

## **Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm in Saline Community Centre**

**Present: Jim Currie (chair)** Marie Crane, Donald Murdoch, Janet Murdoch, Jean Morris, Peter Ball, Irene Wardell, Jean Alexander, Muriel Phillips, C McCallum, G Duncan, Cllr Bobby Clelland, Peter Philp, Alistair Lawson (Scotways), David Watling, Daniel Peggie, Kevin Fairclough (speaker)

**Apologies:** David Chisholm, Kay Jackson, Jim Hensman, Stewart Miller, Melanie Mitchell, Beth Shaw, PC Kirsty Kay, Morag Aitken

**1. Chair's introductory remarks:** JC welcomed those present. He drew attention to there being no Community Bulletin, which had meant that the Scout post could not be publicised. However, he was aware that it had been publicised on the website and on posters throughout the community.

### **2. New Items:**

Refuse Bags

### **3. Speaker: Kevin Fairclough**

Kevin explained that the community council had taken advantage of a Paths for All offer to provide a free feasibility study of paths sought by communities. He had examined the proposed path between Saline and the Comrie Colliery access road. He described the reasoning behind his proposed line and the obstacles to be overcome. The proposed route has gradients suitable for wheelchair use and specifications would permit use by all apart from motorised vehicles.

DM indicated that the next stage would be more formal consultations within the community provided the Forestry Commission is willing to release the land required.

Those present felt that there was a need to provide some early signposting as people are unaware that the route is available for use at present, albeit with difficulties in place. There was confusion over the correct route at The Steadings. Alistair Lawson gave details of Scotways and described the help that he could give.

It was noted that the estimated cost of works would be in the order of £250,000 for a high specification facility. It would be difficult to raise this in the short term and that it would be best to phase works. Cllr Clelland described a meeting that he and DM had attended with representatives from Oakley who wished to progress the link from Oakley. The "joined up" approach from two communities should enhance funding potential. In the meantime, Oakley Community Council will be approaching Paths for All for a similar feasibility study

**4. Minutes of October Meeting:** Accepted as correct. Proposed by Marie Crane, seconded by Jean Morris

### **5. Matters Arising**

- i) West Road: DC has written to Phil Clarke and established that Transportation proposes to take no action re chicanes and speed monitors due to lack of funds. Re Kinneddar Park, Fife Council intends to install coloured tarmac/rumble strips at either end
- ii) Oakley Road Water Leak: Stewart Miller has continued to liaise with Scottish Water. He had spoken to the workers laying the gas pipe who had confirmed that their trench had been free of water. Scottish Water had investigated an abandoned water pipe and found that it was dry. Scottish Water suspect that the water is coming from further up Oakley Road and will continue

to seek a way to divert water away from the junction. Stewart continues to liaise with the company.

- iii) Playground Group: MC indicated that the group had not yet claimed the money held on their behalf.
- iv) Street Naming: DC had been contacted by the "Dunfermline Press" who had noted the planning permission granted to the Saline Heritage Society to restore a monument to Sir Walter Scott and asked for the community council's view. DC had advised that the society was restoring a monument that was already there and that the local concerns related to the desire to reflect the contributions to the community by the community council's nominees. The Heritage Society's efforts in upgrading the old graveyard were appreciated by the community council
- v) Bus Services: DM advised that he had attended an interesting Fife Climate Challenge Action Network seminar on transport. He had spoken to Fife Council's lead officer about "real time" bus information and had pointed out problems in this area and requested priority status. She had advised writing in about this. The new Stagecoach app was also noted but it was pointed out that area's like here have poor mobile signals. Fife Council has an officer looking at providing wifi to key bus shelters. It was agreed that DM should write on both issues to Fife Council  
**Action: DM**
- vi) Saline Community Centre: DC had received an e mail from Fife Council enclosing a form re possible transfer of Saline Community Centre. He had indicated a provisional interest on the basis that a feasibility study is carried out. It was agreed that an application should be submitted to the BIG Lottery Fund  
**Action: DC/DM/JC**
- vii) Friends and Families: The Lantern Parade was an outstanding success with over 200 people attending and good attendance at Steelend Club. Cllr Clelland praised the children's enthusiasm at the willow weaving in the afternoon and had enjoyed the overall event. A further stage of Friends and Neighbours will involve willow weaving artworks.
- viii) Hotel Site: JC indicated that he had checked the planning situation and the developer has permission for 3 houses, each with individual vehicle access based on a submission dated 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017. DC has emailed Development Central for clarification.
- ix) Speeding Lorries: Transportation had been contacted and spoken to the developers of the site at Wellwood who had indicated that their supplies were coming from Goat Quarry. However, the problem seems to have stopped and no further action is required. It was noted that a car overtaking on the double lines through High Steelend had removed the door mirror of the car being passed. The driver had not stopped.

## 6. Reports

- a) **Police:** PC Kay was unable to attend but submitted a written report. In the last month Police had responded to;
  - 1 call re a sheep on the road
  - 5 separate false 999 calls, which concerned those present
  - 1 road traffic collision
  - 1 cyclist knocked from bike
  - 1 assault
  - 1 found dog
  - 1 fraudPC Kay has been involving all of the primary schoolchildren in all aspects of road safety and is looking to set up a small group of 6 children to go out with her on a couple of mornings before school with the speed gun as part of the road safety initiative. She will also be out with the speed gun around Saline and Steelend in the run up to Christmas.

The Police are still trying to recruit volunteers to take part in "Speedwatch". Volunteers would receive training from Traffic Police in working the speed gun and general safety, would then go out into the community with the speed-gun themselves and record any speeding motorists. They would not stop the vehicles but record the details to pass to Police for a warning letter to be sent out.

Several present had volunteered previously and were still willing. It was also agreed that PC Kay's request be promoted in the Community Bulletin and website.

PC Kay had asked for details of 2017 meetings and it was agreed that this be done.

**Action: DM**

- b) Treasurer:** MC indicated that the current bank balance stood at £668.18
- c) Secretary:** DM's attached report was accepted. It was noted that the community council's opposition to proposed housing developments in the Local Plan had been over-ruled. Consequently, it was felt that the community council should now focus on securing quality developments and ensuring that adequate community facilities are provided
- d) Councillor Clelland:** All that Cllr Clelland had intended raising had been covered by the previous discussions

**7. Main discussion items:**

i) **Fracking Consultation:** DM reported that consultants working for the Scottish Government had been appointed to consult on what concerns people had about fracking. Some were suspicious of the government's motives but felt that it was worth participating.

**Action: DC**

**8. AOCB**

Food Waste Bags: There was some concern that Fife Council was reducing the number of food waste bags supplied to householders. This was causing problems for some people. Cllr Clelland described the financial pressures on the council. There followed useful discussion on alternatives to the bags

Health Services: Following the concerns about the quality of care and access to health services, DC has contacted NHS Fife and suggested that a representative attend a community council meeting. It was agreed that a representative be invited to the January meeting

**9. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017. This will also be the AGM. All welcome



