

KILLEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2010

Present: I. Beaton; J. Duncan; N. Kelly; C. Macintosh; A. May; B. Pell (*Chair*); E. Smith; H. Wright; P. Wilks.

Apologies: J. May; P. Rea; D. Stuart

In Attendance: Councillor G. Lambie; PC D. McNally; S. Winstone; T. Burnham; M. Vass; S. Beck and 8 members of the public.

Because the Treasurer had to leave early, it was agreed to consider the Treasurer's Report as the first item on the agenda.

CC78 Treasurer's Report

Number 1 Account balance - £58.75, Number 2 Account balance £1337.60.

The Treasurer outlined the audited accounts to be presented at the AGM next month. She explained that Stirling Council had twice paid a sum of £270 in error which had to be returned. Although one repayment was made in the next financial year, it was agreed with the auditor that both repayments should appear in the 2010 accounts. There being no questions, it was agreed to accept the accounts as a true record.

CC79 Focus on Youth

The Chair welcomed Sarah Winstone of Stirling Council Youth Services, Tim Burnham who is a youth worker with Killearn Kirk, Sue Beck, local Guide Leader and District Commissioner, and Margaret Vass, the Chair of Strathblane Community Council to this special meeting of the Council which attempted to identify the needs and problems of youth in the rural area and how they may be addressed.

Tim Burnham laid out the youth services associated with the Kirk - the Boys' Brigade, the *Friday Night Thing* and the young group on Sunday morning. Sue Beck described the full range of Guide groups, stating that the two Rainbows groups and the two Brownie groups were both full. She confirmed that like all youth groups, more volunteer helpers were required. Councillor Lambie asked if the disclosure process made it difficult to get volunteers, but Sue Beck said in her experience, it was no longer a problem. Other youth groups such as Scouts, Cubs and Beavers and activities like dancing classes and tennis were noted.

David McNally said that seven years ago there were 60 to 70 young people milling around the village on Friday night in large groups, which many residents found intimidating, although in general they were nice kids. This now seems to be much less of a problem. Since becoming Community Officer, David said that he had been active in trying to get a youth club established.

Cairi Macintosh said older youngsters tended to go into Glasgow to films, etc, so Friday would not be the best night if a club ran on just one night. Sarah Winstone confirmed there were not the youngsters around and it was difficult to get a club established.

Iain Beaton discussed the provision of a bike course and stated that discussions were ongoing with Daye Tucker. Brenda Pell said despite Killearn being relatively affluent, there were youngsters who could not afford to go into town and their needs should not be forgotten.

Discussion followed on what the youngsters required of a club and its organisation. Tim said the leadership needed continuity and that it was important to understand that leadership had to be relationship-based. Getting the mix of ages right was important, and also the way it was managed. It is hoped that the proposed development of the Village Hall with a dedicated space for youth would provide the infrastructure for such a club. In a note from Brian Simmers, who sent apologies for being unable to

attend owing to a prior engagement, and who chairs the Hall Development committee, he expressed the aim to form a youth committee, centred around Iain Beaton, to advise on the youth space. The best practice from other clubs such as the Drymen Youth Cafe, Callander, Kippen and Balquhidder Youth Projects would be investigated.

The meeting closed with information on a number of practical matters. Sarah Winstone, confirmed that there was advice available on setting up and running a youth project, and that equipment that could be borrowed. The discussion ended with the fact that there needed to be efficient communication links between providers and users.

This part of the meeting ended with thanks to all who had participated.

CC80 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2010 were adopted.

CC81 Matters Arising

Village Spring Clean The following youth organisations took part in the *National Spring Clean*: Boys Brigade, 1st and 2nd Brownies, 1st Rainbows, 1st Killearn Guides and Killearn Primary School. They were all awarded certificates by KCC.

CC82 Police Matters

PC McNally stated that it was a quiet month with just two major incidents; a break-in at the Co-op and a shop lifting incident at Town & Country. The perpetrators of the Co-op robbery were apprehended.

PC McNally said he was being successful in dissuading people to park on the pavement. He stated that there had been a spate of quad-bike thefts and asked owners of such vehicles to ensure that they were safely stored.

Nigel Kelly reported that motor cycles had been heard racing in the evening in Beech Drive. PC McNally said he would investigate.

Janet Duncan asked if there could be priority for vehicles coming one way in Crosshead Road by the Old Cemetery. . PC McNally said this would be difficult as the road was not designed for present-day traffic. There was general agreement that as it was in the conservation area more signage would be intrusive.

CC83 Question Time.

