

AIRTH PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD IN AIRTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 2013

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS PRESENT.

P.RODGER, R.SMITH., A. AMOS, A.RAMSAY, I.PENMAN, J.ANSLOW, J. TIBBLES, D.GRANT

ALSO PRESENT.

CLLR CRAIG MARTIN. (F.C.)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Stephen Bird, D .Gilmour, Constable Lynsey Scott

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of our meeting on 20th February were approved as a correct record of the proceedings. subject to minor amendments as discussed. Proposed by A. Amos. and seconded by P. Rodger. R. Smith will amend and redistribute the minutes.

POLICE REPORT.

As P.C. Lynsey Scott of Central Scotland Police was unable to attend, the convenor read out the police report which P.C. Scott had sent to us. A copy of this is appended.

The P.A.C.T. priority is to prevent and reduce inconsiderate and illegal parking at Airth school. P.C. Scott has met with the schools junior safety officers who have several good ideas to tackle the situation including a trial one way system at Elphinstone Crescent.

Also, we have been notified that the telephone number for the new National Police Service is 101 instead of Central Scotland Police headquarters number 01786456000 which is being phased out.

999 will still be used for emergency calls

MATTERS ARISING.

The Dart Energy planning application will be dealt with as an agenda item.

R.Smith had sent the Consultation on the Strategic Police Plan to P.C. Scott who replied that she had no concerns over the proposals.

R. Smith has contacted Kate Fuller of the RSPB who will attend our May meeting to give us an update on the Inner Forth Landscape initiative.

CORRESPONDENCE

21/02/13. E mail from Jon Anslow outlining his idea for the development of geothermal heating utilising the Dart Energy boreholes once the gas has become exhausted. He will approach Dart directly with his ideas.

27/02/13. E mail from Shona Barton of F.C. regarding a Climate Challenge Fund application surgery and energy efficiency afternoon on 8th March in Stirling. No one was able to attend this event.

06/03/13. E mails from Jo Tibbles and Pete Reid regarding the invoices for the Christmas lights.

07/03/13. E mail from John Milne of F.C. regarding the on line publication of comments and objections on the Dart energy Application.

12/03/13. E mail from Planning Aid confirming that both Domini and Aileen have places booked on their training day in Falkirk on 20th April. Confirmations and details will be sent direct to them in due course.

12/03/13. E mail from Shona Barton of F.C. regarding the Clydesdale Bank Community Awards Scheme.

12/03/13. E.Mail from Shona Barton of F.C. regarding a Public information and Engagement day relating to the proposals for the Stirling Care Village for older people on the site of the Stirling Community Hospital Site. This event takes place on Tuesday 26th March from 1pm to 8pm in the Lecture Theatre at Stirling Community Hospital.

14/03/13. E mail from Cllr. Martin regarding the cleaning and replacing of the lit bollards on the central islands on the main street in Airth and the installation of new bollards at the village store to prevent vehicles from parking on the pavement.. Cllr. Martin stated that the council roads department had investigated the complaint about flooding on the pavement in front of the shop and concluded that the problem stemmed from blockages in the private drain at the side of the shop and it is the responsibility of the shop owners to maintain and repair this.

14/03/13. E mail from Cllr. Martin regarding new funding programmes, the Coastal Communities Fund and Peoples Millions.

14/03/13. E mail from Catherine Devlin of F.C. regarding the P.A.N. by Powercrofters for a waste sorting plant at Throsk.

15/03/13. E mail from Kate Fuller of the R.S.P.B. confirming her attendance on 15th May to give us an updated presentation on the Inner Forth Landscape Initiative .

15/03/13. Copies of letter from Cllr. Martin regarding inconsiderate parking at Elphinstone Crescent and proposals for waiting restrictions at the junctions of the School road and the A905 and Elphinstone Crescent and Miller Place.

18/03/13. Posters from Falkirk Council regarding Litter Picks.

PLANNING ISSUES

There were 3 new planning applications relevant to us made during the past month.

P/13/0143/TEL Replacement antenna on a telecommunications mast east of Bowtrees farm.

P/13/0084/DMO Demolition of the former restaurant The Pine and Oak just off the M876 on the Powfoulis road. This has been granted as prior approval is not required.

P/13/0086/FUL Greenacres cottage Letham. This is an alteration to a previous application ref. p/12/0197/FUL.

We have no comments to make on any of these applications.

There have been no new Proposal of Application Notices submitted for our area during the past month.

THE DART ENERGY RESPONSE

Pauline has submitted our letter containing the various comments from residents in the parish to Falkirk Council. This details all comments gleaned from the various meetings and discussions held over the past few months and includes statements objecting to the proposals as well as those supporting the application.

No date has been set for the public hearing on this application and the external consultants have been appointed to carry out the additional studies and assessments required. The Dart Energy Application will be the first in the Falkirk Council area to have all comments and objections placed on line for anyone to access. Falkirk Council have written to all respondents asking for their permission to do this and we understand that only 15 out of approximately 550 have refused to allow this.

POWERCROFTERS P.A.N. FOR WASTE TO ENERGY PLANT AT THROSK.

