

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of Community Council Meeting of 20th June 2007

In Attendance: R. Jardine, I Gorska, P. McBeth A Graham R Thornton

Harry Doy—Project Engineer Stirling Council
Robert Hunter—Countryside Development Officer Stirling Council
Steven Paterson Councillor
Lorna Colville Community Police
Residents: 23
Apologies: J Docherty, I McKean, A Gilchrist, A Strang.

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Moved: P. McBeth Seconded I. Gorska

Community Police Report

P.C. Colville reported that a number of homeless persons who had been accommodated in Abbey Road had now been moved on.
There had been 5 reported house break – ins and people have been charged with the offences.

There were reports of alcohol being sold to minors and these are being investigated as are other reported offences.

P.C. Colville had not been told of the arson incident in Abbey Road when a Portaloo was set alight. This was despite a resident having reported the incident to both police and fire authorities.

The incidents of speeding along Riverside Drive was raised again and a 7 day a week check will be done to monitor the situation.

Update on proposed Pedestrian /Cycle Pathway

Robert Hunter opened what proved to be a very heated discussion on this topic. Robert gave a very informative picture of the thinking behind the project and the aims and objectives of it. It is envisaged that in time the River Forth may be utilised to its full potential and there have been studies done on the reaches from Kildean to Queensferry already. British Waterways and the Forth Estuary Forum have also been consulted. With all the new development along the river e.g. the new housing and other facilities at Forthside it is felt with the proper engineering and other feasibility studies a Round The Forth Route with multi purpose uses could be established.

Pedestrian/Cycle Pathway (continued)

Robert said various parties locally are interested in promoting the river, especially the Boating Club who in conjunction with Wallace High School are keen to

encourage young people to try rowing. Navigation of the river could also encourage tourism .

After Robert's broad overview of the river development Harry Doy brought things nearer to home with the new project underway at Riverside Drive.

Opinions were expressed at the cutting down of what were in, some peoples estimation, healthy trees and consequently the possible erosion of the river bank.

Harry advised that he was guided by the experts who said the trees were diseased and had to come down. This was disputed by some present but Harry said he had no cause at the time to doubt their word. The speed at which the work was done was also questioned Harry stated that because funding had become available and had to be used by the end of June a meeting was arranged

with the Community Council to see if the work could go ahead. The Councillors who attended (6 in number) unanimously agreed that it should.

Harry then went into detail to describe the work being done and what was to be done in the future. He had brought plans and drawings and invited everyone to come and see them and ask any questions they may have or raise any concerns. Some people present were for the project but questioned the suitability of it when they were at present out of their homes because of the flooding.

Their concerns were addressed by Cllr Paterson who told them there was to be a meeting in Riverside School on Friday 22nd June 2007. re the flooding issues.

Riverside Carbon Neutral

Sean Rhaud gave an update The Group have been awarded a £700 grant to pay for a years administration and got a further £500 grant from Project Earth Artists.

£9000 has been raised to commission a consultant's study and report on how we produce energy as a community. It is hoped this will start in July.

Through time it may be possible to buy energy from a Riverside Community Energy Trust and decide what to do with any profits realised.

Any Other Competent Business

Isabella Gorska made the meeting aware of the ongoing planning request at Wallace Gate. Requests have been denied for housing or a shop on the site previously, but the matter has now gone to the Scottish Parliament as the people involved are now seeking costs.

Road Markings

Road markings at Sutherland Avenue, /Meadow Place are not clear and need upgrading. Cllr Paterson will attend to this.

Waverley Park

Concern was voiced once again about the mess in the park with the large tree stumps now being covered in growth and the uncut verges and surrounds .One

resident has to sit and look at a large tree stump surrounded by fencing from her sitting room. The fencing is an attraction for children one of whom has already been severely injured. There are Health and Safety implications to be considered in the park also as the long grass is being used as a dumping ground for rubbish and, of more concern, as a toilet. It was felt it was time that consideration be given to providing toilet facilities for the park.

Hogsweed

One resident in Riverbank View has reported that she has got hogsweed encroaching into her garden from the nearby riverbank.

Minutes

One resident enquired as to when the 2007 Minutes will be going on line.

Goal Posts

The question of who has to buy the goal posts for the park was raised again. The Community Council will get catalogues to check prices.

The next meeting will be held on the 22nd of August in the Riverbank Centre at 7.30.p.m. Any change of time or venue will be notified