

AIRTH PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD IN AIRTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2013

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS PRESENT.

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

ALSO PRESENT.

W.WATSON, L.WATSON (D.V.A.) M.MONTINARO, S.PERRY

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Stephen Bird and Trevor Taylor

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of our meeting on 18th September with slight amendments under AOCB as discussed were approved as a correct record of the proceedings. Proposed by Jon Anslow and seconded by D.Grant..

POLICE REPORT.

There was no police presence so we did not have a report to give. This may have been because we have held our meeting a week earlier than usual because of school holidays.

MATTERS ARISING.

R. Smith confirmed that he had responded to the Litter Strategy Consultation by the Scottish government and Jon Anslow confirmed that he would respond to the Marine Environment Consultation before the deadline in November.

A.Amos made reference to the meeting between office bearers of the DVA and our convenor and secretary which was held at Cllr. Martin's surgery and questioned why this had not been minuted and the community council notified. It was pointed out that this was not an official meeting but an informal discussion to agree lines of communication between our groups i.e. via our respective secretaries.

CORRESPONDENCE

See the list of correspondence appended.

Jon Anslow will respond to the letter from the Police regarding traffic wardens and R.Smith will respond to the letter regarding public counter service provision by Police Scotland.

Referring to e mails relating to discussions held in the secretary's house, Lilian Watson stated that in her opinion there should be no private meetings of the community council and they should all be held in public.. The convenor pointed out that there are times when members

must meet out with the normal meetings to make arrangements for various events and go through correspondence, particularly after the summer recess when there can be too much to deal with during a normal meeting. It is impractical to advertise and hold these meetings in public and any important issues discussed would be brought up during the normal open meetings.

PLANNING ISSUES

There were only 2 planning applications relevant to our area. this period.

P/13/0483/FUL Extension to Burgoyne's yard and garage--Granted

P/13/0615/FUL New fence and extension to the Q8 service station sales area at the Bowtrees roundabout

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE AND LIGHTS.

As the current Community Council will cease to exist on 31st October and a new one will not be fully formed until at least the December meeting, we agreed that we should make the preparations for the Christmas lights event and arrange for the lights to be installed.

The date chosen for the event was Friday the 6th December at 6.30pm outside the Community Centre with the same format as in past years. We will involve the school choir, have mulled wine, soft drinks, cake, mince pies and sweets from Santa for the younger children. We will ask Mrs Elizabeth Dick of Linkfield Farm to do the official switch on this year. Aileen suggested that we purchase 2 new lights but we agreed that we must have a quotation for the cost of erecting, maintaining, dismantling and storing the existing lights before we look at purchasing more. We probably have just about enough in the funds to cover the event this year but we will still try to raise funds through donations and other means to have some funds available for next year..Ann will contact the school and community centre and Aileen will get a quotation from Lightways. We may require a separate meeting to arrange the event and delegate tasks and responsibilities.

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer indicated that our bank balance was currently £2074.89 and we still had our operating grant to come from Falkirk Council.

A.O.C.B.

Ian Penman informed us that plans were well under way for the erection of the memorial cairn and mural to commemorate the centenary year of Letham village but complained that the grant awarded to them had been halved with no explanation. The Letham fun day in July had been funded by Falkirk Council, but the Letham residents group were now looking at a shortfall of £1633 because of the grant reduction. We suggested that they write to our 4 councillors regarding this issue.

Jon and Aileen will arrange to lay our poppy wreath at the war memorial in Airth on remembrance Sunday, 10th November. Jo will arrange to obtain the wreath..

Maria Montinaro of Shieldhill and California community council distributed a leaflet inviting residents in the Falkirk area to sign up to a community charter against Unconventional Gas production in our area. We agreed to post this on the Community Council notice board. She also said that of 9 community councils in Falkirk district 8 had objected to the Dart Energy application and one was non committal. She also stated that the objecting community councils were raising funds to engage legal representation on their behalf at the forthcoming public hearing on the Dart Planning appeal and were supporting the community charter. Maria stated that she supported the development and research into renewable energy sources. Domini Grant questioned Maria about a conversation Maria had with Domini's husband at an event in Falkirk during which she had made some derogatory remarks about Airth Parish Community Council not knowing who he was. Maria said that she did not recall the conversation and Domini made it clear that she was not enamoured by Maria's attitude to our Community Council.

The convenor thanked everyone for attending and noted that the date of our next meeting is Wednesday 20th November 2013 when a new community council will be formed.

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LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM 24TH SEPTEMBER TO 9TH OCTOBER 2013.

23/9/2013 E MAIL FROM JACQUI McARTHUR F.C. REGARDING THE DUNMORE CHRISTMAS TREE.

23/9/2013 E MAIL FROM R.SMITH TO ALL C.C. MEMBERS REGARDING A CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH JACQUI McARTHUR REGARDING THE DUNMORE CHRISTMAS TREE.

23/9/2013 E MAIL FROM C.V.S. FALKIRK & DISTRICT VOLUNTEER CENTRE INVITING US TO TAKE A STALL AT THIS YEARS CHARITY FAIR IN FALKIRK ON 26TH OCTOBER. WE WILL NOT TAKE PART THIS YEAR.

26/9/2013 E MAIL FROM JACQUI McARTHUR WITH A COST BREAKDOWN FOR SUPPLYING A CHRISTMAS TREE TO DUNMORE VILLAGE.

26/9/2013 E MAIL FROM JACQUI McARTHUR IN ANSWER TO A QUERY ABOUT THE POTENTIAL COST SAVING OF USING THE EXISTING LIGHTS AND ELECTRICAL SPUR AT DUNMORE.

26/9/2013 E MAIL FROM R.SMITH TO L.WATSON REGARDING THE QUOTE FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE AT DUNMORE AND A SUGGESTION FOR AN ALTERNATIVE.

26/9/2013 E MAIL FROM TERRY WALKER WITH AN UPDATE ON THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR LAND ON THE ESCARPMENT ABOVE THE CEMETERY.

30/9/2013 LETTER FROM THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONFIRMING RECEIPT OF OUR RESPONSE TO THE LITTER STRATEGY CONSULTATION.

30/9/2013 2 E MAILS FROM CLLR. S. BIRD REGARDING TELECOMMUNICATION PLANNING ISSUES.

1/10/2013 2 LETTERS FROM POLICE SCOTLAND REGARDING TRAFFIC WARDENS AND PUBLIC COUNTER PROVISION AT POLICE STATIONS.

3/10/2013 LETTER FROM F.C. REGARDING NOMINATION TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SENT TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS)

8/10/2013 R5EPORT FROM F.C. CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON THE RESULTS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

9/10/2013 E MAIL FROM SHONA BARTON REGARDING THE PROCEDURES FOR FORMING NEW COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND INVITING MEMBERS TO A BRIEFING SESSION IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ON WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER AT 6PM.