

**Minutes of the Meeting of Torbrex Community Council**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 7.15pm**  
**Community Suite, Stirling High School**

**1. Present:** Paul Smith (Chair), Barry McDonald (Secretary), John Buchan, Fiona Rayfield and Annette Van Schalkwyk.

**In Attendance:** Irene Torrance, Pat Ferguson, Cllr. Benny, Valerie Milligan, Ian Cairns, Sheila Cairns, Richard Sawyer, Margaret Pitcaithley, Malcolm MacAskill, Janet MacAskill, John Stewart, Wilma Comrie (Stirling Council), Andrew Abbess and Lauren Beyer (Minutes).

**Apologies:** Matt McGrandles (Treasurer), Alastair Palmer, Margaret Palmer

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Minutes were approved by members, subject to correction of text in item 6, line 2 to “funds of £10 million”.

**3. Matters Arising:**

PS informed the meeting that the hedges along Torbrex Lane have been trimmed. PS advised that the location of the path between Torbrex Lane and Stirling High School estate has been agreed by Ogilvie and Stirling Council. Cllr Simpson was thanked for her active involvement in resolving this issue. The path is to run in front of the last block of flats.

Concerns around the issue of cycling on paths were raised. AA acknowledged the concerns and advised the meeting that the club aims to teach children how to cycle safely on the road and to show courtesy to pedestrians. AA confirmed that cycling on non-registered paths is illegal.

**4. Community Police Report:**

Anti-social behaviour : 08/09/2016 A call in relation to an abandoned motor vehicle which was subsequently damaged within the Wordie Road area. The Council was informed to attend and uplift the motor vehicle.

Drug activity : No incidents to report.

Violent crime : No incidents to report.

Housebreakings/crimes of dishonesty : 01/09/2016- relates to a theft of a hanging basket outside an address in the Kirklands.

Road safety :No incidents to report.

**5. Beechwood Park:**

PS informed the meeting that the green flag had been re-awarded to Beechwood Park and that 4 new swings have been ordered. The 4 existing swings will be for young children use.

PS advised the meeting that Stirling Council would be unable find funding for an outdoor gym in this year's budget. If they were to reconsider, there would only be a partial fund available and with that a stronger case should be made. The idea of a survey was suggested by Cllr Benny to assess demand; BM will contact the local newspaper; and AVS will post on Facebook.

RS again raised the issue of the location of the Roman-themed carved bench. However the Community Council have received positive feedback about the bench itself and decided to take no further action.

RS wondered if the grass seeding under the trees had been undertaken. PS agreed to check.

**6. Old Ice Rink Site:**

FR informed that she had received email communication regarding the complex legal issues of access to this site. Discussion of a community buyout followed. FR advised that the area must be used for the community's benefit and that a specific plan would have to be developed following the advice she received.

IC raised concerns over traffic through the Ogilvie estate and how the extra flats which are due to be built on the old ice rink site may worsen the effects of this.

It was agreed to keep a watching brief over this item as there is still a grey area regarding access to the plot.

**7. Planning Report:**

AVS will send a follow up email to the Council regarding the Janitors house plot to confirm the final plans.

**8. Other correspondence:**

PS had received a letter regarding the safety of children crossing the road at the busy David Avenue / Rollock Street junction. This has already been discussed at previous C C meetings, but at present these roads have not been adopted by Stirling Council.

**9. A.O.C.B.:**

PS reported that new wild flowers are scheduled to be planted in Laburnum Grove.

After concerns over safety on Torbrex Lane were raised, Cllr Benny advised that LED lighting is to be installed and the road re-laid as detailed in next year's plan.

PF raised the issue of a bench in front of Police HQ due to its positioning. WC agreed to research this further.

AA questioned the maintenance of the grassy area by the scout hut. PS said that the grass is regularly cut.

JB asked about the time scale regarding the opening of the new St. Ninian's Primary School. Cllr Benny advised that the school is on track to open after October holidays 2016, meanwhile the nursery is scheduled to be finished by April 2017.

The hedge between Beechwood Park and Torbrex Lane is torn due to the construction work being carried out. Cllr Benny informed the meeting this should be replaced after completion.

Regarding the broken fence along Polmaise Road, Cllr Benny has agreed to raise the issue with Stirling Council so that it can be removed.

**10. Date of Next Meeting:**

9<sup>th</sup> November 2016