

# Saline and Steelend Community Council

## Minute of Meeting of 31.01.12 in Saline Community Centre

### 1. Present

Jim Hensman (chair) John Crane (vice chair), Marie Crane (treasurer), Dave Quinney, Irene Wardell, Donald Murdoch, Muriel Philips, Mary Mitchell, Kay Jackson, John Lyon, Till Kroeber, Helga Corp, Dennis McIntosh, Margaret McIntosh, Jim Evans, David Chisholm, Roddy Jones

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### 2. Chair's Opening

The chair welcomed all to the meeting

### 3. Apologies

Cllr W Walker MSP, Cllr Bobby Clelland, Isobel Menzies, Joan Featherstone, Liz Crabbie

### 4. Minute of 29.11.11

Proposed by Marie Crane, seconded by Irene Wardell

### 5. Matters arising

- David Chisholm gave a report on the Special Housing meeting. It was agreed that a copy should be distributed to community councilors.
- Irene Wardell advised of complaints about traffic congestion on Oakley Road. It was felt that this should be raised at the "Talking Tables" event

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DC/JH

### 6. Treasurer's Report

Marie Crane advised on the current financial situation. The current balance is £4352.70 of which 633.77 is ring-fenced for the Bonfire Night event, £1000 for printing of the community bulletin and £1500 for professional fees in connection with setting up a development trust. Therefore, funds available to the community council stand at £1218.93.

In response to questions, DM, DC and KJ described the situation with the development trust. This was followed by discussion of this.

The bill for the bonfire night insurance has not yet been received

It was agreed that a donation of £150 each should be awarded to Saline and Steelend Galas. A donation has previously been given to Saline Pre-School Smilers but the situation is unclear. John Crane will investigate

KJ raised the financial problems at Steelend Club. The value to the community is such that a donation could be merited but it was felt advisable to establish the club's needs and future before deciding. It was agreed that the secretary should invite Club representatives to the next meeting

It was noted that Saline Golf Club was also experiencing difficulties. DC indicated that there would be an article in the next Bulletin that would advise of the club's services. He reported on discussions at the Comms Group and the need to make best use of all social resources. This will be raised at the "Talking Tables" event

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### 7. Planning

DM advised that there had been a number of applications for minor works such as porches. Applications have been submitted for a barn conversion at South Burnside

Farm and for a detached house at Rhynd. The community council does not oppose these applications. It was also noted that Fife Council was not seeking an Environmental Impact assessment for the erection of a wind turbine at Lockshaw Moss (Blairhall CC area) and that an application is now anticipated.

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### 8. Secretary's Report

- No further response from Transportation re speeding traffic through Kinneddar Park and will chase up
- Previous discussions with Transportation indicated that the road surface at Upper Steelend was temporary due to further planned works by Scottish Water. It was noted that the road is being dug up again. Transportation to be asked to confirm when works will be completed
- It has not been possible to find an address for the Elgin Estate re Loch Road. DM advised that the contact is the Broomhall estate Factor in Charlestown and will provide the secretary with an address
- The Victoria Hospital is looking for "Meet and Greet" volunteers to spend around 3-4 hours to assist visitors and patients find their way round the new extension. Anyone interested should contact the secretary
- The British Heart Foundation is seeking fundraisers for February's National heart Month. Anyone interested should contact the secretary

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The recent meeting with SPOT discussed at length the proliferation of wind generators and the number of small groups who are fighting against this in the face of apathy amongst the general public. The secretary suggested that everyone should write individually to MP, MSPs and councilors demanding an end to subsidies. He reminded members of the paper that he presented to the October meeting and had hoped that this could be used in these letters. The secretary will continue to attend SPOT meetings and asked for community council support in opposing developments. Following discussion, it was felt that the community council needs to establish the views of all within the community before making a decision. The recent events organized by Saline Environmental Group have identified the threats to the community and possible alternatives have started the process but more discussion is required. KJ advised that the Development Trust group was looking to visit community initiatives elsewhere

### 9. Comrie Colliery Site

While DQ has attended a liaison meeting, there appears to have been no progress on setting up a Trust to distribute royalty funds. John Bonnar from Oakley and Comrie Community Council is contacting LRD about this.

MC advised that the Blair House Trust still does not have a bank account and that Bill Walker was no longer a trustee. While coal is being taken from the site the position regarding royalty payments is unclear. Members expressed concerns that less funds will be received than anticipated

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### 10. AOCB

- Due to the short time available, a talk by Till Kroeber on a possible care initiative was deferred to the next meeting
- J H confirmed that he had raised matters from the November meeting with the Police. MC indicated that the Police liaison meetings will be held in Saline on 7<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> May. She reminded that these meetings were open to all and encouraged people to participate. She also added that the Police had asked her to collect names and addresses of people interested in undertaking training

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- to do speed checks
- Jim Evans suggested that the community council sponsors a school art project to screen the hotel site. This was considered to have merit but it is unclear whether the owners would co-operate. JE agreed to discuss this with the owners
  - JE asked whether any celebrations of the Queen's jubilee were to be organised. John Crane and Mary Mitchell advised of past royal celebrations. It was agreed that some thought be given to possible events for discussions at a future meeting
  - Muriel Phillips noted that other communities had fancy planters and asked why there were none in this area. It was noted that these are provided by community councils via Fife Council grants. At present the Horticultural Society receives a grant that it has used for the tubs in the village. Any increase in funding would require a bid to Fife Council. The possibility of an application to the Participatory Budgeting initiative was mentioned
  - DC indicated that Roddy Jones had raised an issue regarding blocked roadside drains. This was suspected to be the section around Blairsgreen Farm but will need to be confirmed. Once the situation has been clarified, the secretary will contact Fife Council

JE

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### **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7.30pm in Saline Community Centre.