

Minutes
Wednesday 18th February 2021
To be conducted via Zoom Conferencing

1. Present/Apologies

Community Councillors –	David Wilson, Richard Elliott, Eric Black, Mike McCormick, Caroline Hamilton, James Wigglesworth
Others Present	Julie McCann, Pam Campbell, Dean Lockhart, Cllr Neil Benny
Residents	Jonathan Orr, Alistair Orr, Kirsty Ryder, Jorge Iguzquiza
Apologies	Laura Muir, Morag Fulton, Cllr Christine Simpson,

2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were approved by RE and AO

3. Matters Arising from previous meeting:

I. Traffic to building sites & Safe Routes to School – Agreed

RE commented that there have been no replies from council about designated routes for heavy good vehicles going through St Ninians. DW has written to Carolyn Fraser and she was going to send two officers to the site. No update as yet.

This topic will be removed from future agendas.

II. Re-instatement of highways & pavements after Earlsburn Avenue Site completion Update

RE provided an update that Marshalls have reinstated the kerbs, the top coat is on the pavements and the landscaping has been finished. The perimeter wall has been put up and the pavements nearly done in the last two blocks.

RE added that the road surface is still really bad. Email from Stirling Council about road resurfacing between 18 Jan and 31 Jan, also the drains were due to be fixed due a blockage. Nothing happened on 18th Jan due to Covid. Site meeting could also not happen with the developer about the repairs.

NB asked if this was the drain at Howlands Road at the bottom of Graystale Road. RE added that there was also an issue with the drain near the shop at Elmbank Road.

III. Defibrillator

The intention is to install a defibrillator at St Ninians Toll. DW will send a message to Cambusbarron Community Council for information on what problems they faced installing a defibrillator in their area and how they overcame the issues.

RE mentioned that Gary McGowan had emailed offering to help as he had already helped install 3 defibrillators.

Permission will need to be sought from council and leases of the property to use the electricity to power the defibrillator

Possible sites for the defibrillator are the shops at the Toll. PC will check with colleagues about access to electricity. JW commented that Kirby had installed ones around Stirling (Fraser Walker).

MMcC asked if there was any incentive for shops helping, such as help with the costs. RE added that it would just be a goodwill gesture but suggested that a small plaque could be near the unit to alert the community who helped to install it. MMcC asked if there could also be a bit of publicity for the shop for example an article in the Stirling Observer.

PC added that in principle that Stirling Council have no issues with the installation of the defibrillator into the community and she will check with colleagues in housing about the proposed site to see if best place – next to bus stop and McColls shop. MMcC added that near the bookmarkers there is a high traffic of drug users that hang around that area.

DW proposed that the defibrillator be placed in front of McColls at the bus shelter. PC will speak to Robert Horn in Housing Department about the installation.

IV. First Bus, 57 Route latest information

RE mentioned that the bus shelter was still in place at Gateside Road. No update at present.

DW added that First Bus had taken out the Gateside Road section of the route due to site vehicles and the building site nearby. Recent information indicates that there is no intention of reinstating the service at Gateside Road. To date there has been no response from First Bus.

NB will contact First Bus and ask for an update on the service and will CC'in EB and DW into the email.

V. Hillview Footpath Repairs/Upgrade

RE mentioned that there has been an estimate from Stirling Council about the cost which includes lighting and the pavement, approximately £5500. DW added that the quote has been broken up into various parts. PC mentioned the Town Centre Regeneration Fund and some of the funds may be used from SC to pay the repairs. DW, EB, JO and MMcC supported using the fund. After some discussion, the CC unanimously supported using the fund if possible. If opportunity comes up, PC will check about the Regeneration Fund.

PC will contact colleagues from housing about the paths at the back of Hillview. This includes the overgrown areas, improving the steps, carrying out maintenance in the area and installing a handrail.

RE commented that the footpath was overgrown, the steps are dangerous and need to be reset and there is no lighting.

VI. Notice Board, Bruceview Park/Cultenhove Road

RE commented that there is a CC consensus opinion that the board be placed at the side of the YT Club behind the fence.

PC added that it may be possible to partner with Youth Services and they hold on to a set of keys. PC will check about funding. There will be two keys for the noticeboard and one set will be kept in the YT Club.

