

Saline and Steelend Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 30th June 2015 at 7.30pm in Saline Community Centre

Present: David Chisholm, Marie Crane, John Crane, Morag Aitken, Muriel Philips,(part) Donald Murdoch, Jim Hensman, Peter Ball, Jean Morris, Beth Shaw, David Storey, Maureen Storey, Jean Alexander, Bob White, Jon Pearson, Carol Pearson, Janet Murdoch, Cllr Bobby Clelland, Linda Moyes, Ann Black, Ian Black, Fiona Paterson, Nicola Smith, Lisa Murray

Apologies: Kay Jackson, Dave Quinney, Helga Corp, Muriel Phillips (part) Jim Currie, Eileen Fletcher, James Fletcher, Till Kroeber

Declarations of interest: None

1. **Chair's introductory remarks:** DC welcomed the good attendance and advised of an anticipated lively meeting. He reminded of the need to respect the views of others..

2. **Guest Speakers: Young Mothers:** DC asked the 3 young mothers (FP, NS and LM) to describe their aspirations

The mothers are keen to review play provision in Saline and highlighted the poor condition of current facilities. They are looking for information on research and would be contacting other successful projects. They hoped to start a group and would be contacting other parents DC confirmed that the community council and Community Development Trust would be supportive and give help where needed. DM advised of possible funding sources and agreed to forward details of Fife Council's recent funding update. He suggested contacting Joan Milne and Sheena Kenney (FC) who were very helpful. The Coalfields Communities Regeneration Trust had supported several initiatives in this area and would be able to give advice and, possibly, funds. DM will provide contact details

It was noted that funders would require a constitution and bank account. The community council and CDT would be prepared to help on this

Action: DM

Cllr Clelland asked for details of what they needed to be sent to him

Action: FP, NS, LM

It was felt that there would be merit in extending survey work to cover the whole parish and that possible projects be prioritised. This would enhance funding potential

3. **Additional items for the Agenda/Order of items:** None.

4. **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting on the 26th June were accepted as a correct record. Proposed by DS, seconded by MC

5. **Matters arising from the minutes of previous meeting:** Apart from those covered by the agenda.

a) Noisy Car/Vehicle Transporter: The transporter has been moved from Oakley Road but now seems to be permanently parked on Main Street. DS advised that he had contacted Planning about complaints of vehicle parking on Main Street but had been informed that there had been no breach of control. Cll Clelland indicated that he was disappointed with the tone of the response

There has been no feedback on the Police investigation of the noisy car

b) Community Web Site: Progress being made but some updating still required.

6. **Reports**

a) **Secretary:** see attached report

b) **Treasurer:** No change since last month. Fife Council has still not responded on the grant application

- c) **Councillor:** Cllr Clelland reported that the Planning Committee had refused the Allanwater application. Councillors had suggested a re-negotiation but officers had said that it was all or nothing. The question is what happened next? There is a chance that the company will appeal but DS felt that a reporter would back councillors' views that the proposal did not reflect the conditions attached to the outline consent. Residents thanked Cllr Clelland and the committee for listening to the community.

There is nothing to report on Blair House other than that the Mines Restoration Trust is still in negotiations with several companies.

He gave an update on the problems of slippage of some restoration on the Comrie Colliery site due to poor market conditions. He advised on the number of local groups that had benefitted from grants from the Comrie Colliery Restoration Trust

- d) **Police:** An update is not available. MC advised that she has not been advised of the date of the next liaison meeting but confirmed 16th September and 19th November dates
- e) **Others:** MC was asked for an update on the West Fife Villages Community Council Forum meeting. She advised that there wasn't a quorum and that there must be concerns for its future.

7. Main discussion items

a) Housing:

- i) Kingdom HA site: The Association anticipates a start on affordable housing on the Allanwater site this financial year. They are meeting council officials details of their planning application. Progression is affected by the timescales of Allanwater's application.

DM indicated that he had suggested a path linking Upper Kinneddar to the Eastercraigs bus stop rather than a link from the KHA site to the play area. This would benefit the wider area and involve only minor inconvenience to KHA residents. The additional cost involved could be met from the S75 agreement on the Allanwater site. However, KHA point out that the path from its site was a condition of their outline consent and is reluctant to create any hold ups. It was agreed that the community council should press Fife Council to change these requirements

b) Turbines:

- i) Killernie Farm/Steelend: DC reminded those present of the consultation event in February and of the developer's commitment to coming back to the community with revised proposals. This had not taken place and residents had learned that the applicants had asked Fife Council to deal with the original proposal that the community was not in favour of. Fife Council subsequently agreed to extend the period allowed for objections and this has been organised. It had also been noted that there were objections from Air traffic Control and operators of the radio masts on Knockhill

- c) **Buses/community transport:** There has been no movement on better bus services. DC advised that RVS had secured funding to operate the community taxi service referred to in previous meetings. He reminded people of the nature of the scheme. Drivers have been recruited but more volunteers are required

Action: BS/JA

- d) **Saline Glen and Steelend Community Centre:** An application has been submitted to the Big Lottery Fund to hire a consultant to establish the feasibility of community acquisition, costs and how future maintenance could be achieved

Action: DC/DM

e) Traffic Speeds/Road Safety

Some success seems to have been achieved and DC felt that this should be used as a template to establish a group to examine the wider issues. Officers should be invited to review the current system and develop a long-term plan

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8. AOCB: Rumours about closure of the post office were raised and confirmation of the situation is required

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 27th August 2015