

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of March 26th 2008, held in the Riverbank Centre

Chairperson: Roberta Jardine, 13, Abbotsford Place, Stirling, FK8 1XQ. Tel:01786 4465608

Secretary:Ann Graham, 11, Riverside Drive, Stirling. FK8 1XF Tel:01786 472489

Apologies: Irene McKean, Ann Strang, John Docherty,

Residents Present: 8

Councillor in attendance:Ian Brown

Community Police Report:There was no representation from the Community Police therefore nothing to report. It did transpire however that there had been a message left on Roberta's phone enquiring if there was to be a meeting that evening. It should be noted that the Police had asked for a copy of the date and times of our meetings which we had given them . If they were not to take place we would notify them.

Minutes of the Meeting of 27th February 2008

The Minutes were proposed by Robert Thornton and seconded by Isabella Gorska.

Matters Arising:

An E Mail had been sent to Councillor Paterson on 16/03/08 in light of his new position in Community Planning. It addressed the issues of Graham's Yard, the Section 75 monies and the lack of a Community Hall. As at the 26/03/08 no reply to the E Mail had been received. Councillor Brown will ensure that this will be dealt with .

Correspondence:

Councillor Brown has been in correspondence with Councillor Thomson regarding flood defences in the Riverside. In view of the increased budget for such contingencies. The suggestion that the height of the river banking be increased would seem to be unlikely, due to the impact it may, or may not, have on areas outwith the Riverside. The appointment of Hydrologists seems to have stalled as there are no applicants for the positions as yet. It is said until such times as a full hydrological study can be carried out on the Forth catchment area , the Council will continue to make people aware of the risk and also of the range of mitigation measures available. As Councillor Brown stated this is no consolation to Riverside residents who have been flooded and have had their Insurance Premiums increased substantially.

Roberta had a communication from Bruce Crawford regarding an underspend of £60 million on the roads budget in the last 10 years. There are several areas in the Riverside in need of attention and it is felt a walk about to identify them and the work needing done, would be beneficial. Ian will arrange with Wilma Comrie, the Community Worker a time and a date for this

A.M.F. Bowling are trying to arrange a family fun day, in conjunction with Vue Cinema, Frankie & Bennie's, the Fire Brigade and other parties. This is to spotlight the new developments in the area and to draw the public's attention to the amenities and facilities now available. It was unanimously accepted that this would be a good idea and Roberta and Ann will meet with representatives of the parties concerned to see what can be done.

A notification of a competition to find the most enterprising place in Scotland (as part of the Enterprising Britain Competition) was received. Applications to enter the competition have to be in by 18/04/08. It was generally felt that we were not ready to enter such a competition.

Information from the Scottish Government regarding major changes in Planning Laws and Regulations was received. There is to be a seminar in the Municipal Buildings on April 26th to which two representatives from each Community Council are invited. The purpose of the meeting is to highlight the proposed changes and their effects.

Any other competent business

The continued removal of Sports & Leisure facilities in Stirling was a matter of great concern . Apparently the Health & Wellbeing Alliance funding has been cut, the Studio is closing because the site has been bought by a developer who will only give a month to month lease on the premises , 22 Active Stirling staff are being made redundant and the Argyll Centre is earmarked for closure. All these moves and the earlier closure of Rainbow Slides, have been made without suitable adequate alternatives being put in place .

It had been said at previous meetings that the Rainbow Slides site was to be sold to the the University for student housing, but now apparently it is going on the open market as it is estimated the site is valued at £1.7 million. This again causes worries as to who purchases the site and what will be placed on it.

Questions were asked as to what was causing the delay in work being done on the new houses on the bridge side at Forthside as they seem to have come to a halt. The piles of rubble appear to be static and the presence of the temporary traffic lights (and that of the driver sitting in his van at the lights with the engine running) unnecessary in the circumstances. Councillor Brown will look into this matter.

A member of King's Park Community Council attended our meeting to ask for support in petitioning against the closure of the Central Library. Those who wished to signed the petition.

With the imminent closure of the Waterway Road which was open for all traffic recently, it was questioned why it could not remain open to all traffic all the time. It was suggested that with the opening of the road on the other side of the development to take the normal traffic, requirements for all travellers including pedestrians and cyclists could be best met.

The Community Council will be looking for new members as very unfortunately three of our long standing and stalwart members will be resigning. Irene McKean, Ann Strang and John Docherty have given of their time and efforts over the years and they will be a sad loss to the Community Council. We thank them for their endeavours on behalf of all Riverside residents

The meeting was closed by Roberta who thanked all for attending, especially on such an awful evening

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting which will be held in the Boating Club, on Wednesday the 30th April 2008 at 7p.m. Please note the earlier start

Ann Graham, Secretary.