

Kings Park Community Council

Minute 4th December 2007

1. Attendance: Committee - Harry Whitelaw (chairman), Ian McNeish (secretary), David McDonald, Gordon Campbell, Duncan Crombie, Colvin Pirie, Col. Frank Saunders.
Also - Dorothy Wilson (Friends of Kings Park).

2. Apologies: Philip Cleghorn, Jack Harris.

3. Last Minute: minute 6th November. 2007, proposed - GC, seconded - DMcD.

4. Actions from Last Minutes:

- (1) IMcN - still no response from Stirling Council to question about TRO - see action 6 (4th Sept), 2 (2nd Oct) 2 (6th Nov) *Continue this action.*(Action 1)
- (2) IMcN - Website - Agenda 12 last meet - *ongoing, see item 12 this meeting.*
- (3) DMcD - (corr. (h) last meet) Public Art Audit. *Completed and returned.*
- (4) DMcD - (corr. (j) last meet) Lic(S)Act'05 - Draft Policy Statement. *Nothing of note.*
- (5) DMcD - Bus route 32 (Hospital) - Agenda 14 last meet - *ongoing, see item 13 this meeting.*
- (6) IMcN - Southfield Circle landscape proposal/ get community response - AOCB last meet. Information flyer circulated - *Result to be collated and sent to Stirling Council.*(Action 2)

5. Correspondance:

- (a) Stirling Public Partnership Forum - notification of public meeting - circulated.
- (b) Forum 3 Steering Group - 2008 meeting timetable circulated.
- (c) Newhouse waiting restrictions order - to CP

6. Planning Report:

i Applications from last meeting:

- None to report on.

ii New Applications:

- None to report on.

7. Parking:

Victoria Place / Queens Road developments. Stirling Council continue to spread their parking zone around Kings Park. Our participation with Stirling Council (Mr Roberts and Mr Fraser) and FKP continues. Agreement that grass verge of Queens Road, adjacent to Kings Park, be reduced but not removed. Request by FKP that a landscape expert be

involved, rejected on the grounds that he is too busy. PC will continue his involvement with Stirling Council on this issue. Retain on agenda.

8. Kings Park Sale:

Stirling Council meeting of 13th December may continue this issue. No new information.

9. Friends of Kings Park:

DW reported that landscaping developments continue. Plans for new children's play area have been produced, shown to group. DC asked what was wrong with present play area and had users, in particular the children, been consulted. DW did not know about latter however said that the present equipment, obtained from the Glasgow Garden Festival, was decaying and dangerous and needed to be replaced. DC opined that if it was dangerous, why was it still in use, adding that he doubted that it was decaying and in need of being replaced. DW said the budget to carry out the work was gained from the High School PPP arrangements.

10. Orchard House:

HW reported that present development put on hold, not abandoned. The scheme is to be readdressed and perhaps emerge in smaller form. It seems that part of this position was as a result of General Practices withdrawing their support because of spiralling costs. HW is on the consultation group and will inform us of future developments.

11. Murrayshall Quarry:

Nothing to report.

12. Communication Strategy:

- Website - IMcN reported of options: **(1)** Scotlands CommunitiesTogether (SCT) website - it is available at initially no cost, although that will change as it develops. It is a very powerful site, yet leaves us little room to develop our own corporate identity. It is very bland and cumbersome to use, particularly for the public. **(2)** ASCC also has plans to develop a multi-member website for the use of Scotland's Community Councils. This will be in direct competition with the SCT. Nothing more is known at this stage. **(3)** We could at reasonable cost develop and administer our own site. That would allow us to use our own identity, say the Coat of Arms. It would also allow us to design in simplicity of access, suitable linking and perhaps sponsorship. The design would allow for community feedback. It would require a dedicated team of 'webmasters' and a clear operating protocol on access, weeding etc. IMcN also reported a likely funding source. The group agreed on the latter course, IMcN and DMcD to progress. CP reminded the group of the apathy of our community to the work of the Community Council and therefore doubted that a website would be much accessed. The group agreed; however felt it was important to carry out the function of the Community Council with the aim of engaging with our community to the best of our ability, even if many were apathetic.
- Minute Circulation - IMcN reported that in addition to circulating our minutes to the group, Stirling Council and making them available to visitors on meeting nights, he would now hand a copy into Stirling Library and The Smith Museum. In

addition he would create a one page summary, with the main subjects highlighted with no detail, for displaying in these establishments. The summary would point the reader to where the full minute could be found. A copy would also be handed into the Observer office.

- Coat of Arms - DMcD reported that he has heard from the Lord Lyon King of Arms that he will grant our design. It will cost £909. DMcD is aware that Dunblane Community Council did similar and was funded by the Council, he would research this.
- Information Bulletin - DMcD thought an information bulletin would be a useful inter meeting document. He would liaise with the secretary between meetings and produce the bulletin for member's information. Agreed.

Progressing this section would appear as agenda item and not Actions.

13. Bus Route – Hospital:

DMcD reports he awaits a response from the Council on this issue. Retain on agenda, not actions.

14. AOCB:

- HW reported having attended a Breathing Spaces seminar held on 21st Nov within Stirling Council Offices, Viewforth. The aim, supported by the BBC, is to improve green areas. Funding being available from Big Lottery Fund for suitable proposals. HW is pursuing a bid for £10,000 to be used in partnership with Stirling Golf Club to enhance perimeter public footpaths.
- CP reports that the new parking restrictions Royal Gardens is causing displacement parking in Albert Place. That in turn is creating a road safety issue as the increased parking has narrowed the roadway as well as reducing visibility for road users. CP will follow this up with Stirling Council. **(Action 3)**
- CP reports that the new traffic arrangements at Greenwood Avenue and surrounds, 'one-way' system and parking restrictions, are in place however at the Greenwood Avenue section, the footpath has not been tarred and as a result people, particularly those pushing children's buggies or wheelchairs, are having some difficulty in negotiating the route and are walking on the tarred roadway, creating a possible road safety hazard. CP to take this up with Stirling Council. **(Action 4)**
- CP wishes that we congratulate Stirling Council for their forward thinking in using solar energy to power the parking meters in Royal Gardens. He understands that this has resulted in a saving of approximately £1,000 a unit. IMcN to pass on these comments to Stirling Council. **(Action 5)**
- DMcD reports that the traffic lights at Melville Terrace, Snowdon Place are set on the wrong priority after normal rush hour time. In particular they continue to give unnecessary priority to traffic entering/leaving Melville Terrace late in the

evening when there is no traffic entering or leaving Melville Terrace. IMcN to bring this to the attention of Stirling Council. **(Action 6)**

HW closed the meeting and thanked the visitors for their contributions.

16. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 8th January 2008 - 7.30p.m. - Same venue (Library Basement).

Actions:

6 actions (1,2, 5 and 6-IMcN/ 3,4 -CP)