We had received a notification that a Proposal of Application Notice has been submitted to Stirling Council by Powercrofters (Scotland) Ltd., to form a facility comprising a materials recycling facility to sort waste and redirect it to specialised facilities off site or to an on site plant generating energy in the form of electricity or steam at the Bandeath Industrial estate in Throsk. The original application for a waste to energy plant on this site was refused on appeal but this new one appears to concentrate more on sorting and shipping out waste. This could mean a greater volume of traffic using the A905 than on the original application which we had strongly objected to. Information is sketchy at this stage but we will make contact with Throsk Community Council to get their views on the application and R. Smith will contact the planners in Stirling for further information. Normally the P.A.N. period runs for 12 weeks before a full application can be submitted and this could be done during the summer recess when the Community Council does not meet. If this happens, we may have to call special meetings to discuss it and formulate our response.

TREASURERS REPORT

Jo Tibbles indicated that we currently had £4421.26 in our account but we had still to settle the bill from Falkirk Council for the erection, storage and maintenance of the Christmas lights as well as the purchase of new lights. This will reduce the balance by £2379.73 when paid. We will write to Pete Reid of Falkirk Council thanking him for his support in dealing with Lightways on our behalf.

There was a discussion about the offer by Trevor Taylor of Insight to contribute £1000 towards the Christmas lights fund as we were expecting to have a shortfall by refusing a donation from Dart Energy. However, we had raised sufficient funds to cover our costs

without the need for this donation and Pauline will write to him thanking him for his offer and explaining why we do not require it this year. We will include him when we write to businesses and individuals for a contribution for this year's lights.

We have still to open a savings account to keep monies raised for special projects separate from our working account and the Halifax who we applied to, have indicated to R. Smith who had a treasurer's account for another group, that they no longer hold savings accounts for groups like us. The Credit union was suggested, but they do not hold savings accounts for groups either. We will investigate other options as it is important that the money is shown in separate accounts.

LITTER PICK

In past years we have held a community Litter pick in conjunction with the school, but did not hold one last year. We have received posters from Hania Smith of F.C. regarding support for litter picks and we have agreed to hold one on Saturday 27th April. Ann Ramsay will contact the school to see if they wish to take part in it and R. Smith will register us with Falkirk Council. A risk assessment will have to be drawn up and we will require input and assistance from all community members to run and supervise the event.

WILDERNESS PARK UPDATE.

Ann Ramsay and Cllr. Martin informed us that that work had started on the project with the first units being installed. It is hoped that work will be completed by Easter. The main funders of this project, E Score will expect some publicity for their involvement when the project is complete.

A.O.C.B.

A bouquet of flowers was purchased and presented to Mrs Grace Dick on behalf of the Community Council on her retiral from Airth Primary School after 39 years as a teacher. Domini Grant requested that we donate a prize to the P.T.A. for their Prize Bingo fund raiser. We agreed to donate a bottle of whisky and 2 history books.

A. Amos asked Cllr Martin if there were any developments with the Woodyard site in Dunmore Village. He did not know what the current position is but would make enquiries and let us know. Cllr. Martin noted that there was no live planning application relating to the Parsonage. As this is a listed building, we assume that the work being done relates to reinstatement and decoration after the fire which gutted part of the building.

Ian Penman and Cllr. Martin informed us that this year was the centenary year of the formation of Letham Village which was only created by Carron Company in 1913 to house people who worked for them in the Letham coal mine. The residents wish to mark this milestone in the history of Letham by some sort of event and asked for help and suggestions from the Community Council. We agreed to do this and meet with the residents association and discuss options with them. Domini Grant suggested having a mural depicting the past connection with coal mining created on the walls of "The Hub". This suggestion will be put to the Letham residents. Ian Penman will arrange a meeting between the two groups. Other suggestions will be welcomed.

The convenor thanked everyone for attending and noted that the date of our next meeting is Wednesday 17th April 2013

Airth Community Council Meeting – Police Report

February 2013 – March 2013

Dunmore

0 crime reports

South Alloa

0 crime reports

Letham

1 crime report relating to a motorist driving with no insurance

Airth

7 crime reports

- 1 domestic incidents – 52 year old male reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 1 Theft– vehicle window smashed in Kennedy Way and a SatNav stolen. Appears to be an isolated incident. Police advise that you keep items like this out of open view and where possible, remove from the vehicle all together.
- 1 Vandalism- damage to wing mirror of a vehicle parked overnight in Elphinstone Crescent. Cause of damage being investigated.
- 4 road traffic offences including vehicle defects, using a hand held mobile phone whilst driving and failing to wear a seatbelt.

The PACT priority for Airth for March is to prevent and reduce inconsiderate and illegal parking at Airth Primary School. PC Scott has met with the schools Junior Road Safety Officers who have a number of excellent ideas to tackle the issue including a poster competition, newsletter announcement, a trial one way system in Elphinstone Crescent . A walking bus is also being planned to encourage larger numbers to walk together to school safely

Additional Information

Please be aware that there is a new short dial contact number for the new national Police Service of 101. There is a phased replacement of the Central Scotland Police number of 01786 456000.

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