

Saline and Steelend Community Council
Minute of Meeting of 24.02.15 in Saline Community Centre

Present

David Chisholm (chair) John Crane, Jim Hensman, Marie Crane, Irene Wardell, Peter Ball, Jim Currie, Helga Corp, Morag Aitken, Dave Quinney, Martin Cairns, Alan Robertson, Beth Shaw, Jean Alexander, Jean Morris, John Crabbie, Roddy Jones, Clair Campbell, Susan Gearing, Mr & Mrs Bain, Aileen Fletcher, Jason Fletcher, Cllr Bobby Clelland

Apologies

Kay Jackson, Isobel Menzies, Muriel Phillips, Donald Murdoch, Maureen Storey, David Storey, Cllr K Stewart, PC Kirsty Orrock.

1. Chair's Opening Remarks

DC welcomed all to the meeting. To ensure that minutes were circulated to those that wanted them, he asked for e mail addresses to be added to the attendance sheets. He reminded everyone of the need to disclose any possible interests in matters on the agenda..

3. Minutes of Meeting of 27.01.15

Approved. Proposed by Irene Wardell, seconded by Martin Cairn.

4. Statement by Martin Cairns

Martin Cairns raised two issues from Councillor Kate Stewart.

Â 1) Youth work Â 2) National Lottery funds available to upgrade the play park. These items were noted by the chair. The chair stated that the upgrading of the play park on North Road had been the subject of discussion by the Saline & Steelend Development Trust who had agreed to support any initiative coming from parents interested in improvements to that particular play park.

5. Matters Arising

a. Former Hotel Site.

The chair had spoken to the owner of the site who had said that he would possibly develop the site himself if not purchased in the next 3 years. The installation of planned artwork to make the site more attractive was possible but strong winds could be a factor.

b. Bus Service.

Councillor Stewart's role was acknowledged for having pushed the bus issue further with Council and Stagecoach. Fife council have employed Aileen Aitken, a part time worker to look at issues in the West Fife Villages. Part of her remit is to look at transport. Councillor Stewart is in touch with this individual. Hopeful that this could bring Stagecoach and Council together. A lady from Steelend reported that she had been in contact with Stagecoach regarding a pretty dreadful situation regarding the morning bus service. Mrs Bain brought up the problem concerning young adults with Special Needs who are brought to Saline accompanied by carers who, in the event of missing their bus can be left in very vulnerable situations. It was also mentioned that this can be a problem impacting on school children returning from school. There is an urgent need for this situation to be rectified.

c. Odour from West Craighouse Farm

The chair reported that SEPA are monitoring the situation but a legal technicality had

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interrupted the removal of the substance.

d. Appointment of Community Councillors.

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The application forms for the three additional community councillors, i.e. David Quinney, Irene Wardell and Martin Cairn, has been completed and will be forwarded to Fife Council.

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6. Secretary's Report

As the secretary was away on holiday, a report could not be provided.

7. Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer stated that there was no change from the report provided at the previous meeting.

8. Councillor's Report

Cllr Clelland gave details of an up and coming meeting concerning the purchase of local resources for the community. The meeting is to be on the 6th March.

9. Police Report.

The chair read out a report received from the local police. This report included the number of calls received over the previous month, these being 2 calls from Saline and 9 calls from Steelend.

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10. Housing. Oakley Road

This subject generated a considerable amount of discussion. It was highlighted that there was rumour that Allanwater, the developer of the Kinneddar Mains Steading site, was pulling out of the project. It was known that there was a requirement for the developer to construct a SUDs pond on adjacent ground and that this would require a new planning application. As the view from these projected houses looked west, it was understood that the developer was not very happy about the proposed Craighouse Farm Turbine.

As there was an agreement between Allanwater and Kingdom Housing concerning the total number of affordable houses to be built, the chair said that he would contact Kingdom Housing to try and clarify the situation.

11. West Road Proposed Development'

The consultation event organised by Gladman Developments was well attended. The Community Council had organised an exit questionnaire. While the consultation itself was roughly evenly divided between those who thought it adequate or were neutral and those who thought it inadequate, the proposal itself is opposed or raises major concerns for a substantial majority. The chair had produced a summary of the views and conclusions of those who attended the consultation and these will be made known to Fife Council.

Residents from the West Road were particularly unhappy as representatives of Gladman were unable or unwilling to provide details of exit roads from the proposed development. A strong view was also expressed that the Community Council needs to communicate and take account of the concerns of West Road residents.

12. Turbines.

a, West Craighouse Farm

The main objection to this turbine was on the grounds of visual impact - Also due to the position of the setting sun the issue of flicker. This is exacerbated by the plan to move it east, closer to Saline. The secretary had written to Craig Mitchell requesting a meeting, but had not received an answer.

b. Killernie Farm, Steelend.

The chair had arranged a meeting between Steelend residents, the developer and the landowner. Although the residents were, in the main, in favour of wind turbines, they were 100% opposed to the proposed location. The developer had promised to try and find an alternative location for the turbine, in consultation with the residents.

13, AOB

a. Measurers to Reduce Speeding through Steelend.

Various possible measures discussed including the setting up by the Police of a Community Speed Watch group. Marie Crane and Morag Aitken had volunteered for such a group but the Police had not followed through, probably because of the constant changes of Community police staff.

b. Frack Off Fife.

Ian Holmes Lewis was known to be extremely interested in this matter. Speak to him on his return from holiday.

c. Kincardine Bridge.

Cllr Clelland stated that the old bridge would be closed for 6 weeks from 27 February.

d. Planning Democracy Conference.

To be held in Glasgow on 25 April.

e. Mother and Toddler Group/Youth.

Councillor Stewart has been in contact with the Mother and Toddler group regarding Play park/Lottery funds. A brief discussion of the need for Youth work in the area.... Some positive. Councillor Stewart has been in touch with Amy who has expressed an interest in looking at this.

Both these issues to be revisited at a future meeting

14 Date of Next Meeting.

31 March 2015, 7.30pm at the Saline Community Centre.