

Broomridge Community Council



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Unadopted Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4 June 2008 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), Sharon McGrouther Clerk.

Stirling Council

Andrew Davis (AD), Community Liaison Officer
Councillor McChord

Apologies:

Councillor Brown, Councillor Paterson, Peter McGowan (PMcG) and Pat Mooney (PM).

Also in Attendance

PC Tim Robinson, Central Scotland Police

Visitors: Mrs I Ferguson, 101 Glasgow Road, Dorothy Scott, 103 Glasgow Road, Mr Mackie, 22 Glaive Ave, G. Adam, 105 Glasgow Rd.

1. Adoption of Minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2008

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting on 7 May 2008 were approved as correct record of the meeting, proposed by AB and seconded by JM.

2. Matters Arising

1. Item 2 – point 4 – should read “Item 5 – production of Bugle ground had been laid out”.
2. Item 5 – Pike Road the “to let” placard –thanks noted for Councillor Paterson’s assistance in this matter.
3. Item 8 –point 4 – the double yellow lines had been implemented.

3. Police Report

PC Robinson advised that it had been a good month and explained what he had accomplished over the month.

Community engagements which PC Robinson raised were as follows:-

- 6,00/8,00 pupils – sponsored by police and council -
- Bike safety – P5
- Visits to local shop – purchases of alcohol to under age children – on going matter
- Surveillance in Bannockburn and city centre – positive results on under age drinkers.
- On going matter with litter around Bannockburn High School.
- Police were attending the school to discuss internet computer security.
- Minister of church of Scotland – talk

He reported the following facts:-

3 - detected
0 - undetected
10 - road traffic offences

Ongoing youth disorder

An unspecified Ongoing matter at Balquhiddelock

Discussions took place on the following matters:-

- Police should encourage the children playing football in the green space behind the Co-op. It was good to see.
- AR and JR were out with the police. It was very interesting and reassuring especially the wand to detect knives.
- It was suggested that the police should patrol between the hours of 8-10am along Broom Road and Pike Road where they would catch more drivers using mobile phones and not wearing seat belts. It was suggested that an article should be published in the Bugle regarding Mobile phone users.
- A resident advised the Community Council that his son had attended a presentation by the police at his school regarding the use of drugs and found it very informative.
- The Chair advised that the internet presentation was very good and recommended it to all.
- PC Robinson was in discussion with PC Hogg about the crossing on Glasgow Road which had improved but the Signs with lights flashing had not slowed the speeding traffic.

4. St Ninians Development Trust Report

A meeting had been held on the 26 May 2008 but there was no update of this meeting to be reported.

5. Report on Parking at Arnold Clark's Garage

- A breach of Condition had been served on 21 May regarding the transporter bay. On 18 June 2008 the unloading bay would be only used for that purpose alone.
- Parking of employee cars was causing a problem for residents within the areas.
 - Letters had been received from 3 residents regarding this issue.
 - Driveways were not blocked so not against the law.
 - New bin lorries will have problems uplifting the bins.
 - Advertising signs were incorrect.
 - Concerns were raised about the amount of spaces available for visitors.
 - Residents were having problems exiting and entering their driveways.
 - Staff parking is all day causing problems to residents. A note of problem car registration numbers had been recorded by residents.
 - Why was it only a problem since Arnold Clark had taken over the franchise?
 - Transporters unloading had blocked driveways in the past.
 - How many staff were employed?
 - What was the ratio of staff to staff car parking spaces?
- It was suggested that the complaint be taken further than the manager of the branch but to Sir Arnold Clark himself.
- Mr Mackie, resident, described other areas within the Greenock area which have the same problems as Glasgow Road.

Action

The Chair would write to Sir Arnold Clark raising all the concerns to try to resolve the issues recorded.

Councillor McChord and Councillor Paterson would arrange to meet with the manager of the store and report back.

6. Forum 5

The Chair updated the Members on the latest meeting of the Forum.

It was suggested by AD that they look at the facilities within the Community Council area and noting what would be needed to help the community. It was also noted that the centre of the community had changed due the new housing in the areas.

7. Local Estate Action Plans (Leaps)

KMacD explained to Members what the action plan involved. Members were advised that suggestions would be welcomed and should contact Maureen Hutchlaw at St Ninians Local Office.

8. Public Partnership Forum

KMacD advised of the meeting which would take place on 7 June 2008 to discuss the 2 main options from the consultation which was the New Hospital at Larbert and what happens to Stirling Royal Infirmary. Members were welcome to attend the meeting.

Concerns were raised that the Orchard House facility might not be chosen and that this matter might not be discussed

9. Planning Matters Report

The following report was tabled for discussion:-

- Week18 Amendment to Condition 9 of permission 98/00685/DET
To reduce parking provision from 4 spaces to 2 spaces on
Forecourt and formation of new car park at
Arnold Clark, 121 Glasgow Road.
- Week 19 Extension at 14 Caltrop Place
For Mr & Mrs Gary Williams
- Week 20 Nothing in our area
- Week 21 Extension at 51 Caltrop Place
For Mr & Mrs Chris Williams
- Extension at 36 Pelstream Avenue
For Ms K Strang
- Erection of boundary fence at 2 Wishart Drive
For Mrs Retta Howlieson

Planning Appeals lodged

Appeal has been submitted regarding the Council's refusal of planning permission for erection of one house to **East of Barnsdale Villa**, Fairhill Road, Whins of Milton. The appeal will be decided on written submissions and a copy of our original objection has been forwarded to the relevant department together with details of additional concerns regarding the trees which have been felled by the applicant since the refusal of planning permission.

