

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2009

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

In Attendance: Councillor G Lambie; PC D. McNally; P Campbell and 7 members of the public.

Apologies I. Beaton; C. Macintosh; P. Rea; E. Smith; I. Moreland.

It was agreed to insert an extra agenda item on Roads after Police Matters.

CC296 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2009 were approved.

CC297 Matters Arising

Benches There was still no news on the progress of the repair.

Village Spring Clean There had been a very positive response from youth organisations in the village and it was hoped that more organisations would take up the challenge. KCC has presented a certificate to the Rainbows, the 2nd. Killearn Brownies, P6 class from Killearn Primary School and the Cubs all of whom had done a litter pick in various parts of the village.

Football Club At the present time the area of land adjacent to the park, known locally as the turnip field, was currently designated as *housing*. The Chair had written to Stirling Council asking that the area be re-designated as *leisure and recreation*, which might remove one obstacle to the siting of the proposed changing rooms for the Football Club..

War Memorial A submission has been made to the *War Memorial Trust* for a grant of £2500. The *Paul Trust*, the *Kirk Session* and the *Killearn Trust* had all promised to make a contribution, but actual amounts had not yet been determined.

Well Green Path The path would be repaired when Stirling Council returned to complete the roadwork outside Spar.

CC298 Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer the audited accounts for the year were tabled by the Secretary and were accepted by the Council prior to being formally presented at the AGM in June.

CC299 Question Time

There were no questions from the floor. Councillor Lambie presented his report.

Councillor Lambie stated that he had met with the Buchanan Society together with Councillor O'Brien, Ann McGuire MP, Bruce Crawford MSP and Murdo Fraser MSP. At this time the future transfer of ownership of the monument to a national body had still not been determined.

Councillor Lambie stated that he had asked the Roads Department for a report on the history of Endrick Road to ascertain if a resident's contribution would be a way forward in getting the road resurfaced and adopted by Stirling Council. A number of possible options were discussed.

Councillor Lambie felt that the Planning Panel on the entrance to the Old School had been well handled and that the outcome was the best possible in the circumstances.

Councillor Lambie reminded both the Council and residents that they had been asked to submit their response to the Local Development Plan before 26 June.

CC300 Police Matters

PC McNally stated that there had been two break-ins, one at Duntreath and one at the Co-op. There had also been a case of serious vandalism at the Primary School, which was shown by CCTV to be perpetrated by young persons in their 20's. There had also been vandalism to a car in the village. There had been a reported case of disorder by youths in Graham Road. There were three minor road accidents.

An incident concerning a minor was, on investigation, found to be false and there was no cause for concern.

PC McNally stated that he had investigated reports of excessive speed through Dumgoyne and found it to be a real problem. He had asked the Traffic Division to deal with this.

Heather Wright again raised the problem of the security van servicing the cash machine at the bank parking close to the corner and thus creating a traffic hazard. PC McNally said he would take the matter up with HBOS.

Peter Wilks reported that there had been a number of incidents involving fireworks in the village, which was confirmed by other councillors and members of the public.

It was noted that the Co-op was introducing a ban on the purchase of alcohol under the age of 25. This was welcomed by the Council and it was hoped that Spar would follow suit.

PC McNally was praised for his integrity, enthusiasm and ability to communicate with the public in his role as Community Officer. His work was much appreciated.

CC301 Roads

Christopher Riches gave a report on the progress of the road works outside Spar and the projected works at the bank corner. There was still resurfacing work to be carried out at the Spar. The Well Green path would be resurfaced at the same time. This was scheduled for the week beginning 25 June.

A number of concerns with the works at Spar were reported to the Council. It appeared that there were problems with the entrance to the rear car park at Spar, particularly with the small triangular area of curbing at the end of the bus stop which caused an access problem, particularly for delivery vehicles. The canopy and bollard had already been hit. The bus bay appeared to be not deep enough to allow the bus to pull completely off the road. The litter bin needed to be relocated to the new position of the bus shelter. It was felt that the bus shelter should either have been refurbished or replaced by a new shelter. The disabled parking bay and the parking area on the access road to the rear of Spar required to be marked out. The siting of the crossing to Well Green is not to plan as the relocated bus shelter partially blocks the end of the Well Green path making it difficult for wheelchairs and buggies to manoeuvre when people are standing at the bus stop. A resident of Ibert Road reported that it was difficult to turn right without swinging into the off-side of Main Street. It was also asked who would be responsible for planting the new earth area.

