

Agenda

Saline and Steelend Community Council

Meeting Tuesday 26 January 2016 at 7.30pm in Saline Community Centre

Apologies for absence

Declarations of interest

1. AGM: Appointment/re-appointment of post-holders: Chaired by Bobby Clelland

- a) Chair
- b) Vice Chair
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer

2. Chair's introductory remarks

3. Speaker: Gareth Turner: Chair: Saline and Steelend Community Development Trust

Findings and recommendations of Feasibility Study into the possible community acquisition of Saline Glen

4. Additional items for the Agenda/Order of items

5. Minutes of previous meeting

- a) Correct record
- b) Matters arising (apart from those covered by the agenda)

6. Reports

- a) Secretary (Attached)
- b) Treasurer
- c) Councillor(s)
- d) Police
- e) Others

7. Main discussion issues:

- a) Allanwater development Oakley Road
- b) Kingdom Housing Association development Oakley Road
- c) Housing development behind The Glebe

8. AOCB

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 23 February 2016

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Saline and Steelend Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 24th November 2015 at 7.30pm in Saline Community Centre

Present: Marie Crane, John Crane (chair), Irene Wardell, Muriel Phillips, Jim Hensman, Donald Murdoch, Jean Alexander, Janet Murdoch, Jim Currie, Morag Aitken, Peter Ball, Melanie Mitchell, David Storey, Willie Crockett, Bob White, Jean Morris, Cllr Kate Stewart

Apologies: Martin Cairns, Maureen Storey, Cllr Bobby Clelland, David Chisholm, Kay Jackson

1. **Chair's introductory remarks:** JC was deputising for DC and welcomed those present. He reminded people of the welcome packs for new residents and encouraged everyone to report new arrivals to himself or Jim Hensman. He also reminded that any interests in the matters being discussed should be declared. He remarked on the number of recent funerals and sympathised with friends and families
2. **Community Council Vacancy:** JC advised of a letter from Martin Cairns indicated that he had to resign due to work and family commitments. This was accepted and JC conveyed the community council's thanks to Martin. It was noted that two people, Jean Morris and Melanie Mitchell, had indicated a willingness to join. As no other offers had been made in response to adverts in the Community Bulletin and web site, Morag Aitken, seconded by Jim Hensman, proposed that Jean be appointed while Irene Wardell, seconded by Marie Crane, proposed Melanie. Both were elected and DM will check the formalities with Fife Council
Action **DM**
3. **Additional Items:** None
4. **Minutes of October Meeting:** Accepted as accurate. Proposed Irene Wardell, seconded by Marie Crane

5. Matters Arising

- a. Minibus: It was noted that the community minibus is now available although there is a shortage of volunteer drivers. Booking details will be publicised when available.
- b. Cubs Centenary: Events and requests for sponsorship have been publicised on the community web site and Community Bulletin. It was also agreed that £50 be ring-fenced as a community council contribution and be paid when events and other contributions are confirmed
- c. Solar Farm: The applicants have been contacted and have confirmed that the company would be keen to use local companies and will contact the community again when the Planning position has been confirmed. It was noted that there had been no response to the invitation to local businesses to make their interest known
- d. Planning Liaison: DC had attended the first liaison meeting referred to at previous meetings. This had again been poorly attended other than by West Fife communities. The need for greater community involvement at an early stage was acknowledged and, as this reflects the views from the recent "Fairer Scotland" event, hopefully changes will happen. These meetings will continue on a two monthly basis and will be reported back.

6. Reports

a) **Secretary:** see attached report

b) **Treasurer**

MC advised that the balance remains at £454.40

c) **Police:** No reports are available. It was agreed that Ian Holmes-Lewis be asked to investigate providing a link from the Community Web Site to the Police's website.

d) **Cllr Kate Stewart:** She has been attending the toddlers' group and liaising with Clare Lovett, Fife Council, re the North Road play area. A problem on the Blairingone Road was raised and Ian Jones, Transportation, will be asked to advise.

Action: DM

7. Main discussion items

a) Kingdom Housing Association: It was noted that KHA has an application with Fife Council to alter conditions relating to protection of trees and change the specification of the path link to Upper Kinneddar. This would allow protected trees to be incorporated into gardens and to respond to residents' and Police's comments. DC provided a letter of support on behalf of the community council. The application will be determined by committee on 26th November

b) Allanwater Development, Oakley Road: Following the September meeting and general agreement on the proposals, Allanwater had submitted a revised application. Fife Council had insisted upon the provision of affordable housing and the proposals were again being revised. There has been no adverse comments although there is a concern about the blandness of the affordable homes. It was therefore agreed that DC attempt to negotiate more appropriate proposals
Action: DC

It was noted that construction of the SUDS pond will start shortly. This has planning permission and the presence of machinery on the site is not evidence of an unauthorised start to the housing development

c) The Glebe: It was agreed that DC's objection on behalf of the community council had accurately reflected the views expressed at the October meeting. Residents remain concerned about the applicant's actions and drew attention to SEPA's comments on the application. Widespread flooding in the North Road area was noted and there was concern at the lack of progress. Problems through Upper Steelend were also of concern and would be raised initially with Phil Clarke at the meeting on 25th November to examine Roads issues.