EB mentioned that there were spare keys for each cabinet. MMcC asked who put the information in the Noticeboards as the one in St Ninians is a bit out of date. RE stated that he updated the information on the boards only a week ago. There is no update from the churches as they are all still closed, nothing in the noticeboard from them.

RE has spoken to 3 churches including the United Free Church and he will get a spare key cut for the churches to use.

VII. Cornhill Crescent, Hedges and Gardens/SC

DW had planned to meet with LM and feedback on the area to PC.

The brown bins, tenants have to pay £35 for collection. There is a full concession on the bins for people on council tax benefit or mental impairment.

VIII. Speeding Trucks at Barnsdale Road and surrounding areas in St Ninians

A local resident of the area KR attended the meeting to discuss the issues with the speeding trucks at Barnsdale Road and surrounding areas.

Since Sept there has been a horrendous level of noise from the trucks going over the speed bumps. SC Traffic calming measures were mentioned and an enforcement officer will conduct a sound survey.

RE commented that recently in Buntine Crescent there has been a lot of noise with people going over the speed bumps in Coxithill and Modan Roads. MMcC commented on issues with a tar truck on McGrigor Road and speed up and down the road. MMcC has tried to liaise with the driver of the tar truck but he was abusive and aggressive towards him.

DW asked NB and DL if speeding etc is an issue in other local areas. NB commented that the issues will be exacerbated at Modan Road/Barnsdale Road due to it going downhill and cars moving towards the speed bumps. There has been other issues with contractors parking inappropriately.

There was a suggestion that the speed bumps be replaced with nibs which would help to reduce the noise levels. Nibs narrow the road and slow down the traffic similar to what is currently in nearby Cedar Avenue. KR commented that Raploch Road also has these traffic calming measures in place.

AO asked if neighbours are feeling the same way about the noise and perhaps that a joint approach may work more in KR's favour. KR added that there are elderly people in her street and all the bedrooms are at the front of the property. There is no other place to sleep.

DW commented that some people try to avoid speeding bumps by driving around them.

DW suggested that KR write a letter to the Transport Minister

NB commented on the traffic calming measures in that area. Culterhove Road and Barnsdale Road are 20mph roads but not a lot of people stick to the limits. A car had been seen in the area driving at about 60 to 70mph up Culterhove Road speeding over the speed bumps.

DW added that it may also be helpful to speak to the Community Police Officers to see what action can be taken concerning the speeding.

MMcC commented that there has been no police presence or community wardens in the area recently and that due to the speeding an accident may happen soon.

PC mentioned asking for a speed traffic count, if the residents can identify the busy times such as early in the morning etc so that the survey is more accurate. If the community is looked at as a whole, then the issues will not move from one area to the next.

IX. Police Report

Undetected

<u>Date</u>	<u>Incident</u>
20/01/2021	Communications offence (enquiries ongoing)
23/01/2021	Attempted housebreaking (enquiries ongoing)
25/01/2021	Attempted housebreaking (enquiries ongoing)
30/01/2021-01/02/2021	Housebreaking with intent to steal (suspects identified)
31/01/2021	Wilful fireraising (enquiries ongoing)
01/02/2021	Housebreaking with intent to steal (suspects identified)
11/02/2021	Assault (suspect identified)
13/02/2021	Abusive behaviour and sexual harm (suspect identified)
13/02/2021	Theft (suspect identified)

Detected

<u>Date</u>	<u>Incident</u>
16/01/2021-21/01/2021	Theft from motor vehicle
20/01/2021	Act in a racially aggravate manner
20/01/2021-21/01/2021	Theft from motor vehicle/attempted theft
20/01/2021	Attempted theft
20/01/2021	Intended theft (curtilage)/attempted theft
24/01/2021	Theft by housebreaking
26/01/2021	Possession of a controlled drug (Valium)
29/01/2021	Possession of a controlled drugs (Valium)
30/01/2021	Breach of the peace/possession of imitation firearm
30/01/2021	Road traffic offences (various)
31/01/2021	Theft by shoplifting
01/02/2021	Breach of bail
08/02/2021	Assault

999/101 CALLS

Over the stated period there have been 246 calls for the S07 beat code area. Please note that other areas out with St Ninians are also covered by S07 beat code so not all 246 calls will relate to specifically to St Ninians. Please be advised that we will continue to report 999/101 calls as above and will not be split into specific categories. Be assured if there are any problem areas that need attention/action by either Police, Stirling Council or the Community Council then this will be raised on the Police report.

