

**Minute of the Meeting of Torbrex Community Council
held in St. Ninians Primary School at 7.15 pm on Thursday 22nd June 2006.**

1. Present:

Community Councillors – Murray Dickie, Jim Docherty, Carolyn Edward and Julia Leftwich.

Attending – Councillor Anne Harding.

Residents –Michael Green, George McCulloch, Margaret Duff, Jean Johnstone, Ann Sulieman, Eleanor Niven, Mr & Mrs M. Green, and Richard Davey.

Apologies: - Mike Jodeluk, Bob Johnson, Sue Ridler, Alex White and Genia Wilson.

2. Welcome: - The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Minute of previous meeting: - Minute of the previous meeting was accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising: - None

5. Update on PPP at Stirling High School: Murray Dickie reported that we had not as yet received details of the time line relating to the project. We had received an invitation to attend a meeting with the Stirling High School Board and it appeared that Children's Services were continuing with a strategy of meeting with individual groups whereas what we had requested at a previous meeting involved a more inclusive approach, with all interested parties being invited to one meeting.

Murray stated that we are seeking confirmation of the number of houses to be erected on the site of the present High School. The establishment of the time line was important in order that we could advise residents what would happen and when it would happen.

The shortfall of £3.4 million pounds remained a concern. £2.4 million would have to be found through a combination of staff cuts / council tax increases. It was agreed that we should write to Keith Yates, chief Executive of Stirling Council, requesting information on how the shortfall would be managed over the next two years.

6. Summer Newsletter: - after a discussion it was agreed that a newsletter would be produced as soon as possible.

7. Transport: The impending road works in Torbrex Village and the effects of the housing development at Sycamore Rise will present serious transport implications for the community. It was agreed that we should ask a member of the Roads Department to attend our meeting in August to discuss the challenges posed by the building activity in the area. We would also invite representatives from neighbouring community councils to attend.

8. NHS Scotland: - Julia Leftwich reported on a recent meeting she had attended on out of hours medical provision. It was apparent that end users did not fully understand how the system operates and it was agreed that more information would be sought on this.

9. Grass Cutting: Jim Docherty Reported that he had received a copy of a petition organised by local residents about Stirling Council's new grass cutting regime. A copy had been sent to Sylvia Jackson MSP, Cllrs Anne Harding and Gerry Powers as well as David Crichton, Acting Streetscape Team Leader at Stirling Council. Anne Harding stated that she would take up the complaint with Stirling Council. It was agreed that we should invite a representative from Streetscape to our July meeting to listen to the community's concerns

10. Steering Group - funding: It was noted with thanks that Genia and Caroline had attended a meeting of the Steering Group and had secured on behalf of Torbrex Community Council funding of £2500.00 from Stirling Council for the provision of taster activities for older people in Torbrex.

11. A.O.C.B.: - Laburnum Grove / No Ball Games Sign: A resident from Laburnum Grove had requested that the signs "No Ball Games on the grass" at Laburnum grove be re-instated. Cllr Anne Harding informed members that Stirling Council could not acquiesce to this request for legal reasons.

12. Date of next meetings: -

Tuesday 25th July in Stirling High School,

Wednesday 23rd August in St. Ninians Primary School

Thursday 21st September in Stirling High School.