

Saline and Steelend Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 30th August 2016 at 7.30pm in Saline Community Centre

Present: David Chisholm (chair) Marie Crane, Donald Murdoch, Janet Murdoch, Jim Currie, Morag Aitken, Jean Morris, Peter Ball, Jim Hensman, G Duncan, Cllr Bobby Clelland, Beth Shaw, Irene Wardell, Melanie Mitchell, Jean Alexander, Stewart Miller, David Storey, Maureen Storey,

Apologies: Kay Jackson, Liz Harvey, PC Chandler

1. **Chair's introductory remarks:** DC welcomed those present and hoped that they had enjoyed the summer break. He advised that the speaker, Carolyn Bell had had to call off but would attend the September meeting. In the meantime, she had advised of a seminar “Harvesting Fife's Potential for a Low Carbon Economy” on 20th September that could be relevant for this community. DM will produce information for the Community Bulletin and web site.
Action: DM

2. **New Items:** Wind Turbine West of Saline

3. **Minutes of June Meeting:** Liz Hensman has indicated that her comments about NHS Fife's responsibility to provide everyone with access to medical facilities should have referred to the Scottish Government. Subject to this amendment, the minutes were accepted as accurate. Proposed by Jean Alexander, seconded by Jim Hensman

4. **Matters Arising**

- i) John Crane Award: DC has spoken to the school head teacher who was enthusiastic about participation. The School is working towards the end of the summer term
- ii) Transportation Issues: G Duncan asked why only one page of his original complaint was included in the minutes. He was informed that it was a computer glitch. For the avoidance of any doubt, copies of correspondence between Mr Duncan and Transportation are attached to these minutes.

Mr Duncan deposited his response to Phil Clarke's letter (attached) He asked who had initiated the works at High Steelend and was informed that Cllr Clelland had raised the matter with Transportation following concerns from residents about speeding that was discussed at several community council meetings. Most residents see the works as beneficial.

Questions were asked about who had chosen the name “Upper Steelend”. This seems vague but DC and DS indicated that when they arrived a local had informed them that Upper Steelend was the proper address.

- iii) Oakley Road Water Leak: Stewart Miller indicated that Scottish Water had claimed that the leak was not tap water as it had no chlorine in it. Consequently, they were claiming no responsibility. However, Stewart had discovered that research had shown that chlorine from leaks can be filtered out by the surrounding ground. Stewart was thanked for his efforts and agreed to represent the community council in discussions with Scottish Water.
Action: SM

The issue of the blocked gullies will be raised with Ian Jones.

Action DM

- iv) Oakley Road Unloading: Ian Jones (Transportation) had confirmed that it was legal to unload from the highway into the Allanwater site but not to deposit materials onto the road. Cllr Clelland suggested that the site manager be contacted to ensure that community concerns were addressed.
- v) Playground Group: MM indicated that the recent event had been successful and that a bank account had now been opened. Members will be meeting with Clare Lovett (Parks) and a representative of equipment suppliers. Regarding flooding, DM indicated that Transportation and Parks were willing to attend a site meeting but, as yet, had been unable to agree a date with Cllr Stewart.
- vi) Street Naming: DM indicated that he had received an e mail from Colin Stuart who was totally opposed to naming a street after Walter Scott. He felt that Scott's attitude towards common people was at odds with the views of the majority of residents. Unfortunately, this had been received too late to submit to Fife Council. Mr Stuart's e mail is included in the secretary's report.

