

AIRTH PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the general meeting held on 18th November 2015 **in Airth Primary School**

Members present. Domini Grant, Robert Smith, Aileen Amos, Ginny Sutherland and Willie Watson.

Also present. P.C. Chris Morrison, Police Scotland.

Minute Secretary. As there has still been no response to our advertisement for a minute secretary, Robert Smith agreed to take notes and compile minutes for this meeting. We will continue to try and recruit a minute secretary through the press and notice board.

1. Apologies Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. S. Bird and Paul Barret.

2. Approval of October 21st minutes

With the inclusion of a note requested by Domini that she had been communicating with Crawford Sibbald of Falkirk Council environmental health department, the minutes were approved, proposed by Aileen and seconded by Ginny.

3. Matters arising.

The kerb lowering requested at 22 and 24 High Street Airth has been carried out.

We have no information on the provision of a notice board for South Alloa. A meeting with the roads department regarding vibrations on the A905 at Castle Drive and our request for a 20mph speed restriction is still to be arranged.

The notice board has been re-erected at the bakers, but the white magnetic board is missing.

A has been sent to Leslie Dick acknowledging his work in strengthening the floodbanks at North Greens. We will wait until the work between Airth and Dunmore is complete before writing to Archie McLaren.

Domini has been unable to speak to the Doctor's practice about the alarm at the Health Centre. Cllr. Martin had said at the last meeting that he would investigate the problem with the alarm.

Domini and Aileen attended the Festival of Remembrance in Falkirk Town Hall.

4. Police report.

P.C. Morrison delivered the following verbal report which covered the period from the beginning of October to the meeting date.

12 crimes had been committed in the area during the period as well as 10 road traffic offences. There was also a major incident when a car being chased by police crashed into the Clackmannanshire Bridge and the driver jumped into the river. He is feared drowned but his body had not been discovered despite intensive searches.

Computer crime and scams were discussed and members had experienced attempted bank and credit card scams, where criminals are trying to access information on accounts. These should be deleted from computers at once and reported to the police and Action Fraud if a crime has been committed.

Domini said that she would do an article on computer fraud for inclusion in our website. PC Morrison agreed to e mail his full report to us but on speaking to him at a meeting in Larbert police station he said that it had been deleted from his computer and could not send it.

The new officer deployment strategy will be employed from 23rd November.

5. Correspondence. As listed below.

1. Grant of £100 received from Falkirk Council for the Christmas Lights event.
2. Consultation on the local development plan. This was sent out to everyone on 23rd October to respond to.
3. Receipt from Licensing Board for our Gaming licence to cover raffles etc..
4. Letter to Chloe Hunter requesting funding for a minute secretary.
5. Notification of a march by the Stirling Campsie Apprentice boys of Derry in Airth on Saturday 28th November.
6. Invitation to attend a Local development plan training day on Saturday 5th December. Aileen, Ginny and Domini will attend.
7. Invitation to attend a meeting with community police officers at Larbert Police Station on Tuesday 24th November at 3pm. Robert and Aileen will attend this.
8. Invitation from Sky TV for people with strong political views to take part in debates. As we are deemed to be non political in nature, this may be unsuitable for community councillors to take part.
9. E mail from Ian Penman tendering his resignation from the Community Council. Domini will write to thank him for his serve to the community.
10. Letter sent to Leslie Dick regarding the floodbanks.

31. E mail from Brian Pirie informing us that he will be arranging a meeting of the C.C. Forum to discuss budget proposals.

6. Round the parish report.

South Alloa.

No report as Jon Anslow was not present.

Letham.

Ginny has still to have discussions with Angus Duncan regrading the right of way at Letham Farm which had been moved without permission by the previous owner on to an adjacent landowner`s property.

Dunmore

The flower beds in the Dunmore Village green have been cleared out by the residents. 15 residents turned out to do this. The DVA are discussing plans for the future if Falkirk Council cease to plant them in the spring. They are still raising funds for the sensory garden at the woodyard site. The fundraising Ceilidh planned for October did not go ahead.

Ginny stated that filming at Dunmore Estate was now finished. She also noted that proposals for re-flooding certain areas on the Inner Forth would have a detrimental effect on land drainage.

Airth.

Mrs Morag Carson who was acting head has now been appointed as Head Teacher at Airth Primary School.

7. Treasurer`s Report

Aileen informed us that we had £40.54 in our operating account and £2156.93 in our Christmas lights fund.

8. Planning Issues.

The application to demolish the Crown Hotel has been withdrawn.

Terry Walker had informed Robert by e mail that the planning application for the development at the escarpment above Cemetery Brae had now been lodged. Comments are to be in by 9th December, but we will ask for an extension to this given the size of the project.

Robert will contact Roy Mitchell to obtain a copy of the plan and we will meet on 24th November to look over the plans and familiarise ourselves with the proposals before our next meeting when it will be discussed. We may invite Terry Walker and Roy Mitchell to attend our December meeting.

9. Community Resilience Launch.

Falkirk Council have printed our leaflets and Malcolm Wilson and Margaret Lees want to help us arrange a launch of our project with members of the emergency services present. Unfortunately the Community Centre will not be available until after the New Year. In the meantime Robert is trying to get the Falkirk Herald to do a feature on our project to try and get some more interest from residents.

10. Christmas Lights.

Jim Marshall has left Lightways and Aileen has been having difficulty in getting prices confirmed by his replacement David Smith so we do not have total costs as yet but these are estimated at around £2500. Aileen will write to confirm the order and prices. Willie Watson said that he knew of someone who may be able to install the lights cheaper than Lightways, but it was pointed out that their charge includes storage and this could be a problem. Ginny said that they could be stored at Dunmore home farm, but Aileen explained that they are stored in special frames designed for the purpose.

Domini thanked Aileen for all the work she had done in organising the lights and tree.

11. Christmas lights switch on.

The tree and lights have been organised and Mrs Morag Carson has agreed to perform the "switch on". The 40 strong school Choir and The Sweet Harmony Barber Shop Choir have confirmed that they will perform and Chris McAteer has agreed to be Santa once again.

Provost Pat Reid has agreed to arrange for a sound system to be provided for us and will pay the £50 fee for it.

Posters are available and will be put up in the various shops in the village.

Aileen has arranged for access to the Community Centre at 4.30pm.

A £30 Asda voucher has been given to the youth club for their Christmas Party.

12. A.O.C.B.

Willie Watson said that a Dunmore resident had approached him with concerns about speeding traffic at the Dunmore corner and that a car had left the road and crashed into a wall and gates at one of the houses. The resident has asked that a speed restriction be imposed. We will look at the signage approaching this corner from both sides and contact the roads people to see if improvements can be made to this area. There being no further business the convenor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Our next meeting will be on the 16th December 2015.

