

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held in Boating Club September 24th 2008

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

Councillor in Attendance, Corrie McChord.

Apologies, Councillors Brown & Paterson, Richard Dyet

Residents present, 13

Chair's Welcome:

Roberta welcomed and thanked all present for attending the meeting.

Community Police Report

Roberta gave a warm welcome to our new Community Policeman Graham Rattray who was introduced to the Meeting by Constable Tim Robinson.

Graham gave a very comprehensive report detailing the incidents that had taken place in the area in the period June – September 2008.

15 crime files were raised 6 detected and 9 undetected. The 6 detected included attempted housebreaking and road traffic offences. The 9 undetected had theft from a motor vehicle in Forth Street, a drink driving incident and inconsiderate driving in Abbey Road. Enquiries are ongoing on the undetected crimes.

Anti Social behaviour is causing problems in Forth Place, Forth Crescent Cooperage Quay and Cask Quay.

The stairs at Forth Place are being used improperly but the question of possibly closing them off would pose a problem for the residents who use the stairs for access to their properties.

In Forth Crescent cars are being vandalised in the evenings or early mornings perhaps by revellers after a night out.

In Cooperage Quay it is young children who appear to be smashing bottles and misusing the car park.

Some residents in Cask Crescent have had offensive graffiti daubed on their doors and windows.

Alcohol was confiscated from youths in Waverley Park.

It is proposed to have A.S.B. Patrols in the area at the weekends from 3 – 11p.m.

It is also hoped that cycle patrols may be initiated but officers have to undergo a 3 day Training Course before this can happen. Graham is hopeful of getting on this Course in the future.

Roberta asked Graham why cars were being clamped and were the D.V.L.A. responsible. It would appear that it is the Road Tax which has expired on these vehicles, hence the clamping.

Isabella questioned why large lorries (animal transporters) were being allowed to park at the school overnight. This will be looked into.

Minutes of the Meeting of the .25th June 2008

The Minutes were proposed by Ann Gilchrist and seconded by Roberta Jardine

Matters Arising

The issue of the derelict garages at the rear of the shops in Forth Crescent has not yet been resolved. The last date for appeal was originally 27th July 2008, but because of 3 incorrect notices being issued this period was extended. This has now also elapsed but still no action and the area continues to be an eyesore. Corrie will check on this.

The C.S.V. Grant we were awarded was not followed up on as all the action had to be taken before the award was made. Because of the late notification we could not carry out our plans and have asked that we be put on the list for next years awards.

Following our concerns about the areas of long grass left in the Waverley Park we were advised this was to create bio – diversity corridors but notice has been taken of our objections to this.

We received further information on the Community Pride Fund and asked for suggestions as to projects we could undertake and apply for the funding. This will be discussed at a future meeting as we have till the 27th February 2009 to apply.

Richard has spoken to Mrs Malik regarding the siting of a Community Notice Board on the corner wall at Forth Crescent/ Millar Place and she has no objection to this. A suggestion was made by a resident that a notice board could possibly be placed in the Primary School, but it was felt that siting it where originally planned made it more accessible to residents.

There has been no movement on the question of transport for the children of Riverside attending Wallace High School but we are aware of parents in other areas protests and will watch for developments.

Correspondence

The Trading Standards department have asked to speak at one of our meetings on the topic of Doorstep Crime Reduction but because of all the business arising we have asked if we can postpone this talk to a future date. Ann will advise them as to when it will be convenient.

The Forth Sight newsletter of the Forth Estuary Forum highlighted the successful bid by Falkirk Council in conjunction with British Waterways Scotland and the Central Scotland Forest Trust for a £25 million Lottery grant. for the Helix project . We questioned why Stirling had not applied to fund such projects and were advised by Councillor Mc Chord that the Council had applied but had been rejected . This was for a project to enhance the river as a leisure facility but they had lost out to Falkirk for the Falkirk Wheel. Councillor McChord said there is a new funding authority (Tayside & Central) and he will check on this. He also suggested that we look at the Climate Challenge Fund.

Notification of traffic calming measures was received in the Summer recess for Millar Place. A formal objection on behalf of a resident was made by Mrs. Ann Bain who requested a meeting with Ben Howard, the Projects Engineer. Councillor McChord will ask Ben to attend and Ann Graham will contact him to arrange it.

The Waste Disposal Unit had asked to attend this meeting to highlight a pilot initiative they are hoping to run in the Riverside. Because of the Local Authority industrial action we were unable to accommodate them but they will be at our next meeting on the 29th October.

Community Council Vacancy Elections to the Riverside Community Council will take place to fill 3 vacancies in October/November 2009. Residents were informed anyone wishing to stand can obtain nomination forms from the Elections Office at Viewforth or from local libraries..

Any other competent business

Isabella Gorska raised the issue of the lack of facilities for Gaelic Education as they currently have no venue having been told there is no available space for the Gaelic

parents in the Riverbank Centre. Since it is the Council's policy to support Gaelic Education this situation further highlights the need for a Community Hall to facilitate the Community at large. Ed Gibbon is currently trying to arrange accommodation for the Gaelic Parent's Group.

Richard was not at the meeting as he is on holiday but he said he will arrange for the question of the further development at Forthside to be addressed the next meeting on 29th October. Richard will arrange the publicity for this .

Mandy Johnston and Bev Wilson of Queenshaugh Drive made us aware of a request by the Canoe Club to site a shipping container approximately two and a half metres high at the side of the Boating Club. As this is directly opposite their houses they are most against this request. Since the site is Cowane's Trust land Councillor McChord suggested that Bill Dickson, the Factor of Cowane's Hospital, be contacted . Ann will do this.

Action Points

1 Councillor McChord to check Funding Authority.

2 Ann to contact Trading Standards

3 Ann to contact Ben Howard.

4 Richard to arrange publicity for meeting of 29th October re Forthside

5 Ann to contact Bill Dickson.