

Saline and Steelend Community Council

Minute of Meeting of 28.08.12 in Saline Community Centre

1. Present

Jim Hensman (chair), John Crane, Marie Crane (treasurer), Dave Quinney (secretary) Irene Wardell, Donald Murdoch, Mary Mitchell, Helga Corp, Isobel Menzies, Muriel Phillips, Jean Alexander, Peter Ball, Jim Evans, Joan Featherstone, Kay Jackson, David Chisholm, Till Kroeber, Robert Squair, Margaret Platt, Alan Platt, Elsie Hannah, Cllr Bobby Clelland, Cllr Kate Stewart, Helen Clark

2. Apologies

W Walker MSP, Cllr Alice Callaghan

3. Minute of 26.06.12

Proposed by John Crane, seconded by Marie Crane.

4. Matters Arising

- John Crane reported that he had not had a response from Fife Council regarding the suggested meeting about The Glebe. There was considerable disquiet about Fife Council's attitude and a letter should be sent to the department head expressing concerns and objecting to the current application
- Cllr Clelland reported that he had met with officials to examine the pavement outside the shop and that there were no issues at that time. He suggested that further information and photos should be collected
- It was noted that Transportation has the flooding issue at Steelend in hand
- Joan Featherstone complained that speed limits were still being ignored on Oakley Road and that bad parking at school times was making the situation worse. It was noted that the Police had been out with a speed check but that traffic was very light at the time

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5. Councillors' Report

See 4 above for Cllr Clelland's report

Cllr Stewart advised that she is going round all community councils as part of her learning process. She will be having surgeries in all villages. She now sits on Social Work and Health Committees, and has concerns over the proposed merger of NHS Fife and Social Work. She advised that comments could be submitted to Fife Direct

6. Treasurer's Report

The grant from Fife Council has finally been received and the current balance is £1875.85. Funds are ring-fenced for Community Bulletin printing (£526.62) and Bonfire Night (£494.34) and the West Fife Villages Community Planning Group donation towards carriage of the Barrowman Plough from West Wales (£150). This leaves a balance of £704.98. Fireworks and raffle tickets have been bought for Bonfire Night and funds will now need to be raised for next year

7. Planning

Donald Murdoch reported on the application for a wind turbine at Lockshaw Moss. While this can be seen from much of Saline, it was disappointing that the only photo montage was from Oakley Road and that this did not give an accurate impression of impact.

There was concern that there had been no local consultation. It was noted that a wind farm was proposed near Tillicoultry and that an anemometer mast had been approved at West Craighouse. While the community retains an open mind on applications, there is concern that these are being determined on an ad hoc basis without consideration of cumulative impact. It was therefore agreed that John Crane will submit an objection to the current application in view of the lack of information on its impact on Saline. This should be copied to local councillors

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It was noted that approval had been given for smaller turbines at Steelend Farm and that an application had been submitted for 2 small turbines at Killernie Farm. There were no adverse comments.

8. Secretary's Report

See attached

9. Comrie Colliery

Marie Crane reported on the set up of the Comrie Colliery Trust.

It had been anticipated that application forms for the Blair house Trust would be available by the end of July but are not yet available. There are issues over tonnage/income and problems of getting information from Scottish Coal

10. Barrowman Plough

John Crane reported on the acquisition of a Barrowman Plough. This has been gifted by the relatives of the late owner who had been in correspondence with John. The West Fife Villages Community Planning Group has contributed towards carriage. It was agreed that a donation of £50 should be paid to the local hospice in Wales and that the owner's generosity be reflected in a plaque when the plough is on display

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11. AOCB

John Crane reminded all of the Horticultural Show on 1st and 2nd September. Help is needed to shift equipment and volunteers should meet at the Eastercraigs Gardens lock-up site at 7pm on 31st August

9. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th September 2012 at 7.30 in Saline Community Centre