Stirling Mercat Cross and City Centre Community Council

Meeting Minutes April 2017 - DRAFT STATUS

Thursday April 13th, 7pm, Tollbooth


In attendance

Andy Davies                                          Stirling Council
Rosie Walker                                         Minute Taker

5 residents

1. Welcome & apologies

Apologies: Naomi Ross, Anton Immink, Stuart Baird, Councillor John Hendry, Lesley Gallagher,

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Attendees need to be added to previous minutes and sent to Chair

3. Matters arising

Proposal of 20mph zone in the Top of the Town ward needs to be actioned and put in local development plan

Cowanes Trust- Community council (CC) needs to write a letter to them to let them know that the CC welcomes the reduced rates for local residents to use the facilities.

Removal of trees from the Cowanes trust site- CC to contact council tree officer to see the process of the survey and removal etc.

£10K test site money- CC needs to start their plan for how to use this.

4. Office bearer reports:
   a. Chair;
      i. Licenses forum – CC updated that the department will do it on a case by case basis.
      ii. Memorial bench- family delighted with decision that the community council would like to put up a memorial bench. They have asked to be included in the decision of placement, which has still to be decided.
   b. Secretary;
      i. Secretary’s summary given out at meeting.
ii. Marathon: funding for family/ sporting events available till the 19th April, with a good contact for help being Keir Stevenson. A possible project could include Allan’s and Riverside Primary’s joining together for a fun run.

iii. For funding help and guidance, project proposals or ideas can be given to Jean Cowie, Stirling Council’s funding officer, who would be able to signpost particular pots of funding.

iv. Community council agree that May is a good time for an invite to various partners to assist the CC in delivering on issues raised in the community engagement work.

c. Treasurer;
   i. CC bank account still undergoing changeover. Hopefully this will be finished in the next few weeks.
      • The CC will need a new CC signatory for the bank account.
      • The CC have received the £10,000 test site funds

d. Planning/ Licensing
   i. Orchard house site proposers are having a pre-application consultation. The council have requested information on where the flats will be located. Orchard House will come to the next CC meeting.

   ii. New private student accommodation is proposed being built behind New Look. This will house 153 students and take 14-16 months to complete, which has been estimated to bring in approximately £2 million to the local economy. The site is currently unused. If CC has to file any objections by 28th of April. CC to contact CC in Kings Park if they have any further comments on impact of parking on local business and residents. Community Council objects on the look and design of the proposed build.

5. Sub group reports:
   a. City deal update;
      • Monday 24th April, 5.30pm for next city deal update meeting
      • Future subgroup meetings will be help in the Tollbooth
   b. Environment
      • Update to be delivered at the next meeting
   c. Consideration of setting up other subgroups
      i. 2020 Baird and Hardy
      ii. Andy, Jim, William and Linda
      iii. Group to invite Elspeth King
      iv. £10K Test Site Funds Action Plan
         a. Linda, Mel, Andy and Karen
      v. Community Development Trust
         a. Jim, Andy, Stuart and Linda

6. External Reports:
   a. Police Report;
• CC note that no police officer is present at meeting again which is disappointing. Although the community council appreciates shift changes and restructuring, the CC ward is a city centre and there is a lot of crime.

• Stuart will email the police contact to let them know this.

b. Councillor Report

• Parking tickets are currently been given out as mock tickets, these will then become legally enforceable on the 3rd of May. This has resulted in a positive effect already.

• Kerse Road Bridge: planning authority deferred the decision as they were not provided with enough information including a traffic and economic assessment.

7. Darnley Street update

• Currently the street is completely closed with works ongoing. Road closure planned for 6 weeks.

• Resident: would like to note that they are not happy with the quality of workmanship on the path.

• Wooden walk way onto park is currently undergoing emergency repair.

8. Residents Forum

• Allows members of the public to interact with the community council.

• Resident has requested a website rather than word press, the CC chair said this is temporary and will be picked up after the AGM.

9. AOCB

• Chair position needs to be filled by a cooption. On the 17th of May they will advertise the position and, if interested, you may fill out a form as to why you are interested.

• AGM in May/June

• Teas and coffees will be arranged for next meeting

10. Date, time & place of next meeting

• To be advertised on social media, notice boards and the observer.

Thursday 11th May, 7pm, Tolbooth