8. AOCB

a) **Hi Speed Broadband:** There is considerable dissatisfaction with broadband speeds and BT's constant slippage in upgrading the system. It was noted that all cables have been in place for around a year but connection had slipped yet again. Those present pointed out that businesses were affected and merely wished a high enough speed to operate

b) **Christmas tree:** Jim Hensman advised that Jim Evans has donated a tree again this year. It will be sited in the church grounds and, following the switch on, there will be a carol service in the golf club

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 28th January 2016 at 7.30 pm. This will also be the AGM

Secretary' Report to Previous Meeting

SALINE AND STEELEND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Secretary's Report November 2015

Actions taken/Updates following September Meeting

1. Muirmealing Solar Farm: Mr Brand contacted re use of local labour. The company will advise of needs once planning decisions have been made. Information on possible opportunities has been advertised in the Community Bulletin and on web site with businesses advised to contact DM or DC. As yet there has been no response.
2. Cubs: Information posted on web site and in Community Bulletin.
3. Community Council Vacancy: advertised in Community Bulletin and on web site. Jean Morris and Melanie Mitchell are willing to participate
4. Fife Council Training for Community Councils: no response
5. Fife Council Planning Event: no responses
6. Fairer Scotland: Report passed to web sitemaster
7. The Glebe: Objection submitted by chair

Correspondence

1. e mail from Fife Council indicating that the community council is now considered to be a statutory consultee.
2. e mail from Fife Council re an application from Kingdom Housing Association to modify conditions attached to the outline planning consent. These reflect the community council's views and DC wrote to Fife Council to that effect.

Planning Applications

15/03251/LBC: screening request for 4.5Mw solar farm at Muirside of Kinneddar Farm. The site is south of the Comrie Colliery access road and lies within the community council area. Comments are not sought at this stage

15/03701/FULL: widening of a track at Cadgerford Farm. This is allegedly required to give access to a 127.6m wind turbine approved by Clackmannan Council (ref 14/00207)

15/03724/FULL: use of building at Nether Kinneddar Lodge as holiday cottages; The conversion of this building was originally supported by the community in view of the needs of the applicant. The proposal reflects community wishes to encourage tourism. While a key factor is road safety, it is suggested that this is a matter for Fife Council and that the community council submits a letter of support.

15/03738/OBL: request to remove a condition attached to the outline consent for a farmhouse at West Craighouse Farm. The condition required a legal agreement that the house be restricted to a farmworker or retired farmworker. The applicant claims that this prevents him obtaining a mortgage.

Secretary's Report to January Meeting

SALINE AND STEELEND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Secretary's Report January 2015

Actions taken/Updates following November Meeting

1. **Cubs Centenary:** Assistant Commissioner advised to contact treasurer re mechanism for payment.
2. **Community Council Vacancy:** Forms passed to new members
3. **Drainage Issues:** Ian Jones (Transportation) contacted re Blairingone road damage. He advised that the service has no knowledge but would investigate. He was advised of concerns raised by residents and was asked to look at North Road drainage issues. He responded that this would be investigated once workload caused Forth Road Bridge closure was over
4. **Road Safety/Transportation Meeting:** there was a reasonable turnout and useful discussion of all issues. Those present represented all parts of the parish and found it a useful exercise. Note of meeting attached
5. **Broadband:** Cara Hilton MSP was contacted and advised of concerns. She contacted BT who advised that upgrade likely by April 2016. If this slips again, she will take the matter further. She is also contacting the relevant Scottish government minister. Copy of response attached

Correspondence

1. **Statutory Consultee Status:** e mail from Fife Council with Frequently Asked Questions on Statutory Consultee status. The community council has 7 days after the receipt of the weekly list of applications to confirm whether we wish to be considered a statutory consultee.
2. **Emergency Resilience Team:** e mail from Emma Palmer, Emergency Resilience Officer, Fife Council advising of her joining the team whose major role is to ensure that Fife is ready to respond to and recover from a major emergency such as severe weather. A newsletter is being produced quarterly and will be posted on the Community Web Site.
3. **Big Lottery funding:** e mail from Joan Milne, Fife Council updating on BIG Lottery funding. Groups have previously been advised to respond to Fife Council's request for them to join their circulation lists. All will have received a copy of Joan's e mail
4. **Road safety and driving behavior:** Better e mail from Gillian Kelly, Fife Community Safety Partnership advising of a professional play "Better Late than Dead on Time" that shows how driving behaviour can impact on a family. This is free and will be performed in Dunfermline High School on Wednesday 3rd February at 6.30pm. Participants will receive a free goody bag, tea/coffee and biscuits. Places must be reserved via Police Scotland Youth Volunteers at psyvfife@outlook.com. Posters have been put up throughout the community.
5. **Community Mapping:** e mail from Julie Wesenraft, BRAG Enterprises seeking advice

