

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting of 31st October held in the Riverbank Centre

*In Attendance: Roberta Jardine, Ann Gilchrist Ann Graham, Robert Thornton, Isabel Gorska
Bill Eadie, Stirling Council, Councillor Steven Paterson.*

8 Residents

*Apologies: Councillor Corrie McChord, Councillor Ian Brown, Irene McKean, Ann Gilchrist, Pat
McBeth, John Docherty.*

Chairs Welcome: The Chair welcomed and thanked all attending the meeting.

Community Police Report

The meeting opened with the report of Community Policewoman Lorna Colville.

Lorna reported that October had been a relatively quiet month in Riverside.

There were nuisance reports on egg and apple throwing incidents especially at Hallowe'een.

The purse snatching at Tesco's continues and there were further break in attempts on the buses at the Riverbank Centre., which have been caught on C.C.T.V.

The derelict garages at the back of Forth Crescent are still a major concern as they are a Health & Safety issue.

Robert Thornton wants the matter of fast cars late at night to be addressed. There is an Operation Tundra to be implemented which will check speed, noise, drink, insurance etc..

Councillor Steven Paterson

Councillor Paterson advised that unfortunately he would have to leave early as he had another meeting to attend at 8p.m. but circulated a letter he had written regarding the proposed closure of the Post Office which he strongly opposes.

Bill Eadie Children's Services.

Bill Eadie from Children Services attended the meeting at the request of Councillor McChord in response to the concerns regarding the Waverley Park issues raised at the previous C.C. meeting. The major concern was the unauthorised taking of childrens photographs and Bill advised that these have now been withdrawn and the report has also been amended.

The tree trunks in the park would appear to be remaining "in situ" but it was strongly requested that they be removed as they are most definitely not wanted in the park .Bill said he would look into this..Bill also suggested it would perhaps be beneficial if we tried to get Lottery funding to refurbish the park.

It also came to light that the Section 75 money that normally comes to a Community from developers, has been allocated to refurbish the King's Park not Riverside .When questioned as to when this decision had been made and by whom, Bill said it had been made by the Council "last month"

This shocked everyone and it was immediately requested that a meeting be sought with the Councillors to explain this decision.

Bill closed by saying he would be available at all times to help with any further problems or issues we may have.

Minutes of previous meeting.

Ann Gilchrist proposed the minutes which Isabel Gorska accepted.

Matters arising.

Isabel advised that Lovers Walk signage is now operative after the dispute between the Council and Cowane's Trust as to the responsibility for the overhanging trees was resolved.

It was also felt that it would be safer if the sign was re-sited on the opposite of the road a bit further on where it would be more visible.

Isabel said she had spoken to Farquhar Wilson about Glendale's workmen using the bridge for access to the Forthside Development with their heavy plant and machinery. Glendale have been told if they re-offend work will be halted on the site.

Correspondence.

Correspondence received regarding countryside matters and meetings arranged about the same was circulated to the meeting at large to see if anyone wished to participate in any way.

Any other competent business.

Isabel told the meeting of plans for a proposed 24 Hour Super Store at the S.T.E.P. site, with a service area, car parking and landscaping. It is not yet known whose store it is.

There will obviously be implications for the Riverside with such a development with the prospects of increased traffic and the possibility of another access road needed.

It was felt it would be better if someone from the Council could come to a meeting to discuss the potential impact on Riverside.

Questions were asked about the future use of Graham's Yard as apparently a resident had received a communication regarding this land. Isabel will search for possible land purchase documentation.

It was requested that the question of traffic lights at Lover's Walk be addressed as egress from there is impossible at times, and is an accident waiting to happen.

A resident asked it would be possible for a copy of the Minutes of Community Council meetings and Agendas to be available for reading prior to the next meeting as she felt there were never advance notifications posted in the local press or shops. The Secretary apologised that indeed there had been no notice in the Observer for this meeting but there were notices put in the Post Office and Paper Shop and previous meetings had been publicised.

Consideration will be given to this suggestion.

A Riverside resident Mrs. Emily Robertson, of 9, Abbotsford Place, will be 100 years old on November 3rd, and the Community Council will recognise this occasion by presenting her with flowers and a card on the day.

Late addendum to minutes

Isabel has been advised that an enforcement order has been served on the owners of the garages at the back of Forth Crescent.

The next meeting was detailed as arranged for 28/11/07, but due to the Public Meeting of 27/11/07 about the proposed closure of Forth Crescent Post Office this has been re-scheduled to 21/11/07.

Notification to this effect was put in the Observer on 14/11/07 and will be put in again on 21/11/07..

*Ann Graham
Secretary.*