

Kings Park Community Council

Minutes 2nd October 2007

Attendance: **Committee** - Harry Whitelaw (chairman), Ian McNeish (secretary), Colvin Pirie, Philip Cleghorn, David McDonald.

Also - Andrew Simpson (councillor) arrived 8.15 pm, Ian Brown (councillor), Garry Coull, Dorothy Wilson (Friends of Kings Park), Harry Deerin (Friends of Kings Park).

Apologies: Duncan Crombie, Frank Saunders, Gordon Campbell, Jack Harris (committee members), Scott Farmer (councillor).

Last Minutes: minutes 4th Sept. 2007 proposed - DMcD, seconded - CP.

Actions from Last Minutes:

Action (1) PC - completed

Action (2) HW - Responded with our decision

Action (3) IMcN - Communicated concerns of CP and received full reply - read out

Action (4) IMcN - registered our website - more to be done - to next agenda

Action (5) GMcN - informed Council of his retiral, replaced by IMcN, who will be signatory for cheques (**Action (1) next meeting** - IMcN progress)

Action (6) IMcN - No response (**Action (2) next meeting** - IMcN progress)

Action (7) HW - New Venue - (**Action (3) next meeting** - HW progress)

Planning Report:

i Applications from last meeting:

- 11 Victoria Square - turned down at planning committee.

ii New Applications:

19 Melville Terrace - substantial office complex extension and parking to rear.

We agree to lodge objection. (**Action (4)** - PC will respond, citing such issues as water table and listed building)

Parking:

CP reports that the Greenwood Avenue Greenwood Avenue, Royal Gardens and Victoria Road new parking arrangements are progressing. He still has concerns about the inadequate resident parking places planned for Royal Gardens and continues to liaise with Jim Mullen of Stirling Council. CP will continue to take these issues forward on our behalf and report back.

PC intimated that we, KPCC, had been consulted and heavily involved in Abercromby Place parking developments. That involvement and protracted discussion had delaying the implementation of parking restrictions and resulted in Stirling Council increasing the number of resident's parking spaces. That involvement has resulted in Stirling Council

bypassing the Community Council. The following phase of parking development, Clarendon Place and Royal Gardens being decided upon by Council officials dealing directly with the residents. PC added that the implications of the developing parking restrictions are that people who work in the City Centre, including Stirling Council workers, are displaced to those streets not covered, resulting in many of the streets near the Kings Park and Kings Knot being lined with parked cars from early morning until late afternoon. This means that people now can hardly park to walk their dogs for a short time, take their kids to the play park for an hour or so, on a nice day stop and have lunch on one of the park benches etc. PC had expressed those concerns to a Council Official, who seemed unconcerned and said the Council had no plan for this, adding that the next area scheduled for parking restrictions was Victoria Square.

Kings Park Sale:

HW reports the park sale is on the agenda of the full council meeting, Thursday 4th October within the council chambers. He has no other information. Councillor Brown adds that there will be no announcement at that time about the cost of the prospective sale on account of commercial confidentiality.

Friends of Kings Park:

DW and HD gave a comprehensive update on improvements the Friends had been working on, i.e., the butterfly garden and bulb and grass planting and how pupils from Stirling High School had helped. They also spoke about how the old Tennis Pavilion may be developed and how they are researching its history with a view to having it listed. They had concerns about the increase of graffiti and vandalism and were speaking to the police about this. Harry Deerin reported that while it had never been easy co-ordinating the various services to get things done in the park, it had worsened since Active Stirling came on the scene. While Active Stirling had erected the fencing around the pavilion it still had suffered damage, they were not prepared to have the damage repaired. Councillor Brown, a director of Active Stirling, said he would bring these issues up with them. DW reminded those present that the AGM of Friends of Kings Park was scheduled for 31 October in the Smith.

NHS / Stirling Council:

HW reports that the costs involved with Orchard House seem to be escalating to such an extent that some GPs are thinking again. The notion of waiting until the present SRI site is vacated then having the whole scheme placed there seems to be gaining favour. The next meeting is on 18th October. HW will attend and report back.

Murrayshall Quarry:

HW has no further information. He has however seen new power cables being erected in that vicinity and wonders if this is just a coincidence.

Website:

IMcN reports having registered Kings Park Community Council with Scottish Communities Together, the organisation developing the site. Further work is required before we are up and running. Retain on agenda.

Correspondence:

IMcN referred to three items;

- (a) Association of Scottish Community Councils (ASCC) annual conference and annual general meeting within the Scottish Parliament building on 3 Nov. 2007. We are members and have one vote. Any member wishing to attend, inform IMcN.
- (b) Stirling Council request details of our meetings in 2008. (**Action (5) next meeting**- IMcN to respond)
- (c) Letter from Stirling Council about public liability insurance re. festive lights. Not relevant to us.

Bus Route - Hospital:

DMcD reports having received concerns from residents about a reduction in public transport servicing the hospital. The detail was not clear. (**Action (6)** - DMcD to research this with the Health Board and Stirling Council)

AOCB:

Retiral of Secretary: IMcN - new signatory on cheque book. (see **Action (1)** above)

GC asked if parking restrictions were likely to extend along Dumbarton Road west of its junction with Royal Terrace. HW said he had no information about that and added that when details of the new roundabout being planned for the junction on Dumbarton Road, adjacent to entrance to Kings Park Farm, is received he would inquire about parking.

Area Community Planning Forum 3 - DMcD was present and reported; The theme was transport, Brian Roberts spoke about the ring road, about the £3.75 million allocated to the transportation strategy, traffic roundabout at Victoria Place/Queens Road. Mention was also made of the previous notion about the council vacating Viewforth and a creating a new road over the site to link Gladstone Place with the dual carriageway. There is no money for that plan and Viewforth is not being vacated. The area plan was also discussed. DMcD is of the view that the forum is a waste of time. Councillor Brown disagreed.

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

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 6th November 2007 - 7.30p.m. - Same venue - unless new arrangements made.

Actions;

6 actions (1,2 and 5-IMcN/ 3-HW / 4-PC/ 6-DMcD)