Multicourt Lights It was stated that the lights were going on and off erratically, sometimes staying on as late as 11 p.m. After some discussion on how late the lights should stay on, after being assured by Iain Beaton that they were used in the evening, it was agreed to ask Stirling Council to ensure that they are reliably switched off at 10 p.m.

Autoteller It was stated that the autoteller outside the bank was out of action again last week. It was also stated that the opening of the bank on Thursday could not be relied upon. It was agreed that the Chair writes yet again to Halifax BOS.

CC84 Planning

Valid Planning Applications Received:

10/00206/FUL Proposed extension and refurbishment including new coffee lounge and youth club at 5 Balfroon Road.

10/00231/LBC Proposed extension and refurbishment including new coffee lounge and youth club at 5 Balfroon Road.

These planning applications were the culmination of the work by the KCFC Village Hall Development Group. The project has been extensively consulted on

with the hall users and the wider community and received general approval. The Community Council fully support this application.

Planning Schedule

ISSUE: The Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 1999: Request for Scoping opinion: 14 wind turbines, Merkins Muir, West Dunbartonshire. As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment procedure, the applicant company had submitted a 'scoping request' to the West Dunbartonshire Council with a draft Scoping Report. This would enable the Planning Authority to assess whether the company's draft report demonstrated an adequate and appropriate basis to carry out the environmental assessment of the project. The assessment concluded that the Scoping Report was largely satisfactory, subject to the detailed advice, comments and requirements included in the assessment. The full assessment can be read on the Community Council website.

Planning Decisions by Appointed Officers of Stirling Council:

10/00167/PPP Erection of 2 self catering holiday lodges at Land 84m South East Of North Ballochruin Farm Killearn Decision: Refuse.

Dumgoyne Distillery Heather Wright questioned the visual impact of the new stores being erected at the distillery. It was pointed out that the planning application had come before the Council, and it had been decided not to oppose the development. Councillor Lambie agreed to investigate that the planning rules had been complied with.

Local Plan Summer Roadshow The Chair reminded members that the *Roadshow* would be in Balfron on 27th May and Strathblane on the 29th May. It was important that all members as well as villagers attend one of these meetings as the result of the consultation would inform the Local Plan for the next ten years. As well as housing and planning strategies there would also be a survey on the use of open green spaces and how they were valued.

CC85 Correspondence

Correspondence received:

Minutes of Stirling Council; request for nominations for Provost's Awards; feedback on Stirling Council Gender Equality Scheme; notice of SW Rural Area Forum; copies of Local Development Plan; copy of Roads maintenance Year 3 Programme; copy of letter from Scotus Investments informing Council of a new application to Stirling Council on the Old School site.

A letter from Stirling Council gave notice of a bid to fund council house building on the 'turnip field'. As this land has been considered by the local community as recreational space for a considerable number of years, this would be controversial and more serious consultation should have taken place with the community.

Circulars:

Butterfly Conservation in Scotland; Stirling Carers Connection

Emails Received:

Central Scotland Police PACT survey; Action Earth Awards.

Councillor Lambie confirmed that there were no plans to remove the Balfron Recycling and Waste skips.

Pam Campbell on a proposal to relocate the older swings in the play park to accommodate the Football Club cabin. The Chair stated that the play park was designed as a whole and had been provided by funds from charities and money raised locally and should not be altered without consultation with the KCFC Play Park Committee.

CC86 Meetings Attended
NHS Forum

This was attended by Heather Wright and her report is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Youth meeting

Attended by Brenda Pell. The need for more effective communications was highlighted.

Training issues meeting

This was attended by Janet Duncan and Brenda Pell together with representatives from a variety of organisations from local villages. The need for improved communications methods to allow a effective networking system to function was a key factor in discussions.

Area Planning Forum

This was attended by Heather Wright and Brenda Pell. The agenda covered Care Vision, the Care Commission, Stirling Community Health Partnership and transport issues, in particular, with reference to the new hospital

KCC Special Eco Meeting

This was very successful and was attended by 40+ persons. It featured presentations from five speakers, including pupils of Killearn Primary School and was followed by discussion groups led by these speakers. It will be followed by an Eco Fair on Saturday, 18th September. An abbreviated report of the Eco meeting will appear on the website and notice board.

CC87 Any Other Business

Dog Waste Bin It was agreed to asked Stirling Council for a dog waste bin in the Branziert Road Area.

Litter Bin Relocation The triangle of ground between Spar and Ibert Road has now been planted up, isolating the litter bin on the old bus stop. It was agreed to ask yet again for it to be relocated to the new bus stop.

CC88 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place in Killearn Primary School, with the AGM at 8.00 p.m., followed by the next ordinary monthly meeting at 8.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 16 June 2010.