

**Minute of the Meeting of Torbrex Community Council held in
St Ninians Primary School at 7.15pm on Wednesday 21st February 2007.**

1. **Present:** Community Councillors - Murray Dickie, Jim Docherty, Julia Leftwich, Sue Ridler, Carolyn Edward, Genia Graham, and in attendance, E.M. Burt, Margaret Duff, Wilson Jamieson, Joyce Green, Catherine Dickson, Bob Dickson, Larry Henderson, William Robb, Bill Sim, Cllr Anne Harding, David Mitchell, Wendy Evangelisti and Margaret Brett.
2. **Apologies:** Robert Johnston and Michael Green.
3. **Minute of the Previous Meeting:** Item 5 of the minute of the previous meeting was amended to reflect that there was disagreement about Stirling council's proposals for Beechwood Park. The amendment was proposed by Genia Graham and seconded by Julia Leftwich. It was then accepted as an accurate record.
4. **Matters arising:** None.
5. **Activities for Older People:** The Chair welcomed Wendy Evangelisti and Margaret Brett who gave a talk on the courses they deliver on movement to music. After a discussion on what was involved in their classes it was agreed that they would deliver a course on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm beginning on the 24th April for a period of seven weeks. The venue will be the Scout Hall in Torbrex and the class will be advertised in the Stirling Observer and the Stirling Shopper. Door to door leafleting will also be carried out.
6. **Management of Facilities in Beechwood Park:** The Secretary reported that he had met with David Crighton of Streetscape to discuss the management of the Park. David Crighton had informed him that Streetscape act as the contractor for Community Services. Streetscape is responsible for cutting the grass and maintaining the flowerbeds but they do not carry out any work within the designated play area. The title deeds to the Park are held by Community Services who are also responsible for the strategic planning regarding its use. If paths require to be cleared this work will be carried out by Streetscape. They also deal with dog fouling and the removal of graffiti from the pavilion.

Councillor Harding expressed the opinion that the consultation carried out by Sue Gutteridge last year on Park usage involved such a small sample of people that the results were highly questionable in terms of their validity. It did not address the concerns of those on whom the proposals would have an impact.

The Way Forward. – As a result of the dissatisfaction expressed about the proposals put forward by officers of Stirling Council at the last meeting it was agreed that Torbrex community Council should write to: David Cameron, Director of Children's Services, the Police, Sue Gutteridge, Environmental Services, Des Friel, Bob Gil and David Crighton inviting them to our next meeting on 29th March. Councillor Harding had already written to Stirling Council about the proposals for the Park. The purpose of writing to David Cameron was to ask that all plans for the Park be set aside in the meantime to allow a proper structured consultation.

Friends of Beechwood Park – It was agreed that a Friends of Beechwood Park standing sub committee be established which would report back to Torbrex Community Council. This sub committee would hold its first meeting on Monday 26th February at 7.15pm in the Scout Hall, Torbrex. Thereafter a note would be delivered to residents of Lennox Avenue, Williamfield Avenue and Berkeley Street. It was also suggested that we endeavour to work in partnership with the school in an effort to improve the quality of our local environment.

7. **Area Cluster:** The Chair reported that he had attended the recent Area Cluster meeting which had concentrated on Stirling Council's Area Transport Strategy. Following a short discussion it was agreed that Torbrex Community Council should write to Stirling Council Roads Department asking for a single yellow line to be painted on the road from Beachwood Gardens to Summerfield's Store restricting parking between the hours of am and Pam. We would also write to Stirling Council's Roads Department about painting boxes on junctions.
8. **AOCB .** It was agreed that Torbrex Community Council and the Scouts should form a partnership agreement regarding the refurbishment of and activities in the Scout Hall.
9. **Dates of Meetings:** (SNP = St Ninians Primary, SHS = Stirling High School and (*) = AGM

Thur 29 Mar SHS	Tues 29 May SNP (*)	Wed 27 Jun SHS
Thur 26 Jul SNP	Tues 28 Aug SHS	Wed 26 Sep SNP
Thur 25 Oct SHS	Tues 27 Nov SNP	Wed 19 Dec SHS
Thur 24 Jan 2008	SNP	