

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2009

Present: J. Duncan; A. May; I. Moreland; B. Pell(*Chair*); K. Pollock; P. Rea; C. Riches; D. Stuart; P. Wilks, H. Wright.

In Attendance: D. Beaton; Councillor C O'Brien; T Burnham; P Campbell; S. Keenan; PC J McDowell; B Simmers; G Worrall; M Young and 25 members of the public.

Apologies E. Smith; Councillor G Lambie; PC A Faulds; PC D. McNally

Welcome The Chair welcomed the public to this special Council meeting which would focus on youth issues. It was especially welcome to see a number of young people present. She then welcomed Garry Worrall, Senior Practitioner and Shona Keenan both from Stirling Council Youth Services, who would lead the discussion on youth. A welcome was also given to Tim Burnham, who works as a part-time youth worker at Killearn Kirk, Donald Beaton, President of Killearn Football Club and Brian Simmers, a director of KCFC.

The Chair sent the Community Council's good wishes to PC D. McNally, who was unable to be present as he had been injured in a road accident. His replacement, PC A Faulds, was also unable to be present, so PC Jo McDowell from Aberfoyle was welcomed as the police representative.

CC266 *Minutes of the Last Meeting*

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2009 were approved.

CC267 *Matters Arising*

Traffic Management Plan Re-signing and road marking at the "Bank" corner would begin in March, followed by rearrangements in front of Spar..

CC268 *Planning*

Planning Applications Received:

08/00819/DET Proposed formation of access at Land Between 5 And 7 Main Street.

All members of the Council had studied the plans prior to the meeting and submitted to the planning group their recommendations and the reasons for them. The new application was not materially different from the previous application considered at the meeting of the Council on 17 December 2008 and for this reason the unanimous recommendation was to object to this application.

The reasons for the objection were unchanged to those given in CC247.

09/00020/FUL Replace and extend storage facility, siting of potable tank, car parking and ancillary works at Glengoyne Distillery, Strathblane

The Council wish to neither approve nor oppose this application.

Planning Applications Decision by Stirling Council:

09/00001/FUL (Development in Conservation Area) Extension to cottage including garage at Greenend Cottage, 36 Balfroon Road

The recommendation was to refuse for the following reasons:

In the opinion of the Planning Authority the proposal is contrary to policies E35a E35b, H12a and H12d of the Adopted Stirling Council Local Plan (As Altered) August 2007. It is also contrary to the Memorandum of Guidance on Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas 1998 paragraph 4.39.

Stirling Council Planning Panel Decision:

08/00474/DET Erection of dwelling house at Land 118 Metres North West Of Stilwater

The application was refused for the following reasons:

The proposed development is contrary to Policy ENV3 and H6 of the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Structure Plan, Approved 2002 and Policy H10 of the Adopted Stirling Council Local Plan (As Altered) August 2007. The proposed development is also contrary to Stirling Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance on Housing in the Countryside, adopted February 2009 and now known as Pol.H10A.

Garry Worrall took the chair

CC269 Focus on Youth

Initially, the meeting broke into small groups in which questions such as *What needs to change for young people in Killearn? How will we know when things have changed? What are the issues?* were posed and discussed. Each group then shared the results of their discussion with the whole meeting. Common themes were somewhere to meet, and something to do. The cost of travel on public transport was highlighted as a particular concern of rural youth. There then followed presentations by the main speakers followed by general discussion.

PC Jo McDowell stated that although she had no direct knowledge of the situation in Killearn, colleagues had said that although fairly large numbers of young people did congregate at various parts of the village at a weekend, the problems of vandalism, unruly behaviour and other drink-related problems were under control.

Tim Burnham said that he held a monthly social group which was not overtly Christian as well as Christian youth groups on Sunday. He took as part of his remit the need to go out and chat with young people to determine what their needs were. He stressed the need to co-operate with other Strathendrick villages.

Donny Beaton said that Killearn had a very successful football club, although unfortunately the under-16 league was no longer there. The club lost its changing facilities three years ago and was actively seeking finance and an area to put new changing rooms. If successful, this could provide much needed facilities for young people as well as the club team.

Brian Simmers stated that he chaired a group on behalf of KCFC and the Village Hall Committee with the purpose of refurbishing the Village Hall. Part of the refurbishment would be a purpose-built youth area. Wide consultation had taken place on the style of and facilities for the proposed area. The whole project was anticipated to cost in the region of £1M, and there was still much to do, but with the whole village, including the young people, behind it, the project was feasible.

General discussion then took place. Most importantly the meeting heard from the young people present who spoke eloquently about problems of lack of resources and meeting places, costs of transport and the wish that some of the problems experienced a few years ago were not repeated.

The meeting uncovered many of the problems facing youth in the village, and there was an obvious wish to see them addressed. It was clear that there was a need to involve parents, Community Groups, schools, the Church and all with an interest in the younger generation in a move to take forward the needs of young people. It was agreed that the Council would maintain its contacts with Youth Services and keep the subject at the forefront of its concerns.

Brenda Pell on behalf of the Council expressed her sincere thanks for the excellent way that Garry Worrall led the discussion and all the hard work put in by his team from Youth Services.

Brenda Pell resumed the Chair

CC270 Correspondence

Received:

Letter from Streetscape stating that Killearn would be subjected to deep cleaning, which involved paying particular attention to drain clearance, litter picking and general tidiness, to set a new benchmark for the level of cleanliness.

Invitation to a consultation exercise by the Commission for Scottish Devolution.

Stirling Council minutes, NHS newsletter.

CC271 Any Other Business

Flooding. There had been much correspondence on this with Stirling Council, and it was hoped that some action on drain clearance would be taken.

Well Green Path The response from Stirling Council was unsatisfactory and the Council would continue to pursue this matter.

Benches in Playpark It was agreed to move the two benches against the fence to another location in the park, together with the other bench now in storage.

War Memorial It was estimated that renovation work to the war memorial would cost in the region of £5,500. It was agreed to make an application the Community Pride Fund for a sum of £1000 for the renovation of the war memorial. It is also understood that application for a grant can be made to the War Memorial Grant Scheme, which must come from a registered charity, which could be the Killearn Trust or KCFC.

Park and Ride This service will be extended to include Stirling Royal Infirmary as a turning point will be constructed within the parking area of SRI.

Forth Valley College It was noted that building of a new Forth Valley College at Kildean will commence in 2010 and is scheduled for completion in 2012.

Horse Riding Following complaints, enquiries are being made regarding the riding of horses in unsuitable places in the village.

Attendance at Meetings It was agreed to hold these reports over to the next meeting.

CC272 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place in Killearn Primary School at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 18 March 2009