

Saline and Steelend Community Council

Minute of Meeting of 29.10.13 in Saline Community Centre

Present

John Crane (chair) Jim Hensman, Marie Crane, Donald Murdoch, Joan Featherstone, Isobel Menzies, Cllr Bobby Clelland, Dave Quinney, Peter Ball, Kay Jackson, Linda Moyes, Roger Featherstone, Jean Cocker, Alan Henderson (Kingdom HA) Moray Royles (City Architecture Office)

1. Chair's Opening Remarks

JC advised that he would be temporarily standing down following this meeting with JH taking the chair. JF wished John a speedy recovery on behalf of the community council

2. Apologies

David Chisholm. Muriel Phillips, Cllr Kate Stewart, Jim Currie

3. Minutes of Meeting of 24.09.13

Approved. Proposed by JF, seconded by JH

• 4. Matters Arising

- DM confirmed that Saline and Steelend Community Development Trust had not had any meetings on Housing
- Cllr Clelland advised that the A823 is Fife Council's responsibility
- Cllr Clelland advised that he has had no further update on the situation at the Blair house site

JC

5. Kingdom Housing Association

AH was present to bring the community council up to speed on Kingdom's planning application and to outline the likely process once a decision has been made. The application was submitted in August and is still being considered. It will now be going to committee in January 2014. If consent is given and a legal agreement is in place, Kingdom will acquire the site. Detailed plans will then be prepared with a view to a full application being determined in late summer of 2014. The community will be kept informed and comments will be taken into account. The site will be developed for 50-55 houses and Kingdom aim to start Phase 1 in Spring 2015. It is only at the detailed stage that house sizes and tenure will be decided but most are likely to be for social rent but with some mid market for sale and shared equity. MR indicated that he had had discussions with Fife Council on urban design to ensure good integration with the existing townscape. He advised consulting the KHA web site for more details. AH indicated that KHA would ideally have worked with LRD on common issues but this was not possible as the LRD site was currently being marketed. LM indicated that the adjacent playing fields are unplayable and asked whether KHA could help. AH advised that this was not possible as KHA could not fund works that others (Fife Council) are responsible for. DM suggested that Fife Council should be pressed for improvements and that the possibility of connecting improved drains into the KHA system should be investigated.

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JF and RF raised issues of traffic on Oakley Rd and a dangerous situation at the junction with Craighouse Place. It was pointed out that Transportation was happy with the proposal and, again, improvement was seen as something that Fife Council should be addressing. In response to JF's concerns about children being able to get safely to school, AH confirmed that a safe route will be provided and that this will be determined at the detailed planning stage.

The community council unanimously agreed that support in principle should be confirmed to Fife Council but that the council should be advised of concerns about the current situation

JC/DM

6. Councillors' Reports

Cllr Clelland advised of possible revised traffic calming measures on Oakley Road. The Comrie Trust was now up and running. He also advised of further changes to Police cover and of a review of the Fire Service that DQ felt would be a disaster. DM indicated that Cllr Stewart had advised that she would be attending the Remembrance Day service

7. Saline Heritage Society

Linda Moyes reported on the progress that the society had made. JC praised the progress that had been made and recommended that the community council contribute £50 to help the society meet running costs. This was agreed

8. Treasurer's Report

MC advised that there is no change to the £1462.24 currently held with £595.60 available to the community council. The balance is held for refurbishment of the Barrowman Plough and for Bonfire Night. There will be no further income until the grant due in June 2014 is received

MC

Peter Ball advised that further discussions had revealed that the Barrowman Plough was a Community Council initiative and that the requirements outlined at the September meeting would have to be met by the community council

9. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

10. Planning

It was noted that approval for a wind turbine at Killernie farm had been approved despite the proposal seeming contrary to Fife Council's policies. It was also noted that permission had also been granted for a house at Killernie Farm

11. Bonfire Night

Raffle tickets have been distributed and wood for the fire will be delivered on Thursday. Remaining raffle tickets will be sold at the gate. 5 stewards have been recruited. Scouts, Guides and PTA will have stalls. A new attraction will be a performance by the Sambanga Drumming Group.

12. AGM

In view of the vacancy on the community council and uncertainty over several members' situation, it was felt that the AGM should be deferred until January 2014. This will give an opportunity to better assess the situation and to consider recruitment