On this same subject, a new application has been submitted by the developers of the 2 houses to the **South West of Barnsdale Villa** for the erection of a garage. The Planning Schedule papers do not detail where exactly this garage is, what size, etc., so a copy of the actual plans has been requested.

Other planning issues

The application from T-Mobile at Motac, Glasgow Road, has been recommended for approval despite objections from ourselves and Borestone Community Council. Only

conditions are that new cabinets must be same colour as existing ones and pavement width of at least 1.5m must be retained. **It was subsequently reported on 21st May to Borestone Community Council by Councillor Andrew Simpson that the application has been called in to be discussed by the Planning Panel.**

The previously advertised application for 4 internally illuminated fascia signs at Co-op, Pike Road, has been approved with conditions.

Planning Enforcement matters:

Cases Closed: “To Let” placard on Pike Road has been removed.

The Chair gave a history of the Arnold Clark site and the Community Council agreed that the Chair should write a letter of objection to the reduction of more parking spaces.

The Chair advised the meeting that she had contacted Building Standards, Stirling Council regarding the Forth Housing development on Milton Brae as the rainwater down pipes from the roof go directly into the soil. During discussions, the department had advised AR that there was no Certificate of Completion. AR voiced her concern as the building had been occupied for over a week and asked Councillor McChord for his help in ensuring everything was OK and that outstanding matters were being attended to as a matter of urgency.

Action

Councillor McChord to confirm all in order on the Milton Brae site.

10. Treasurer’s Report

JM reported the accounts as at 25 April 2008 to 23 May 2008 and outlined the payments made including the fee for the minute secretary. The new balance was £1056.54.

Decision

The accounts were noted.

11. Correspondence

The following correspondences were noted:-

1. Letter from Bruce Crawford MSP Re: Public Telephone box. It was noted that there was 1 in the area and there were no objection to its removal.
2. Litter Day – 3 June 2008

It was noted that there would be teams of officials from “Streetscape” out and about in the Stirling area encouraging children and the public to pick up the litter. Some of the areas targeted were Mayfield Centre, Bannockburn, City Centre, Drip Road, Raploch, Eastern Villages.

It was noted that there was a remarkable difference at Bannockburn High School and that concerns had been raised with the Headteacher who was also concerned regarding the litter problem.

3. Road Maintenance Programme

The Secretary advised that the road maintenance programme had been tabled for Members to view and any comments or concerns were raised and they would be passed on.

Upgrade of Glasgow Road and the new zebra crossing had been raised.

4. War Memorial Funding

There was no free standing war memorial within the Community Council area.

5. Public Toilets

There was a review on the 28 public toilets in the Stirling area and it was requested for comments. There were no public toilets within the Community Council area.

6. Civic Awards

A letter was received requesting nominations for the Civic Awards. The Community Council had at this time no nominations.

7. The Treasurer advised receipt of a letter of thanks to the Community Council for the donation of £150 towards the activity track at Braehead Primary School.

8. The Treasurer advised that the funding received for £400 had been used for the Bugle. The form had been filled and returned as requested. Any left over funds from this grant must be used for the Bugle only.

12. AOCB

1. There had been 3 advertisements received for organisations in the area to be advertised in the Bugle.

2. Stirling High School – AR advised that Borestone Community Council had a tour around the new school and requested that the Members of Community Council had a visit to the School to see the new facility. It was also suggested a visit to Bannockburn High School to see the new extension.

Action

Councillor McChord would investigate and arrange the visits for Members.

3. Recycling Plant – it was suggested that Members might visit the recycling and compost facilities.

Concerns were raised about areas of open spaces not getting the standard of grass cutting. It was advised that areas of woodland, parks etc were being left as a

scientific area for wildlife It was suggested that the last cutting of the grass had been left too long which resulted in clumps of grass being left. It was a pity after all the good work achieved so far.

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These areas were part of the bio-diversity plan for the area.

Action

KMcD to contact John Barr, Stirling Council to complain about the concerns which were raised above.

5. Grass cutting raised by Mr Mackie, KMcD to look out the grass cutting plans and get back to him on the areas.

6. Pike Road – The balls on the wall needed to be cleaned. Concerns were raised about ownership and responsibility. Community Council Members suggested cleaning the balls themselves and discussed the possibility. Suggestions of offering free advertising in the Bugle for an organisation if they would clean the balls.

Action

Councillor McChord to advise of contractor/organisation previously used.

7. Andy Davis requested Members let him know of the walk-about areas which they wish to visit and he would arrange this with Councillor Brown.

8. Litter Pick – Bluebell Wood on Sunday 8 June 2008 between 2-4pm – All Welcomed.

13. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 6 August 2008 at 7pm in the Mayfield Centre, Stirling.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.35pm.