

## RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Chair: Roberta Jardine 13, Abbotsford Place, Stirling. Tel. 465608**  
**Secretary: Ann Graham. 11, Riverside Drive, Stirling. Tel.. 472489**

### Minutes of Meeting held in the Riverbank Centre on Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>.2007

In Attendance:Ann Gilchrist, Isabella Gorska, Ann Graham, Roberta Jardine,P McBeth,Irene McKean, Ann Strang, Robert Thornton,Councillors I Brown & C McChord,P.C. L. Colville.

Apologies:J Docherty .

Chairs Welcome: Chair welcomed and thanked all attending the Meeting.

#### Resignation of Mrs.Irene McKean as Secretary.

It was with extreme regret the Community Council accepted the resignation of Irene as Secretary , a post she has held with great esteem for 15 years.

Irene served not only the Community Council but the Community at large and did so with great willingness and depth of knowledge It will be very hard to replace her.A very sincere vote of thanks was expressed to Irene for her sterling work over the years.

#### Election of new Secretary

Robert Thornton nominated Ann Graham as Secretary and this was unanimously accepted by the Community Council Members present. Ann accepted the position in the meantime and was immediately "put in post".

#### Minutes of Meeting of 20June 2007

Proposed;Ann Gilchrist.Seconded:P McBeth

#### Matters Arising

Following issues raised at the last meeting regarding Waverley Park Councillors Brown and McChord had been in correspondence with Council officials.They were advised that ROSPA considered there was no dangerous equipment in the park and that rowan berries did not pose a threat to children's health or safety .It was suggested however that it may be beneficial if perhaps the Countryside Rangers were to visit the Riverside School to talk to the children about toxic plants, and the children's responsibility in keeping the park nice and reporting vandalism.The matter of a Portaloo being provided for users of the park was accepted as being impractical for maintenance and vandalism reasons as well as being very expensive

It was also a consensus of opinion of the meeting that people did not want long grass or trees in the park

A matter which had arisen after the last meeting caused great anger and confusion.An M.G. Rally and Barbecue.was held on the grass at Riverside Drive and when residents called the police to have the people removed

they were told a Council Representative had apparently given them permission to be there. The Police withdrew without further action.

### Community Police Report.

Community Policewoman Lorna Colville spoke further on the M.G Rally. She did confirm that the police had attended the incident but had indeed left because it was said permission had been given for the event, and the name given was that of Jane McFarlane. Because the Community Council are normally advised by the Council in such matters it was assumed their presence was acceptable. Lorna said it was suggested that bollards such as are sited in Queenshaugh Drive be put in place to prevent such trespass in future.

It was reported two males were discovered with a pellet gun in their possession in the park.

Four youths were caught spraying painting the School. Two have been charged and all were made to clean up the mess.

There was a drink and drive offence in Argyll Avenue, and a car was vandalised in Abbey Road.

Residents have reported the presence of dogs in the park and also the drinking of alcoholic beverages.

A resident also questioned Lorna as to the whether Lover's Walk is a one or two way Street. Since there is dubiety about this by motorists and cyclists it was suggested that Brian Roberts be contacted re. appropriate clear signage.

### Correspondence

The Association of Scottish Community Councils has invited Riverside C.C. to nominate an area representative. Terry Barlow asked if we would agree to him being that person and it was unanimously accepted.

Town Break, a charity which helps people suffering from dementia is looking for volunteers to provide lunch club or befriending services. Contact 01786 447787 or [www.townbreakstirling.org](http://www.townbreakstirling.org) for info.

There was an update from Ann McGuireon the Post Office Network Change Programme. The Post Office will commence initial planning in August 2007 and the public consultation in October 2007. At the end of the consultation period a full review will take place and a final decision made.

The A.S.C.C. is holding a meeting in Municipal Buildings, West Bridge Street, Falkirk on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of October which is free and open to all Community Councillors in the Central Scotland Region. It is a chance for Councillors to chat to each other and to their M.S.P.s Public Partnership Forum. This is a forum which is poorly attended but can have great influence and benefit on your local health service. Contact 01324 641660 for info.

### Planning

Isabella Gorska reported that planning permission for development at 2/4 Wallace Gate has been refused.

Application for the building of a 3 storey block of flats at 56, Abbey Road, has been granted. The ground floor of the building will be used for storage purposes only, not for habitation.

John Pedder's request for planning permission to build on the old Electricity Sub Station has been granted subject to conditions.

Isabella voiced concerns over the effect the extended and heightened banking at Causewayhead may have on our area. It was suggested that S.E.P.A. be consulted and also that we ask the recently appointed hydrologists to come to one of our meetings.

Any other competent business

A request was made for the provision of a bus for children in the Riverside attending Wallace High School. Councillor McChord said a survey of numbers wishing to use the bus would be beneficial. He also pointed out it would not be a free service. A survey has been arranged. Concern was expressed once again about the state of gardens in Abbey Road, specifically those of private tenants. It was felt a general letter to the owners of the properties rented out may be one way of dealing with the matter.

Questions were asked as to what planning was intended for the now vacant ground of Graham's yard. Nothing is known as yet, but residents requested that no further building should be done in the area. Harlequin's bus on the Riverside /Causewayhead route is causing problems for elderly residents who are having great difficulty on boarding it. It is also very narrow inside for passengers with shopping bags.

If anyone has any items they wish put on the Agenda for the next meeting could they let me know at the address or number above. Ann Graham

**The next meeting will be held in the Riverbank Centre on Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup> 2007. Any change of time or venue will be notified**