Christopher Riches agreed to take these matters up with Alistair Dawson of Stirling Council Roads Department.

CC302 Youth Matters

The Chair stated that she had received information from Tim Burnham that 10 youngsters had requested a skateboard park. This request had been considered on a number of occasions in the past and it was found to be almost impossible to find a suitable site that would be far enough from residents so as to not cause noise nuisance. There was also doubt on how much it would be used. Pam Campbell said that Balfron had suggested the provision of a mobile skateboard park which could serve a number of communities in the area. It was agreed to pass this on to the youth members for further consideration.

CC303 Planning

Planning Applications Received:

09/00288/REM Erection of new house and garage at Garden Ground to North of 75 Main Street.

It was stated that as this was a reserved application, there must be outline planning permission on the site. The Council did not have any concerns with the design of the house, but had reservations on the environmental impact of the development on the Kirkhouse Burn, which runs in a small ravine close to the proposed building. The Council

wished to be assured that the building would not have a detrimental effect on this important part of the conservation area.

09/00287/FUL Extension to dwelling house at 3 Greenend Lane.

The Council did not wish to comment on this application.

09/00308/FUL Proposed amendment to existing planning permission to include three dormer windows in lieu of velux roof lights at Ibert Farm, Ibert Road.

The Council did not wish to comment on this application.

Planning Applications Recommendations by Stirling Council:

09/00191/FUL Erection of new dwelling house at land 118 Metres North West of Stilwater.

Stirling Council Planning Officers recommended refusal of this application. The same planning proposal had been submitted in 2008 and was refused in February 2009. The development was contrary to the new planning guidelines and should be refused on the same grounds as before.

09/00196/FUL Extension to dwelling house at 4 Rowan Crescent.

Stirling Council Planning Officers recommended approval of this application with conditions.

Tree Preservation Orders/Trees in Conservation Areas/Trees on Development Sites

Tre 2009\35 Permission for tree works and felling in Main Street.

Planning Enforcement

09/00055/UNADV Unauthorised erection of sign board at address: Killearn, G63 9PT.

Other Planning Matters

It was noted that the result of the planning panel on the access to the Old School had not yet appeared in the Stirling Council Planning Schedule.

CC304 Reports of Meetings Attended

No meetings were attended during the month.

Notice was given on invitations to three meetings: NHS Forum on Dental Provision, Working in Partnership to meet Housing Needs, and the Rural Forum on Sustainability, which would include discussion on whether the percentage requirement for developers to include affordable housing should be raised.

Heather would attend the NHS meeting and asked that any residents with issues that they wished to be raised to contact her.

CC305 Correspondence

Received: Invitation to the opening of the new footbridge in Stirling; invitation to respond to the national consultation on Scotland's future; Anne McGuire's surgery dates; Stirling Focus newsletter; Butterfly Conservation in Scotland newsletter; Stirling Council minutes; advice on organising Community Council meetings; list of contacts for Community Councils; notice of one-way traffic on Causewayhead Bridge for seven weeks due to construction works; notice that information was wrongly given on Freedom of Information legislation as the information given only applied to England and Wales.

CC306 Any Other Business

Gaelic Signage The Council was asked if it would support dual language road signs, with information being given in English and Gaelic. This was considered more appropriate for Gaelic-speaking areas of Scotland and the expense could not be justified in this area.

Strathendrick Care Home It was noted that the Stirling Council Minutes confirmed that this home was not under threat of closure in the medium term.

Oak Tree According to the Council's lawyers, this tree, which was considered to require urgent attention, was not on Stirling Council property. However, Stirling Council is pursuing the matter on behalf of the nearby residents.

Access to Well Green Houses It was reported that an ambulance had had difficulty gaining close access to a house on Well Green and became bogged down on the grass area from where it had to be recovered by the Fire Service. It was feared that a Fire Service vehicle would also have difficulty in accessing the properties in this area. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of Stirling Council.

AGM The next monthly meeting would be preceded by the AGM at which the Chairman's Report would be given. This would also be published in the next edition of the Courier.

Vote of Thanks Appreciation was expressed at the interest taken by Councillor Lambie in local issues and for his clear report.

CC307 Date of Next Meeting

The AGM, followed by the next monthly meeting, would take place in Killearn Primary School at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 17 June 2009.