

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2010

Present: I. Beaton; N. Kelly; J. May; B. Pell (*Chair*); P. Rea; D. Stuart; H. Wright; P. Wilks.

Apologies: J. Duncan; C. Macintosh; E. Smith; A. May; Councillor C O'Brien.

In Attendance: PC D. McNally; Pam Campbell; and 10 members of the public.

CC42 *Minutes of the Last Meeting*

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2010 were adopted.

CC43 *Minutes of the Special Meeting*

The Chair stated that a successful special meeting of the Council was held on 2 February 2010 to introduce the plans of the proposed development of the Killearn Village Hall to Community Councillors, Stirling Council Members and users of the hall representing the organisations of Killearn. The minutes of that meeting were adopted.

CC44 *Matters Arising*

There were no matters arising that were not covered on the agenda.

CC45 *Police Matters*

PC McNally stated that it had been a relatively busy month. There had been a break-in at a house in Lampson Road and an attempted break-in at a house in Napier Road, a break-in at Branshogle Mill and vandalism at the Old School. As there had also been problems in surrounding villages, all householders were asked to be vigilant and make every effort to ensure that their house did not look empty during the day by using automatic lights, etc. Anyone acting suspiciously around any property should be reported to the police. There had also been two reported speeding incidents and a broken window in Birch Road.

PC McNally gave an update on the youth club, which he said was rather disappointing. Because of problems with the availability of the hall in Killearn and low attendance, it had been decided to hold the club solely in Balfron. In mitigation, the Mobile Youth Space would be coming to the village each Monday evening. There had been problems on the first Monday, as the van did not arrive, but PC McNally asked all P7-S1 pupils to continue to support it.

Iain Beaton said one of the problems with holding the youth club in Killearn was the buses serving the communities east of Killearn all terminate at Balfron, whereas all villages can get a direct bus to Balfron. He said that there could be a sharing of resources and staff at Balfron. There would be a meeting with Sarah Winstone, Youth Community Worker about the future of youth services.

It was pointed out that there could be a clash between the Mobile Youth Space and uniformed organisations which met on most nights in the village.

CC46 *Question Time.*

There were no questions.

CC47 *Youth Matters*

Iain Beaton stated that he had had a meeting with Mrs Corrie, Rector of Balfron High School and would obtain the names of all S1 and S2 pupils in Killearn to publicise the Mobile Youth Space. Pam Campbell had arranged a meeting with an expert on equipment for a mountain bike course. Wooden jumps cost approximately £5000, whereas more easily-managed steel jumps cost in the region of £15000. When asked about funding, she said such sums were not unachievable. Storage would be a

problem. It would also be necessary to find if Stirling Council could cover insurance, maintenance, etc.

Iain said that local youth were excited by the Village Hall project and he would publicise the meetings to encourage as many as possible to attend.

CC48 Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the treasurer there was no report.

CC49 Planning

Planning Decisions by Appointed Officers of Stirling Council:

09/00786/PPP Erection of dwelling house at Land At Killearn House Walled Garden. Decision: Approve with Conditions.

David Young the applicant for this development objected to the accuracy of the previous minute relating to this application. It was pointed out that the minutes had been approved as a correct record, however the Chair would allow him to make a statement detailing his objection. The statement was as follows:

Peter Rea opened the planning section of the meeting and gave a resume of matters to be discussed including my application which when it came before the meeting Peter Rea gave an analysis of the application and suggested response from the community council. The Chair enquired if I wished to contribute and I proceeded to do so. I indicated that my purpose in contributing was to clarify that the application was being made under the recently adopted policy H10A:3(a) which relates to Walled Gardens. I also stated that the application was not being applied for under any other policy, even although others may apply, at least in part. I then proceeded to read the policy as adopted including the last sentence of the policy which states "Proposals should result in the restoration/preservation of the wall and should respect other surviving features of the garden". It is not possible in a planning permission in principle application to make such proposals relating to the retention/preservation etc. I also stated that "I believed the application to be consistent with the policy".

I did not say as noted in the minute "that it fully complied with the regulations". This is a statement that only the Planning Officers can appropriately make. Also I did not say "that the wall would be restored and retained" although this is an integral part of the policy and I am confident it will be addressed when the application proceeds to the next stage.

09/00817/FUL Single storey extension to dwelling house at 16 Napier Road.

Decision: Approve with Conditions.

10/00011/FUL Alterations and extension to form new sitting room, entrance hall and shower room at Dunkyan Lodge Drumtian Road. Decision: Approve with Conditions.

Valid Planning Applications Received:

10/00078/FUL Extension to dwelling house at 21 Lampson Road.

10/00087/FUL Extension to dwelling house at 7 Lampson Road.

10/00088/FUL Change of use of agricultural land to garden ground at The Bungalow, 92 Main Street.

It was decided to take no action on any of these applications.

Notification of tree works

Tre 2019\01; Information Bulletin 01 App: S\06\00678\DET Tree works only at : Rowan Crescent, G63 9RZ.

Planning Enforcement

10/00008/UNAUTH Erection of structure within garden ground at Drumbeg Loan, G63 9LG.

CC50 Community Council Handbook

In the absence of Aileen this item was deferred to the next meeting.

CC51 Correspondence

Correspondence received: Notice of Forth Valley Partnership Meeting; apologies from Anne McGuire unable to attend the KCC Special meeting on 2 February; intimation of Community Council Elections; notice that Community Pride Fund is coming to its end; Minutes of Stirling Council meeting on transport for the new hospital at Larbert; notice of Seminar on Planning and Licensing; notice of SW Area Rural Forum; advertising brochure from Fun Time Carnival Ltd. (passed to Hoolie Committee).

