

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 27th September 2016 at 7.30pm in Saline Community Centre

Present: David Chisholm (chair) Marie Crane, Donald Murdoch, Janet Murdoch, Jim Currie, Jean Morris, Peter Ball, Jim Hensman, Cllr Bobby Clelland, Beth Shaw, Irene Wardell, Jean Alexander, Stewart Miller, Elsie Hannah, Muriel Phillips, Carolyn Bell(guest)

Apologies: Tom Dodds, Kay Jackson, Morag Aitken, PC Chandler, Melanie Mitchell

1. **Chair's introductory remarks:** DC welcomed those present and read out a letter from Tom Dodds. Tom acknowledged the work of the community council and praised the works carried out by Transportation to improve road safety on the western approach to Saline.
2. **New Items:** None
3. **Minutes of June Meeting:** Accepted as correct. Proposed by Marie Crane, seconded by Muriel Phillips
4. **Speaker:** Carolyn Bell works for Resource Efficient Solutions (RES), an arms length part of Fife Council. She gave an interesting and informative presentation on the Fife Environmental Partnership. RES is working to reduce Fife's carbon emissions and is currently writing the Fife Energy Plan. She described the pilot works in Burntisland to prepare an Action Plan. DC spoke of the Saline and Steelend Community Action Plan but acknowledged that it would benefit from review. Transport difficulties were raised from the floor and Carolyn described several initiatives elsewhere in Fife. She also mentioned funding sources that could be targeted for assistance

Carolyn referred to the substantial EU funds available towards tackling Climate Change. While Brexit will remove access to these, international funds are becoming available.

5. Matters Arising

- i) **Transportation Issues:** Transportation has responded to G Duncan's letter (attached) It was agreed that, while Mr Duncan did not agree with Fife Council, the meeting felt that there was little more that could be achieved and that the community council take no further involvement.
- ii) **Oakley Road Water Leak:** Stewart Miller indicated that Scottish Water has now accepted that there is a leak in the water pipe and will be investigating a permanent solution. The meeting felt that a new pipe should now be installed.

The issue of the blocked gullies was raised with Ian Jones (Transportation) via the discussions on the leak.
- iii) **Playground Group:** DC advised that the group is about to apply to Fife Environment Trust by the end of September. The bank requires confirmation of the funds held by the community council on the group's behalf.

Action: MC/MM
- iv) **Street Naming:** DC described the interest from the national press following Colin Stuart's letter. For the avoidance of doubt, he confirmed that the community council had endorsed the proposal to name the streets to recognise the contributions made to the community by the 4 named people but had also informed Fife Council of the additional, limited submissions from members of the public. Fife council is yet to confirm the names but are believed to be John Crane, William Wallace and Walter Scott.
- v) **Bus Service:** The services during the works on Main road, Steelend have been received favourably and seem to be being used. Cllrs Clelland and Law were praised for their involvement in ensuring that Steelend had a service and the information given to residents
- vi) **Kingdom Housing Association Development:** Alan Henderson (KHA) has advised that KHA has had to resubmit their planning application due to an obscure piece of legislation. As reported at the August meeting, a site start is likely to be in 2017
- vii) **Saline Community Centre:** DC indicated that Alistair Mutch had provided the information on anticipated costs for the building. The biggest cost is essential repairs. The income figures are not yet available but will be less than the annual running costs. It will therefore be necessary to

develop a Business Plan to assess whether a project was viable. It was noted that the Fife Council commitment to keeping the centre open would be affected by the Fife Council set up following next year's council elections and that progressing a Business Plan is essential.

- viii) The Glebe: JC advised that he had met the planning officer who had handled the complaint referred to in the August minutes. He had accepted that mistakes had been made but requested more time to respond
- ix) Friends and Families: DC advised 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. 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

5. Reports

- a) **Police:** PC Chandler was unable to attend and had submitted the attached report. He had also advised that Police had caught a biker while another had been injured.

Police have been contacted re conflict between dog walkers and a local resident using the field opposite Oaklea for grazing of horses. PC Chandler has sought the community council's opinion. Those present could see both sides' viewpoints but felt that a compromise was possible, especially as the resident seemed willing. DC agreed to meet the resident to discuss the situation. PC Chandler will be advised of the situation
Action: DC, DM

It was confirmed that Police Liaison meetings have been discontinued

- b) **Treasurer:** MC indicated that there was no change in the situation from June 2016. The agreed contribution to the 29th October event will be made in discussion with MF and LH
- c) **Secretary:** The attached was submitted and accepted. Most was already covered as matters arising plus
 - i) Ian Jones was contacted re damage to cars on Oakley Road due to the current works to lay a water main and drainage. Transportation has investigated and the works comply with requirement. However, the contractor has responsibilities to repair ongoing damage and to fully reinstate the road and verges on completion of works. In the meantime, Transportation will continue to monitor the situation.
 - ii) Transportation were contacted re the complaints about the non-operational destination boards in Dunfermline Bus Station. This was due to the end of a Fife Council contract. The council is discussing a real time system with Transport Scotland.
 - iii) Planning Aid Scotland has circulated details of free services that can be provided to communities

d) Councillors

Cllr Clelland indicated that much of his report had already been covered. He advised that he had attended a meeting of the Longannet Task Force and that the Scottish Government has now agreed to contribute £2.7m to Fife Council and £2m to Clackmannanan Council towards measures to alleviate the consequences of the power station closure

He had visited the large turbine site and confirmed that it was in Clackmannan. He had no recollection of being consulted prior to approval. The community council has no knowledge either

There is no update on release of the bond for restoration of the Blair House site.

Cllr Clelland reported that essential works are programmed for Oakley Road and that this will require closure of the road.

6. Main discussion items: None

7. Any other matters

- a) **Broadband:** Stewart Miller and Peter Ball raised the issue of broadband speeds. A random survey of friends and neighbours across Saline had shown that whilst some people are achieving higher speeds as a consequence of the recent upgrade, the overall impression is that it remains mediocre. Many people report periods of low speeds and sometime no service at all. It was noted that water had been seen issuing from BT chamber on Oakley Road that houses the broadband connections. After discussion it was agreed that SM and PB should draft a letter to BT on behalf of the Community Council. Action

Action:

DC, DM

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 25 October 2016. All welcome

