

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2009

Present: I. Beaton; N. Kelly; C. Macintosh; A. May; P. Rea; E. Smith; D. Stuart; P. Wilks (*Chair*).

Apologies: J. May; J. Duncan; B. Pell; H. Wright; Pam Campbell; PC D. McNally.

In Attendance: Councillor A. Berrill; and 11 members of the public.

CC16 *Minutes of the Last Meeting*

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2009 were adopted.

CC17 *Matters Arising*

War Memorial A meeting was held at the War Memorial with two officers of Stirling Council. The renovation work that had been carried out was examined, reference being made to the restricted method statement produced by the War Memorials Trust, which limits the amount of work allowed on the memorial. It was acknowledged that some areas of the work were not satisfactory and Stirling Council would arrange for these to be rectified in the spring. It was also agreed that the bench should be renovated.

SACC AGM. Aileen May gave a full report of the morning's session of the meeting. She said the sessions were useful, but the visual presentation was difficult to read and she had asked if copies of the slides could be made available. There was much useful information on the duties of councillors and the resulting legal responsibilities. The morning session overran, and she was unable to attend the afternoon session on the Freedom of Information Act. An excellent and useful information booklet was issued to delegates. The room in the Scottish Parliament Building was unsuitable as a venue. She was struck by the age of the delegates and wondered how younger members could be attracted to be more representative of the community.

CC18 *Roads & Traffic Management*

Reports had been made on flooding at Well Green, Main Street and opposite the Co-op and these were being or had been dealt with by the Flooding Team of Stirling Council. It may be that the existing culvert had insufficient capacity to cope with the volume of water.

Alistair Dawson responded to the questions put to him, but would not be attending our next meeting as he felt that there was nothing that could not be resolved by email or letter. In relation to the Spar, he was of the opinion that the road design was adequate and that the problem was caused by inconsiderate/stubborn drivers who caused undue congestion and manoeuvrability problems by not parking at the rear of the building. This land was not owned by Stirling Council but by Spar, so any issues on their land can only be dealt with by the Spar organisation.

The new signage at the Bank corner was in hand and should be completed shortly. The three vehicle-activated signs should be operational next week.

CC19 *Question Time.*

There were no questions.

CC20 *Police Matters*

PC McNally was unable to attend the meeting. Derek Stuart stated that a woman driver had been observed using a mobile phone whilst driving close to the primary school.

CC21 *Youth Matters*

Iain Beaton said that negotiations were ongoing with a local landowner who may be able to provide an area where biking could take place safely

He stated that there was great interest in the taxi bus service mentioned at the last meeting.

It was felt that the youth evenings were poorly advertised, and young people found it difficult to find out which village was hosting the evening on any given Friday. It was agreed to ask Balfron High School to allow posters to be prominently displayed and other methods of communication such as mobile phones be investigated.

CC22 Treasurer's Report

Number 1 Account balance - £58.75, Number 2 Account balance £1605.56. This was no change on last month.

The Treasurer stated that she had now registered herself as the member responsible for data protection.

CC23 Planning

Planning Decisions by Appointed Officers of Stirling Council:

09/00686/FUL Proposed two-storey extension to create additional living space at 8 Chestnut Avenue. Decision: Approve with Conditions.

09/00692/FUL Formation of decking at 15 Harpers Road. Decision: Approve with Conditions.

09/00715/FUL Covered walkway to restaurant door and to perimeter of outdoor seating area at Beech Tree Inn. Decision: Approve with Conditions.

Valid Planning Applications Received:

09/00775/FUL Erection of dwelling house (renewal of planning permission 04/00742/DET under Article 5) at Land At Blaressan, Station Road. This had previously been discussed by the Council and there were no serious objections. It was decided not to comment on this application.

09/00786/PPP Erection of dwelling house at Land At Killearn House Walled Garden. The applicant David Young informed the Council that this application was under the rules for developments in walled gardens and fully complied with the regulations. The wall would be restored and retained. It was decided not to comment on this application.

09/00817/FUL Single storey extension to dwelling house at 16 Napier Road. The views of the Council were not sought.

Notification of tree works

Tre 2009\207; Information Bulletin 136(LD\TRE\2-05) Tree works only at : Lampson Road, G63 9PD.

Tre 2009\165; Information Bulletin 103(LD\TRE\2-05) Tree felling only at Rowan Crescent, G63 9RZ. The Council had received an email from Tony Oteniya, Tree Officer, that consent had been given for the applicant to fell this tree.

CC24 Correspondence

Correspondence received: Information on services provided by Planning Aid for Scotland; Anne McGuire - notification of surgery dates; notification of refusal of application for wind turbines at Ballindalloch. Stirling Council Ranger Service asked for ideas for Countryside Action Days, it was agreed to state that work on paths in Killearn Glen was a priority. Digital Switchover information pack, it was felt that a special meeting on the subject should be held nearer the switchover date.

Removal of Bus Shelter. Notification was received of the proposed removal of the bus shelter at Blanesmithy because of infrequent use. It was the opinion of the Council that although the bus numbers are limited, the shelter fulfils a vital function and should be retained. It was also used as a shelter by West Highland Way walkers. It was agreed to write to express this view.

CC25 Other Local Matters

Affordable Housing Tony Teasdale, Rural Stirling Housing Association and Tony Cain, Head of Housing, Stirling Council have accepted an invitation to talk about affordable housing at the January meeting of the Council.

Football Club The Chair reported that Alistair Johnston, who was in corporate asset management in Stirling Council, was assisting the football club to progress agreement for the site of a portacabin. Nigel Kelly stated that it was important that the nearby residents were fully consulted as the facility could seriously impact upon them. There were problems with access, car parking and drainage.

Dumgoyne Telephone Box The Council would be keen to buy the redundant telephone box at Dumgoyne as long as a suitable use could be found for it. The Chair said that a number of communities had taken on redundant boxes and they were being used for a number of purposes, including a self-lending library. The main problem with the Dumgoyne box was its remote location from Killearn village. Any members with ideas should send them to the Secretary and it was agreed to bring them forward at the next meeting.

Eco Issues Other local communities such as Fintry and Blanefield were taking a proactive stance, and ideas were needed for Killearn. The Chair reported that a meeting had taken place in the village to form a group of 15 gardeners with vegetable and fruit plots to join together to share expertise, plants and crops to maximise the potential for food production. He also reported that two local landowners had reportedly offered sites for growing produce under the *Channel 4 Landshare* initiative.

CC26 Any Other Business

Community Council Handbook Aileen May introduced the latest draft of the handbook she had prepared which gave essential information for councillors. She said that a copy would be circulated for comment. When asked if she could distribute it by email, she said she could, but it would have to be as a set of separate documents. It was agreed to finalise the handbook at the next meeting.

Seats at Bus Shelters Betty Smith said the bar-type seats in the bus shelters were uncomfortable and difficult to sit on. She asked the Council why proper seats in shelters could not be provided. It was agreed to write to the appropriate authority.

Leaf Litter A number of members reported problems with the accumulation of leaf litter. There was a particular problem at the bus shelter opposite Branziert Road, where leaf litter was piled up. There was also an accumulation between the Old Church Hall and the Village Hall. It was agreed to write to Streetscape.

CC27 Date of Next Meeting

The Chair wished everyone, on behalf of the Council, a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year. The next meeting would take place in Killearn Primary School at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 January 2010 when Tony Teasdale and Tony Cain would make presentations and answer questions on affordable housing.