

**Minute of the meeting of Torbrex Community Council held in
St Ninians Primary School at 7.15pm on Wednesday 25th January 2006.**

1. Present:

Community Councillors: Murray Dickie, Jim Docherty, Bob Johnston, Julia Leftwich, and Mike Jodeluk,

Residents: Margaret Duff, F. McDonald, R. Baker, S.K. Baker, Anne Sulieman, Eleanor Niven, Roy Pettigrew, Irene Walker, Gerry Giannandrea.

2. Apologies Caroline Edward, Genia Wilson, Ellen Dickie, Cllr Anne Harding.

3. Minute of the previous meeting: The minute of the meeting of 25th November was accepted as an accurate record. It was noted that on 13th December 2005 we did not hold a meeting but members had been encouraged to attend a cluster meeting at Borestone Primary School with other community councils where Les Goodfellow, Head of Transport, Stirling Council, gave a talk on the Council's Transport Strategy.

4. Matters arising: Transport Strategy and public access to Orchard House Hospital.

At the end of the cluster meeting mentioned above it had been agreed;

- the need for openness and for representatives from the group to put forward their suggestions; to this end a small ad hoc group comprising representatives from community councils should meet to plan the next cluster meeting and set clear deadlines.

5. PPP Update: Murray Dickie reported that numerous concerns had been raised regarding the development of the Stirling High School PPP Project. There were rumours flying around and it would be helpful to lay them to rest. To this end it was agreed that we should write to David Cameron, Director of Children's Services, asking him if he could set in motion the series of public meetings which he promised at our October 2005 meeting.

Members agreed that it would be helpful to have the first meeting no later than the end of February 2006 and also agreed that it would be helpful to have a diet of meetings. It was further agreed to seek clarification from the Director of Children's Services on the following issues;

- The current status of the proposal to refurbish St. Ninians Primary School as part of the PPP development.
- The details of any preparatory work to be undertaken within the next six months
- Reassurance that no houses will be built before the pupils move to the new school
- Confirmation that the football pitch in Beechwood Park will not be included in the PPP project but will continue to be owned and managed by Stirling Council
- Clarification regarding the proposed use of the planning gain for the benefit of the community.
- Plans for dealing with a potentially large increase in traffic through Torbrex Village.

6. Planning. Conversion of existing building, (Tannson), to form two flats together with six new build flats at 2 Randolph Terrace, Stirling.

Stirling Council had now written to Torbrex Community Council informing us that a decision had been made to approve the planning application. It was noted that the number of flats now being built had been considerably reduced as a result of our objections.

7. A.O.C.B:

Community Consultation – new grass cutting arrangements. Area Community Planning Forum – Area 3 (Borestone, Broomridge, Cambusbarron, Kings Park and Torbrex). A letter had been received from Stirling Council intimating that the Council had recently agreed to tender its grass cutting services with the new contract starting in April 2006. As part of the tendering process, all grass cutting work had been reviewed across the Council area. As a result it is now considered that around 15% of the grass areas which the Council has previously cut could be suitable for development as more natural environments. The Council are seeking community's views on these proposals before the award of the grass cutting contract in February/March 2006. Members were informed that a workshop session will be held for Area Community Planning Forums 1 / 4, on **Wednesday 8th February 2006 at 7pm in the Wallace High School, Dumyat Road**, to allow residents to comment on these proposals.

F.V. Health Board. The community council appreciated the work carried out by Roy Pettigrew as their representative and agreed to seek clarification from the Health Board on the following points;

- Details of the proposed public consultation on the Hospitals for Stirling
- Complete plans of the proposed health centre at Orchard House and confirmation on any proposed changes at the Mayfield Health Centre.

St. Ninians Community Trust. Murray reported on the continuing work of the Trust referring to the community plan and the commitment to explore activities for younger people in the area.

News Sheet. It was agreed that a news sheet be circulated as soon as possible.

Vandalism at 18A Torbrex Road. It had been reported that the garden fence at 18A Torbrex Road had been regularly vandalised, this would be reported to our local community policeman.

8. Date of next meeting: Thursday 23rd February @ 7.15pm in Stirling High School