on attracting people to a “Community Mapping” event in Saline and Steelend. This is a Fife-wide initiative on behalf of Fife Council to “map” things that people see are important assets in their community. She was advised that there should be events in both villages to maximise opportunities for involvement. The Saline version was held in the church hall on 20th January and was well attended. Importantly, a wide range of assets were identified.

The Steelend event will be arranged once the community has advised on the best venue and date.

6. Blair House pit: Letter from Professor Russel Griggs, Chair of Scottish Mines Restoration Trust giving an update on the Blair House site and providing advice on how to contact him. A copy of this is attached and will be posted on the web site

Planning

1. Allanwater/LRD site: Revised application by Allanwater for development west of Oakley Road has been approved and work has started on the SUDS pond, as advised at the November meeting

2. Kingdom Housing Association: Alan Henderson has provided an update on progress, which will be reported at the meeting

3. The Glebe: A revised application has been submitted showing a slight alteration to access from The Glebe. This does not address the concerns raised previously by the community council and Fife Council has been advised of this

4. Nether Kinneddar Lodge: The applicant has approached the community council for advice on his application to change the use of the house previously occupied by his father-in-law to holiday accommodation. This application was discussed at a previous meeting and there were no objections. The applicant has now been informally advised that his application has been refused but has not received a formal notification. He has been advised to contact “Planning Aid” in the first instance. As the time for comments has elapsed, the community council has no role at present but the matter will be discussed further should an appeal be submitted.

Documents referred to in Secretary’s Report

SALINE AND STEELEND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOTE OF MEETING ON ROAD SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

25.11.2015

Present: David Chisholm, Peter Ball, Anne Melrose, Sally Gordon, Melanie Mitchell, Jim Currie, Jean Alexander, Aileen Fletcher, David Storey, Liz O'Brien, Donald Murdoch, Phil Clarke (Transportation)

The meeting was held to discuss Transportation and Road Safety concerns in the community council area.

PC is lead officer for Traffic Management and Road Safety and his section deals with matters such as traffic orders, speed limits etc. covering South Fife although road safety is dealt with on a Fife-wide basis. The section is now taking a more proactive role.

DC suggested that issues be dealt with an area by area basis;

1. Upper Steelend: DS described the number of accidents due to flooding that had occurred the previous weekend. PC indicated that Transportation had taken action to reduce the problem but that the responsibility was the adjoining owner's. The council has powers to intervene on a rechargeable basis and his colleague, Ian Jones, has the matter in hand. Otherwise, work is in hand to carry out the road safety works previously agreed. Surveys indicate speeds in the mid 60MPHs. A further survey will be carried out on completion of works

2. Parking and Untaxed vehicles: Parking is not a civil offence and is policed by Fife Council. Priorities are town centres and around schools. Untaxed vehicles and parking causing road safety concerns are matters for Police and it was suggested that it was important that offences are reported. The value of raising these at Police Liaison meetings was emphasised while Marie Crane was willing to give a lift to anyone without transport. The area around the shop is a particular problem and parking on pavements restricts access by disabled people and parents with buggies. Several options were discussed and PC agreed to prepare a sketch for possible visibility improvements at the Oakley Road junction.

3. Kinneddar Park: Speeding and dangerous driving continue to be problems. The possibility of speed signs was raised but their effectiveness here was doubted. PC indicated that chicanes or a mini roundabout at the Comrie Colliery access road would not comply with regulations but he agreed to look into the possibility of painted or textured road surfaces.

4. Steelend: Speeding continues to be a problem and the possibility of a speed sign was raised. PC suggested speaking to Community Safety. There was interest in operating speed guns, which would be discussed with Police

5. North Road area: This is not the responsibility of PC's section. Flooding should be discussed with Ian Jones while concerns about access to the proposed development off The Glebe should be raised with Mark Barratt.

6. West Road: Residents consider that the chicanes are ineffective. PC will examine the last speed survey and will consider another. A survey through Steelend has already been

requested.

7. Oakley Road: The possibility of a car park off the bus turning circle was raised. While this was considered a solution, provision would not be via Transportation but Education. It was suggested that the head teacher be contacted in the first instance

Further documents referred to in the Secretary's Report have been enclosed with the Agenda as separate files