A letter was received from Halifax/Bank of Scotland apologising for the out-of-service events of the Killearn cash machine. The bank realised that it was the only machine in the village and endeavoured to keep it operational. The latest reviewed availability was 97%, and the last major out-of service incident was due to the insertion of a damaged card by a customer. It was agreed that the Council should continue to monitor the machine.

An application for the adoption of the telephone kiosk at Dumgoyne Post Office had been made and further information on the outcome was awaited.

Emails Received: Notice of National Spring Clean Week. As this was successful last year, the Chair stated that she would again ask local youth organisations and the primary school to take part. Peter Wilks stated that maps showing the adopted roads and land owned by Stirling Council had now been received in *Adobe Reader* form.

Emails Sent: Observations concerning the need for cleaning of road signs and the poor condition of the pavement from Herons Court to Fintry Crossroads. No replies had been received as yet. It was suggested by Pam Campbell that such correspondence be copied to local members. Nigel Kelly agreed to take on the Roads Portfolio.

CC52 Meetings Attended

NHS Public Partnership Forum The first part of the evening was a presentation on Dial a Journey and Central Shop Mobility. The presentation explained the background, the organisational structure and the funding of the service. It went on to explain how the service now runs alongside the concessional bus pass so you can register with dial a bus and retain your One Scotland travel card. This means you had access to the general network, dial a journey, shopmobility and the taxi card, allowing even greater flexibility. There was also the availability for more advanced booking for a special event. The registered user could take one escort with them free of charge, with additional rates for other passengers. The fleet now included a wide range of vehicles which can accommodate most mobility/ equipment needs. Services offered include door-to-door service, taxicard booking service, self-drive minibus hire for voluntary groups, self-drive small vehicle hire for families of scheme members, and during the holiday periods the service ran day excursions. The shopmobility service provided electric scooter and manual wheelchair loans, long term scooter and wheelchair hire and advice & assistance. This service was available at the Thistle shopping centre, the Howgate centre, Stirling Mills, and the Falkirk Wheel. The second part of the night was an update on the ongoing hospital planning process. To

date all the work at the new Royal Forth Valley Hospital was on schedule. The business plan for the Stirling community hospital had been finalised. There were no new developments on either of these. The next meeting on the 28th April would discuss cancer services, and anyone who wishes to raise any issues should contact Heather Wright.

SW Area Rural Forum A presentation by Clare Milne of the scope and progress of the Local Development Plan, presenting the strategy for all development over the next ten year period was made and was followed by a question and answer session. It included the Local Housing Strategy, the development of the local economy and preservation of the green belt. There would be a touring road show which would be in Balfron on 27 May and Strathblane on 29 May. The second presentation was by David Basillie on the Survey of Open Spaces. All open spaces valued by and wished to be retained by local communities were to be recorded, which could have important development implications. Sarah Winstone made a statement about the Friday Night Project in Killearn and the provision of the Mobile Youth Space.

KCFC Board Meeting The Board met and discussed the Village Hall project and arranged to present the plans to the wider public on 28 March and 1 April. It was particularly important to attract younger people to express their views. The meetings would show the plans, a 3-D model and explain why choices were made. The KCFC Board is seeking additional directors.

CC53 Any Other Business

Eco meeting It was agreed to hold a special meeting in Killearn Village Hall on Tuesday 18 May 2010 to address issues relating to the environment, energy saving and other 'green' issues. A sub-group would be set up to determine the form of the meeting, areas to be discussed, etc. Various suggestions for the sub-group to consider were made, including involvement of the schools, input from the Energy Saving Trust, liaising with other local villages, especially Fintry who have had some experience in organising such meetings. The sub-group could consider allowing relevant businesses and organisations to have stalls at the meeting.

Gartness Road Traffic It was reported that Gartness Road was suffering from heavy and speeding vehicles. A suggestion was made that the sign on the A81 directing traffic to Killearn could be removed, making the normal entry to the village the roundabout onto Station Road. It was suggested that a weight limit could be put on the road, but it was stated by a member of the public that he believed a weight limit to be already in force. It was agreed to write to Stirling Council outlining the problem.

Litter on A81 It was reported that there was a large amount of litter on the A81 south of the distillery. It was agreed to write to Stirling Council about this.

Public Toilet It was reported that the gents toilet in the Health Centre Car Park was in a filthy condition. It was agreed to write to Stirling Council asking what the cleaning regime was.

Woodland Burial Ground It was reported that the Woodland Burial Ground in Gartness Road was disfigured by rushes and needed attention. It was agreed to write to Stirling Council about this. It was also reported that there was no provision for any form of memorial to the deceased buried there. It was understood that there should be no memorial on the actual grave, but a plaque on a suitable structure such as the dry stone enclosed seating area in the Carlisle green graveyard could be a possibility, if permission could be obtained from Stirling Council and funds obtained. This might be a suitable project for KCFC.

Status of Stirling Royal Infirmary It was asked what would happen to Stirling Royal after the opening of the Royal Forth Valley Hospital in 2012. When the new hospital at Larbert was fully functional, it would become the acute and emergency hospital for

NHS Forth Valley and Stirling Royal would become a community hospital dealing with non-acute treatments.

CC54 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place in Killearn Primary School at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 17 March 2010.