road traffic offences detected during this period, particularly, a driver had his vehicle seized on 4 March 2008 for driving without a valid driving licence.

2. Targets for the coming Month

- Youths drinking and any anti social behaviour.
- Mini motos/quad bikes.

3. Miscellaneous

- There would be a least 2 days randomly selected where a road traffic operation would take place in the areas of Broomridge and Braehead.
- He had had a meeting with Councillor Ian Brown where they had a 'walk and talk' discussion about problem areas and local issues. He planned to do this every 6 to 8 weeks.
- He had regular contact with Braehead Primary School.
- Did the Community Council have any issues they wish targeted?

Discussions took place on the following matters:-

- Traffic at Shirra's Brae Road this area was proposed a no vehicle area except access to Shirra's Brae Road at the rear of Gilles Drive. A Plan of the area was circulated to Members present for viewing. Concerns were raised at the enforcement of this area of no vehicle which would be a major problem. It was suggested that traffic wardens be visible in this area every now and then.

Craigs Community Council were thanked for actioning this problem originally.

Action

Secretary of Community Council to write to request that traffic wardens were visible in this area.

4. St Ninians Development Trust Report

The next meeting would be held in May and the Community Council would be updated of any issues after that meeting. PMcG and JM had updated the Community Council on the accounts of the St Ninians Development Trust and advised that the fayre in December had been a great success. They were a charitable Trust which received donation from Stirling Council, membership, gift aid and local businesses which written to for donations to the Trust.

It was suggested that the Trust request a full report on why the youth space project had been rejected by Lloyds TSB.

PM had advised that the money held by the Trust was already put aside for projects.

A more detailed update would be available at the meeting in June.

5. Bugle

The distribution of the bugle had been agreed at the last meeting of the Community Council. KMcD had begun to write the next issue of the Bugle and had checked the amount of issues needed which was around 2800. An update on the progress would be available at the next meeting.

6. Planning Matters Report

Week 09	Extension at 33 Broomridge Road – for Mr Scott St John.
Week 10	Nothing in the area.
Week 11	Erection of Class 1 retail unit at former Somerfield Store – for Lidl UK.

Decision

The Secretary to write to Stirling Council objecting to the application requesting that the road layout at Weaver Row be looked at on the grounds of illegal parking in this area. The implementation of barriers in the area would possibly help prevent parking. It was noted that Lidl UK had a meeting with resident at the Home to discuss what was happening with the wall, site, parking etc.

Recommendation to approve erection of garden hut (retrospective) at 3 Schiltron Way. This application had been approved.

Week 12 Erection of dwellinghouse at land to rear of 9 Broomridge Road – for Brian Masterson – drawings attached.

Councillor Brown had advised that an application for a single storey building had been applied for in 2001 and had been refused. There was another application in 2004 which was approved and was still active.

The Community Council decided at present not to object to the application.

Planning Enforcement Matters:

19 Gambeson Crescent – No change.

Planning contravention Notice had been served for obstruction of visitor parking spaces at Glasgow Road, St. Ninians. It was confirmed as being Arnold Clark.

7. Treasurer's Report

JM reported the accounts as at 24 April 2007 to 25 March 2008 and outlined the payments made including the fee for the minute secretary. The new balance was £1111.52.

Decision

It was noted that the date should read 25 March 2008 and not 25 February 2008.

The account were noted.

8. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:-

1. Community Council Planning Training Session for New Community Councillors – Saturday 26 April, Viewforth, 9.30-12.30 reply by 21 April 2008.
2. Proposed Traffic Restrictions – Shirra's Brae Road – no vehicle access rear Gilles Drive – comment soon.
3. Notification of Forum 5 Steering Group meeting and notes on Thursday 3 April, Viewforth, 6.30pm – AR would attend.
4. Letter from Bruce Crawford MSP regarding review by Stirling Council with regard to Road Maintenance. This was an upgrade of local road network table for viewing by Members.
5. St Ninians Local Housing Office moving to Corn Exchange Road. Residents in the area using the local office would be notified of the move.
6. Forestry Enterprise Scotland Strategic Plan and consultation period. The nearest meeting would be in Perth anyone wishing to attend let KMCD know.
7. Government Survey of Association of Scottish Community Councils was to be returned by Friday 4 April 2008. This did not affect the Community Council and KMCD to notify that response.

Action: KMCD

8. Stirling Cultural Strategy 2008-2012 – feedback by 26 March 2008. The Community Council received the letter on 20 March 2008 not giving much time to respond. The Community Council decided to respond even though the deadline had passed.

Action: KMCD.

9. Notice of meeting of Planning Panel – Tuesday 25 March 2008. Nothing in the area.
10. Safer Streets Awareness Event – 26 March, Golden Lion. Invitation received on 12 March. KMCD attended there was nothing to report of the event.
11. Post Watch Scotland – Independent was tabled for Members to view.
12. Core Path Plan – Final Consultation – 23 April 2008. Included Abbots Road Path and Gambeson Path.
13. Boquhan Estate, near Kippen leaflet was received for Members to view.

9. AOCB

- a. Preparation for AGM. A report was tabled to Members for any comments to be made before the AGM in May. Please forward any comments to AR before the meeting.

It was intended to try and encourage more people to attend and join the Community Council.

1. Rainbow Slides. Promises for alternative facilities were given. Active Stirling could not provide provision for pre-school.

Councillor Brown would bring this query at the next Board meeting of Active Stirling as he was not aware that this was the case.

It was raised that private trainers could provide swimming lessons to pre-school but Stirling Council could not provide the same service. JR to provide Councillor Brown with additional detail on the above.

2. Praise was given to Stirling Council on first of the grass cutting of the season in the area.
3. The strapping on the new trees at Pike Road had been removed.
4. Councillor Brown to contact Streetscape to find out what was happening with the key and padlocks for the gates at Burghmuir Road underpass
5. In connection with the disused run track at the school could Stirling Council take over the maintenance of this ground. The school pay a fee to Stirling Council for the cutting of grass and because of the extension of the school this means there was less ground.

Action: Councillor Brown to investigate this issue.

6. Litter was still a problem at the school. The litter was being blown off site and around the neighbouring streets. It was suggested that school children could pick up the litter. It was also requested to find out if there was a condition that the contractor was to keep the site clear of litter.

Action: Councillor Brown would investigate to find out if there was a condition set down for the contractor to keep the site clear of litter.

7. Councillor Brown advised that due to the changes in administration at Stirling Council he would be available to help and deal with more local community issues.
8. Councillor Brown advised that he had a walkabout in the Craigs Community Council area to discuss community issues and it was successful. He would be intending to do the same in the Broomridge Community Council area and would arrange it within the next 2 weeks. If the Community Council had an issue they were to contact Andy Davis and a walkabout of the area would be arranged.
9. Cutting of the railway banking not being done.

Action: Councillor Brown to investigate and report back.

10. Parking on the pavement off Pike Road into Claymore Drive causing a problem. When this happens it was to be reported to the Police with a note of the registration number of the vehicle.
11. Yellow line on roundabout at Pike Road round the corner had not been completed.

Action: Councillor Brown to investigate.

10. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 7 May 2008 at 7pm in the Mayfield Centre, Stirling. This will be immediately preceded by the Annual General Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.35pm.