

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 25th October 2016 at 7.30pm in Saline Community Centre

Present: David Chisholm (chair) Marie Crane, Donald Murdoch, Janet Murdoch, Jim Currie, Jean Morris, Peter Ball, Beth Shaw, Irene Wardell, Jean Alexander, Stewart Miller, Muriel Phillips, C McCallum, Morag Aitken, Nicola Smith, S Holloway, G Duncan, D Hatton, Cllr K Stewart

Apologies: Jim Hensman, Kay Jackson, Melanie Mitchell, David and Maureen Storey, Cllr Bobby Clelland

1. **Chair's introductory remarks:** DC welcomed those present and was pleased to see new faces, Simon Holloway and Charles McCallum. He remarked on the sad passing of Roddy Jones who had been a regular attender at community council meetings. He then reminded everyone of the need to respect others' opinions

2. **New Items:**

Kinneddar Park and Cowstrandburn Residents Association meetings

Hotel site

3. **Minutes of June Meeting:** Accepted as correct. Proposed by Marie Crane, seconded by Beth Shaw

4. **Matters Arising**

i) West Road: G Duncan had found Transportation's response unacceptable and had responded. He had been a passenger in a car that had had a near head-on collision on the western approach to Saline. He considers that the current chicanes are dangerous. Others complained of excessive speeds and felt that an electronic speed warning would be helpful. Phil Clarke will be contacted initially on both issues. **Action: DC**

ii) Oakley Road Water Leak: Stewart Miller had contacted Scottish Water and had suggested that a new pipe should be laid as the community council is concerned about water freezing in the winter and creating a danger at a busy junction. Scottish water had responded by stating that the 2 recent leaks had not been in the pipe itself and that it still had a useful life left, However, they will intercept and divert the leaks in the meantime. With respect to the blocked gulleys, Ian Jones (Transportation) was advised by Scottish Water of the situation

iii) Playground Group: It was noted that MC has given the group confirmation of the funds held on their behalf by the community council, which will enable them to open their bank account. The group should discuss transfer of funds with MC.

Action: NS/MM

NS indicated that all equipment on the North Road play area has now been removed, which helps as the cost of this will not fall to the project. There had been a site visit today at which a possible solution to flooding but that this would require a design at a cost of £5000 and that a bid had been submitted for Area Committee funding. On the wider issue of flooding, those present supported the group's view that remediation works should funded directly by Fife Council and not from the project budget.

The group has deferred their application for funding from Fife Environment Trust until costs were available. These have now been received and are higher than hoped for although costs that the meeting felt should be funded by Fife Council were included. Possible other funding sources were discussed. In the meantime, the group is continuing its own series of events, the latest being a pyjama party.

DC thanked NS for the group's activities

- iv) **Street Naming:** The national Press interest following the articles in the Community Bulletin was noted
- v) **Bus Services:** The new services seem to be being favourably received although there are still concerns about the lack of early services to Oakley and afternoon services from Dunfermline. The service seems to be running well during the Oakley Road works and Cllr Clelland's recent letter had been well appreciated
- vi) **Kingdom Housing Association Development:** Alan Henderson (KHA) has advised that there have been delays with their planning application while another drainage impact analysis has been required by Scottish Water. Consequently, a site start is now likely to be April 2017. DC indicated that the council houses on the Allanwater site were now being allocated and that he knew of at least one family who had been offered one.
As KHA's footpath access is now next to the road, they have no need to remove the portacabin from the Oakley Road playing field. Those present could not identify a possible use for the structure and that it should be removed
- vii) **Saline Community Centre:** DC remarked on the information received from Alistair Mutch and the need for a feasibility study/business plan to allow proper decisions on acquisition to be made. It may be possible to incorporate a survey of community views in the December Community Bulletin.
- viii) **The Glebe:** JC advised that he had received a response to his complaint about the handling of the application. The response was that guidance was a matter for judgement by individual case officers. It was noted that Planning Reporters and councillors were treating policies as key factors
- ix) **Friends and Families:** DC reminded the meeting that Marylla Ferguson and Liz Harvey will be organising an event to make willow lanterns in Saline Community Centre on 29th October followed by an evening march between the Saline and Steelend tiles sites. It is hoped that people will be encouraged to participate and that good publicity for the community can be generated, DC praised Marylla and Liz's contribution to this imaginative initiative
- x) **Edinburgh Airport Consultation:** DC has responded and passed on the views from the August meeting. In response to GD's query, he agreed to give him a copy

5. Reports

- a) **Police:** 16 calls have been received over the last month and one recorded crime. One individual has been arrested
- b) **Treasurer:** MC indicated that there was no change in the situation from June 2016.
- c) **Secretary:** DM's report was accepted. Decisions taken were;
 - i) agreed to sponsor an issue of the Community Bulletin at a cost of £150. Mark Baugh to be advised to liaise with MC
Action: DM
 - ii) GD felt that SESplan needed to stress the need for business development beyond main centres. This will be considered in the community council's response but it was also felt that individuals should take the opportunity to comment on all aspects of the draft Plan. Links will be provided in the Community Bulletin and website
Action: DC
 - iii) Police Scotland and Boundary Commission consultations to be promoted in Community Bulletin and website
Action: DM

d) Councillor Stewart

Cllr Stewart indicated that she had attended the SESplan presentation and supported the use of the Dunfermline to Alloa railway, which she felt would open up economic activity, particularly in tourism. She will be attending the Community Councils Forum this Thursday and will be laying a Remembrance Day wreath in Carnock with Cllr Clelland covering the Saline event. She advised on progress with the Longannet Task Force and the additional funds now allocated but felt that Scottish Power should be contributing more. She also advised that the Valleyfield Heritage Society are holding an exhibition on the mining links under the Forth. The Society is also promoting networking between West Fife heritage societies and she has already spoken to Linda Moyes

6. Main discussion items:

i) Kinneddar Park and Cowstrandburn Residents Association: C McCallum advised on the key points raised at the associations meetings

Kinneddar Park had experienced similar flooding problems to those at North Road and remedial works had been less than successful. The big issue is traffic speeding through both communities with concerns that there could be serious injuries or death. While records show relatively few accidents, residents are aware of accidents not reported to Police. It was agreed that Phil Clarke should be contacted again

Action: DC

ii) Concern was expressed that people had been told that two houses were to be erected on the Saline Hotel site but three are now being erected. It was noted that 3 houses had received permission but that the developer had subsequently told residents that it would be two. It was agreed that the correct situation should be established and reported back.

Action: DC

iii) Nomination for West Fife Villages Citizen of The Year: DC reported that 3 local individuals had nominated two people and a couple. He read out the nominations and asked those present to indicate their preferences in order. Community councillors later considered the meeting's feeling and supported the attendees' vote and Jim Hensman will be nominated

7. AOCB

1) Some present expressed concerns about lorries belonging to two named companies speeding through Saline and Steelend. It was noted that David Storey was contacting the companies concerned. If the speeding continues, the Police will be contacted.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 29th November 2016. All welcome