DRUGS

Efforts are always being made to obtain intelligence in relation to substance misuse and drug dealing in the St Ninians area, and we are keen to tackle drug dealing where intelligence is received. Any information regarding substance misuse and drug dealing is welcomed and can be reported to Police Scotland via tel:

101, to Crime stoppers via tel: 0800 555 111 or directly to the Community Officers via:
StirlingWestCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk Your information/name will never be disclosed. If anyone has any issues regarding anti-social behaviour, please contact Police on tel. 101 or Stirling Council.

CRIMES OF DISHONESTY

It is noted that there have been a significant number of crimes of dishonesty over the last month. These include theft by housebreakings, theft from motor vehicles and intended/attempted thefts. Below is a link to "Safer Communities Safer Scotland" which is an informative booklet with lots of tips on how to keep you, your home and your communities safe.

https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Final_SCSS_web.pdf

Please feel free to share this. Police will continue to carry out high visibility patrols in order to deter such criminal behaviour.

RE commented that residents are concerned with the lack of police presence. There has been various drug issues in the local area which has been reported to the police but no action has been taken. DW added that there have been no police in attendance at the online meetings since the COVID pandemic, the relationship with local police is virtually non-existent.

NB added that there was a drug problem in Robertson Place and there was a police presence there a few weeks ago.

PC mentioned the previous operation at McDonald Drive which had a zero tolerance for anti-social behaviour which resulted in resident's confidence in the police increasing. This operation also indicated that police were acting on information that was being reported by different sources.

DW will contact Chief Inspector Gillian Marshall who is the local area commander for Stirling to voice CC's concerns.

EB mentioned about PC King using zoom call during the meetings and if she was allowed to use this platform for meetings.

X. Works arising from Town Centre Regeneration Grant

PC commented that this involved the path from the toll up to the Civil Defence Club. There is no timescale for this project. The funding was allocated for this area and it must be spent within the allocated time.

XI. Borestone Primary School

No update from Primary School. They are due to start the extension at the end of June although nothing has gone through the planning department as yet.

NB added that this could be delayed for two reasons (1) Covid), and (2) the number of children from Ringans Lane are not as high as the developers had thought and there are also different demographics in the new area. Initially it was thought that there would be more children moving into the area but actually there are more elderly people.

XII. Planning Items

Three speakers are to be added to the Rotunda at Bannockburn Heritage Centre playing bagpipe music 24 hours a day. The volume will only reach within 30m of the area. JW asked if a sensor could be installed so that the music is only played when people are in that area.

The demolition of the flats at the end of Glasgow Road/Barnsdale road which will then be made into cottage flats was discussed. RE added that parking will be at the back of the units opposite the civil defence club. There will also be garden/bin areas for the flats. The building will comprise of 6 x 2 bed cottage flats and 2 x 1 bed flats.

EB added that there will be limited areas for parking and this may increase traffic issues at Glasgow Road. The possibility of adding a lane at the bottom of Barnsdale Road to alleviate these issues was discussed.

RE added that within the Ogilvie Site, 24 dwellings are designated to be let as Council homes. NB commented that new build developments are generally allocated and that council tenant's who need new properties are moved there.

XIII. Correspondence, Diary Dates and Deadlines

No correspondence

XIV. AOB

NB commented that there has been an objection from Cambusbarron Community Council regarding an entry point into the quarry. There is potential that this is for vehicles coming down Gateside Road and Tinkers Loan.

MMcC commented on a car sitting in his road which has no MOT and has been reported to the police and DVLA. Another car is parked and has been ticketed but ignored. DW will raise this with Chief Inspector Gillian Marshall at the meeting the local area police commander.

If residents contact 01784 404040 at Stirling Council the council will fill up the grit bins in local areas.

RE mentioned large vehicles parking on council land without permission and issued the Stirling Council Parking Guidelines document.

A local resident Jorge, spoke about residents being able to attend Council meetings and asked those present at the meeting if they would be willing to sign a petition. This involves a request from an individual or a group of people who want to have the opportunity to speak on an item of a published agenda or on a new matter of community interest within a council meeting. This would enable individuals to speak to the council about issues that they have concerns about and allows Councillors to hear first hand, the views of the people that are affected by the issue and any decision that are made in order to resolve an issue.

XV. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 17th March at 7pm to be held virtually by Zoom conferencing

XVI. Close