

Riverside Community Council

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Minutes of the Meeting held in the Riverbank Centre on 28th May 2008

In Attendance:Richard Dyet, Ann Gilchrist,Isabel Gorska, Ann Graham, Roberta Jardine, William Lyon, Pat McBeth, Robert Thornton.

Councillor in Attendance: Ian Brown.

Residents:12

Apologies: Councillors McChord and Paterson

Chairs Welcome:

Roberta welcomed all attending the meeting and gave special mention to the two new co- opted members of the Community Council, Richard Dyet and William Lyon.

Community Police Report.:

Once again there was no Community Police presence and no apology. Residents are annoyed at this as they feel they are being let down after the promise that at least one representative would be at every meeting.

Ian Brown will look into this as he hopes to go walk about with the Community Police and Community Councillors to identify and deal with issues.The presence of Community Wardens was also questioned as they do not appear to be seen by residents. The times and places when they are in attendance can be had from Syd Pask. Ian will look into this also.

Minutes of the meeting of 26th March 2008:

The minutes were proposed by Ann Gilchrist and seconded by William Lyon.

There were no matters arising.

Correspondence:

Mail was received from the War Memorial Trust advising that grants are now available to support war memorial conservation.The necessary requirements to be eligible were listed.

Wolfcraig Training Project are having a fund raising event on Saturday 5th July from 11a.m. – 2p.m. at the Episcopal Church Hall in Dumbarton Road.

Bookings can be taken for a table or space for stalls and car boot sales.

John Cameron has been appointed to the position of Director with Forth Housing Association. He is keen to establish links with Community Councils who are active in areas where Forth Housing has homes.It was agreed that we would ask John to attend one of our meetings as soon as possible.

Nomination forms for the Provost's Civic Awards were received and we are considering nominating someone for this award.

Central Athletic Club are holding a run on Sunday 14th September 2008 from Forthbank Stadium to Riverside and Cambuskenneth returning to Forthbank. The run will start at 9.35 a.m. and 1000 persons are expected to participate

C.S.V.Action Earth Grants of £50 are available for various projects.It was suggested, since Stirling is going to be the centre for the Army Veterans U.K.on this the 90th anniversary of the end of W.W.1, we plant purple and white flowers in barrels located in the Riverside. Ann will check to establish eligibility for the grant.

There is to be a Litter Day Of Action on 3rd June 2008 as part of the forthcoming National Campaign on Litter. Four teams will be covering areas from the City Centre to Bannockburn and as far afield as Callander and Balfron.

Councillor Jim Thomson is doing a review of Public Conveniences throughout the Council Area and is keen to have comments from us regarding our views on the provision of public toilets in our area. Jim also has responsibility for (among other things) grass cutting and litter collection, street lighting, roads transport etc. He is willing to attend a Community Council meeting to discuss any concerns we have in these matters.

Ann will contact Jim to invite him to attend our next meeting if he can.

Any other competent business:

The garages at the rear of the premises 32 – 36 Forth Crescent are now all subject to an amenity notice. It was suggested by Richard Dyet that the Community Council request a copy of the notices from the enforcement officer.

We are still without a notice board to display items of local interest as a suitable site has not yet been found due to a query over land ownership. It was suggested that we try to find out who owns the building which currently houses the Chiropodist to see if we could perhaps use the gable end of the building to mount a notice board.

There was a meeting held in Stirling Boating Club which was attended by John Henry and representatives from the Boating Club to discuss a possible development plan for the Club. Although this was not an official meeting as such, it was felt that the Community Council should have at least been made aware that the meeting was taking place. The Community Council was asked at one point what its feelings were with regard to the Boating Club perhaps being upgraded and being made available as a community hall. This was rejected by all present at that time as it was felt the premises were not suitable for youth activities such as netball, football, Badminton etc. and adult keep fit, line dancing etc.

When the Riverbank Centre use was changed from the designated Community Hall to the current Day Centre, Riverside residents were promised that a facility to extend the Centre to provide a Community Hall would be there. There seems to be no proof of that undertaking being available now, but Richard Dyet will look into the matter to see if there is any evidence of an outline plan being granted.

Questions were asked once again about the Section 75 monies from the Forthside development (as to where they were being deployed) as we still do not have a suitable response despite many requests.

Parents are anxious about the lack of information regarding the provision of transport for children from Riverside attending Wallace High School. Following a letter from Bruce Crawford to Keith Yates, the Council were going to investigate the possibility of the public transport being enhanced to incorporate a school run for the children. To date no response has been forthcoming and as far as we know, contractors have not been made aware of this idea. Ian will look into this.

We have asked on several occasions that the tree trunks dumped in our park be removed as they serve no purpose whatsoever and that the grass be cut in all areas of the park and there be no "wild life corridors" left. Neither of these issues have as yet been attended to.

Isabel wished to bring to the attention of the meeting, how well the children from the Riverside School Gaelic Unit did in the recent Mod, with several of the children receiving medals. A well done to all taking part was expressed by the meeting.

Action Points

1 Ian to look into no police representation at Community Council Meetings and arrange walk about, check re School Transport and situation re garages at Forth Crescent.

2 Ann to check re C.S.V. Grant.

3 Isabel to request copy of amenity notice from enforcement officer

4 Ann to ask Jim Thomson if he can attend meeting of 25/6/08

5 Richard to check outline plan for Community Hall.