Cllr Clelland said that councillors had agreed on John Crane, Walter Scott and William Wallace. Some present felt that Wind Turbine View might be more appropriate

- vii) Bus Service: The new service is generally accepted as an improvement although there is still concern about access to health services. GD indicated that NHS Fife had offered him transport for treatment if there was no alternative provision.
- viii) Saline Community Centre: DC indicated that there appeared to be agreement that community take over be investigated. Cllr Clelland indicated that official wanted an early decision but that councillors wanted more time for investigations. In the meantime, Alistair Mutch should be contacted. Action: DC
- ix) The Glebe: DC advised that the reporter had dismissed the appeal against Fife Council's refusal of planning permission. JC noted that the reporter had thoroughly checked the appellant's claims on density and plot ratios, and found them wanting. Residents had contacted Keith Winter (Fife Council) to ask for comments on the handling of the application. Mr Winters had treated this as a complaint and had passed it to Pam Ewan (Planning Service Manager)

5. Reports

- a) **Police:** PC Chandler was unable to attend and had submitted the attached report. This was noted.

Concerns were expressed by motorcycles riding through Steelend Park, including during Steelend Gala. Motorcycles had also been noted crossing the Oakley Road recreation area. It was agreed that this matter be raised with PC Chandler.

Action: DM

It is unclear whether Police Liaison meetings were continuing. This will also be raised with PC Chandler

Action: DM

- b) **Treasurer:** MC indicated that there was no change in the situation from June 2016. She

reminded MM that the community were holding funds on the group's behalf. She noted that the contribution to the Cubs, ring-fenced in the budget, was no longer required.

- c) **Secretary:** The attached was submitted and accepted. It was agreed that seminars etc. be promoted via the Community Bulletin and web site.

DM indicated that he had spoken to Alan Henderson about progress with the Kingdom Housing Association development. KHA were keen to get started but had been frustrated by complications. The latest is a modelling exercise by Scottish Water that will create a delay of another 2 months. It is probably likely that a start will be delayed until Spring 2017

d) Councillors

Cllr Clelland indicated that the Fife Rural Partnership was linking with Leader. The new contact is Katarine Ilbe. As Leader is a potential funding stream for local initiatives, it was agreed that contact be made with Ms Ilbe

Action: DM

He advised that parking bays will be created outside the shop with associated works to improve the Oakley Road junction. This was generally welcomed. Unfortunately, a start on the Steelend Main Street resurfacing had been delayed.

6. Main discussion items

- (i) Friends and Family Project: DC described the works that Marylla Ferguson and Liz Harvey had led to create the tile walls in Saline and Steelend. Many people had been involved and there has been positive feedback from within the community. They now propose an event on 29th October to mark completion of the walls consisting of an open day in the community centre to make willow lanterns followed by a procession to the walls led by the Sambangra Drumming Group.

DM indicated that money was required for the event and that it was not part of the funding package by Saline and Steelend Community Development Trust. Given that some ring-fenced money was no longer required, he suggested that consideration be given to a donation to the project. £150 was proposed and agreed. Arrangements to be discussed with the treasurer
Action: MC

- ii) West Fife Villages Community Councils Forum: DC advised that efforts were being made to improve the Forum so that it would concentrate on issues covering all of the communities. The most recent meeting had proposed calling for a continued moratorium on fracking and opposition to Edinburgh Airport's flight path consultation. He was now seeking people's views.

After lengthy discussion, it was felt that there was insufficient information to give considered opinions and it was remitted to DC to frame a response after consultation with other office bearers
Action: DC

WFVCPG has agreed to resurrect the West Fife Villages Citizen of the Year award. There will be one for young people and one for adults. Details will be circulated/advertised when available.

- iii) Steelend Children's Club: MA advised that the club was holding an event on 18th September. It was agreed that this be publicised in the Community Bulletin and web site
Action: DM

7. AOCB

Wind Turbine West of Saline: DC indicated that he and DM had been contacted by Jean Alexander about a turbine that had recently appeared. She had asked whether the community council had been consulted.

DM advised that the turbine was actually in Clackmannanshire. He could recollect consultation on a screening exercise for 3 turbines, the current site and two north west of the B913/4. He could not recollect being consulted on the planning application and, given the community's views at that time, felt that any proposal would have been opposed.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 27th September 2016. All welcome