

AIRTH PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the general meeting held on 15th March 2017 in Airth Primary School.

Members present. Jon Anslow, (Convenor) Robert Smith, (Assistant Secretary) Aileen Amos, (Secretary/Treasurer).

Also present. P.C. Mark O'Brien, Laura Murtaugh, Martin Murray, Cllr. Joan Coombes.

Minute Secretary. As we do not have a minute secretary at this time, 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 received from Ginny Sutherland (Vice Convenor), Willie Watson, Jim Todd, P.C. Chris Morrison, Cllrs Craig Martin and Stephen Bird.

2. Police Report

P.C. O'Brien delivered the police report covering the period from the 15th February to the 15th March. Copies of this is available.

In brief, 6 crimes/offences were recorded in the parish and these included breach of the peace, vandalism and possession of cannabis. There were also 55 calls to police from the area and the vast majority related to road traffic matters as well as suspect persons, abandoned vehicles and theft of fuel (drive off) from Bowtrees Service station.

Since the last meeting, P.C. Morrison has carried out numerous patrols at school times and any issues dealt with. Speed checks have been carried out in the 20mph zone and drivers warned about excessive speed.

The Convenor thanked P.C. O'Brien for his report and he left the meeting.

3. Approval of January minutes.

The February minutes were approved by Aileen and Jon.

4. Matters arising.

Robert has been unable to contact Mervyn McGregor of S.E.P.A. regarding the source of the raw sewage in the basin at Dunmore. Robert will try to contact him again for an update on progress. Unfortunately voice mails left for Mervyn seem to be unanswered.

The overgrown garden at Graham Terrace has not yet been tidied up despite the owner saying that he would do so before the winter. Robert agreed to try

and contact him again.

The Main street in Airth is being assessed for resurfacing. We will write to the roads department for clarification on one way system proposals for Shore Road.

Robert Smith has erected posters throughout the parish informing residents about the Scottish Government's consultation on Unconventional Oil and gas. He has also written to the coal authority regarding the effect of drilling through redundant coal mine workings.

5. Correspondence

1. Various e mails to and from Jon Anslow regarding the affordable housing aspect of the escarpment development proposals by Lochay Homes.
2. E mail from Cllr. Martin regarding ownership of the culvert at Dunmore, the drain cover and resurfacing of the main street in Airth and relating to suggestions on one way traffic systems in the vicinity of the school.
3. E mail from Cllr. Martin regarding the headless Cross at Bruce Gate and the unkempt abandoned plot at Graham Terrace.
4. E mail from Jon Anslow regarding changing the minutes from word documents to PDF format.
5. E mail from Laura Murtagh regarding the fracking consultation and road traffic issues around the school.
6. E mail from Jon Anslow regarding the offer from CCOF to help facilitate a public meeting regarding the UOG consultation.
7. E mail notice of a public procession in Airth by the Apprentice Boys of Derry Stirling and District Campsie club on Saturday 20th May.
8. E mail from the Inner Forth Futurescapes officer regarding places available at their wildlife habitat workshop in Alloa on 23rd March.
9. E mail from Kelly Fitzpatrick of the Scottish Health Council regarding a GMC survey.
10. Copy of the public notice erected throughout the parish informing residents of the Government's consultation on unconventional oil and gas.
11. E. mail from Brian Pirie of F.C. regarding an online survey by Police Scotland.
12. E mail from SCDC informing us of workshops in Falkirk on 23rd March regarding The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act.
13. E. mail from Aileen Amos regarding a retirement gift for Cllr. Martin.
14. E mail from Nicola Turner of Keep Scotland Beautiful regarding support for community led litter picks.
15. E. mail from Robert Smith to the coal authority regarding the impact of drilling through redundant mine workings.

16. E mail from Laura Murtagh informing us of a meeting in Bonnybridge regarding the UOG consultation and also a suggestion that Angus MacDonald MSP was willing to help facilitate a public awareness event on the consultation in Airth.
17. E mail from Greenspace Scotland regarding availability of funding generated through the Tesco bags levy.
18. E mail from Community Chartering Network offering help in arranging public meetings regarding the UOG consultation.
19. Report from the Community Safety Team.
20. Information on the Community open doors day at Stirling University on 18th March.

6. Round the parish report.

South Alloa. No progress has been made on provision of a notice board .

Letham. Nothing reported.

Airth. Fly tipping at the Pow Bridge and at the Neuk road is still a major problem despite it being reported to the community wardens. There has been no word back on the request for a dog waste bin at the entrance to Castle Drive/Avenue

Dunmore. A Right of way notice is required at the Airth side of Dunmore where it passes through the garden of The Smiddy house. The AGM of the Dunmore village Association will be held shortly. SEPA are in the process of registering all septic tanks in Dunmore village. Aileen amos requested that a bin be provided at the layby on the A905 just north of Dunmore Village entrance. Joan Coombes will investigate this.

7. Treasurers Report.

Aileen Amos informed us that we had £641.41 in our admin. account and this included our grant of £374 from Falkirk Council. We also have £1953.44 in the Christmas Lights account. We have still to apply for the grant for the minute secretary payment. We have purchased a recorder to be used in recording our meetings. This will have to be announced at the start of each meeting.

Aileen gave us a breakdown of the cost of Ethan`s Light and the total of £358.53 was based on 2 year`s operating costs. Thereafter the C.C. will meet the costs.

At Aileen`s request, Cllr. Joan Coombes agreed to make enquiries on how we would obtain the funding to pay for our minute secretary. The sum of £300 per annum had been paid in past years but with the retiral of the officer who previously dealt with this, we have been unable to access the source of these additional funds.

8. Planning issues.

Although we had agreed to write to Falkirk council regarding the need for affordable housing in Airth, Jon Anslow had been informed that this aspect of the planning application by Lochay homes was still under discussion and had not written to the planners as we are awaiting the outcome of these discussions.

There is a planning application for an extension to a house at 57 South Green Drive and on viewing the drawings could see no problem with the application and agreed to make no comment on it.

9. Public consultation on CBM and Fracking.

The public consultation by the Scottish Government is now live and will run until the 31st May. It was argued that the Community Council should be seen to be doing something to inform residents of the information available in the consultation documents with a view to make a reponse but no agreement was reached. However, Robert Smith and aileen amos agreed to attend the public meeting in Bonnybridge on the 23rd March as observers and report back to the community Council. This meeting is being hosted by Bonnybridge Community Council and facilitated by the Community chartering Network.

10. Spring Clean.

A Community litter pick in April or May would be supported by Keep Scotland Beautiful and Greggs bakers but responses in the past were disappointing. It may be that we could arrange a joint pick with the school if they were planning one.

11. Arrange a date for discussing the Edinburgh Airport Public consultation 2 and the LDP for 2010-2040

We will meet at Robert`s house on Wednesday 29th March to discuss these issues.

12. A.O.C.B.

Robert indicated that he will attend a meeting in Perth on 27th April which is organised by SNH and is aimed at Public Bodies and Lowland deer management. He is representing A.P.C.C. at this.

Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 19th April 2017 in Airth Primary School. The convenor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

