

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Minutes of Meeting of 21st November 2007 held in the Riverbank Centre.

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

Apologies: Councillors Mc Chord, Brown & Paterson, Ann Strang, Irene McKean, John Docherty

Chairs Welcome: The Chair welcomed and thanked those present, and advised the reason for the re-scheduling of the meeting from the 28th of November was because of the proposed closure of the Post Office facility at Forth Crescent. There is no formal Agenda as such, so as to allow the Community Council to update residents on the actions they have taken so far in this major issue.

Minutes Of Previous Meeting of 31st October 2007. Proposed by Ann Gilchrist and seconded by Robert Thornton.

Community Police Report : there was nothing to report as Lorna is still on secondment. I have however E Mailed Policing Sergeant Kevin Chase to ask if anyone could deputise for Lorna in her absence.

Proposed closure of Forth Crescent Post Office: The Community Council made residents aware of the steps and actions they had taken or were proposing to take regarding this issue. They had been in touch with both local and national representatives and Stirling Council, and all parties had said they would give 100% support. The Community Council had prepared and circulated a petition to all households in Riverside and Cambuskenneth and have arranged a Public Meeting in Riverside Primary School for 7.30.p.m. on November the 27th. Posters to this effect are on display in the Post Office and paper shop. The Community Council urged that as many residents as possible attend this meeting and complete and sign the petition. Roberta and Ann have attended a meeting in Viewforth in which the Council gave invaluable help and advice as to how to present our case to Post Office Ltd. Ann read out and circulated the correspondence she has received so far, relating to this matter.

Matters Arising Concern was expressed as to the proposed allocation of the Section 75 money from the Forthside developers being used to refurbish Beechwood and the Kings Park. A meeting has been arranged with Community Councillors and Councillors Corrie McChord and Ian Brown to discuss this issue. It will also be tabled for the Agenda of January's Community Council meeting.

Following a request by a resident for the Minutes and Agendas of meetings to be posted in advance in the local press or shops, it was suggested that a Community Notice Board might address the problem. Isabel Gorska undertook to investigate the siting and costing of such an item.

Mrs. Emily Robertson, of 9, Abbotsford Place, was 100 years "young" on November 3rd, and the Community Council presented her with flowers and a card to mark this auspicious occasion.

Correspondence: The only pertinent correspondence received has been that pertaining to the proposed closure of the Post Office, which was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

Any other competent business : there was no other competent business dealt with at this meeting as the overwhelming concern was that of the proposed Post Office closure.

Ann Graham .
Secretary.

