

# Saline and Steelend Community Council

## Minute of Meeting of 24.06.14 in Saline Community Centre

### Present

John Crane (chair) Jim Hensman, Marie Crane, Donald Murdoch, Isobel Menzies, David Chisholm, Joan Featherstone, Roger Featherstone, Jim Currie, Helga Corp, Alan Robertson, Morag Aitken, Jean Morris, Cllr Bobby Clelland, Dave Quinney, Alexander Dick, Liz O'Brien, Paul O'Brien, Paul Leadbetter, Sandy Dick, Mark Thompson, Alan Fowler (Fife Voluntary Action)

### 2. Apologies

Cllr Kate Stewart, Kay Jackson, Peter Ball, Muriel Phillips

### 3. Minutes of Meeting of 29.04.2014

Approved. Proposed by JH, seconded by AR

### 4. Main Street

DC outlined the background to concerns about parking around the shop and garage. He hoped that discussion would identify a possible way forward.

The garage owners acknowledged the problem but indicated that many cars creating visibility at the Oakley Road junction were owned by residents. The garage was doing what it could to minimise disruption. They only parked within their boundary. Mr and Mrs O'Brien were concerned about vehicles parking on the pavement and/or blocking their access. Those present considered that parking on pavements was not acceptable and a danger to pedestrians. It was felt that the street was capable of modification by introducing a system whereby parking would be designated on both sides with a priority system for the remaining single lane. It was agreed that sketch be prepared for discussion with Fife Council

DM/DC

### 5. Matters Arising

- JC reported that the overgrown Upper Kinneddar garden is now in an acceptable condition but there are still concerns about the high leylandii hedge.
- Transportation have responded favourably to JC's request for a site meeting re congestion on Oakley Road. This will now have to be held in the school holidays but JF offered to take photographs of congestion for discussion at the meeting. A visit to Kinneddar Park has also been agreed
- JC confirmed that the handrail at the community centre entrance door has been installed.
- Concerning play parks, DC advised that there had been conversations but no volunteers. Community views were that a survey should be carried out, which would not be similar to the previous Oaklea survey but would focus on need, location and local impact. Cllr Clelland indicated that Fife Council would possibly contribute to a larger project and described other communities' efforts.

JC/JF

- Fife Council would expect any facility to be suitable for all abilities, which was in the promoters' thoughts anyway.
- DC reported on the meeting with Liz Murphy re Saline cemetery that had been attended by a good number of local residents. Steps are to be taken to enable disabled people's cars to better access graves but would need measures to prevent cars driving on the grass. This is in hand and, in the meantime, disabled access will be permitted on request. An improved supply of water is also being examined and larger bins will be provided. This progress was welcomed by the meeting.
  - JC indicated that he has still not received a response from Fife Council about removal of the anemometer mast at West Craighouse Farm.
  - DM indicated that he had spoken to Mr McFarlane about the cost of removing Japanese knotweed. Mr McF had provided a very favourable estimate and it was agreed that an application be submitted for consideration by Fife Council's Area Committee
  - JC advised that Sandy Carstairs was working on the Barrowman Plough and that it is progressing satisfactorily

DM

#### **6. Councillors' Report**

Cllr Clelland praised Saline Heritage Society's WW1 exhibition and noted the large number of local residents who had served. He also outlined the council's policies on play area's (see above) He indicated that there had been a meeting re Blair House this afternoon but that he had not yet been briefed.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report**

Fife Council's grant has finally been paid. The current bank balance is £3042.91 of which £1892.91 is available for community council use with remaining funds ring-fenced for restoration of the Barrowman Plough and gravestone in the old cemetery.

#### **8. Police Report**

To follow

#### **9. Secretary's Report**

The post office on North Road will close on 17<sup>th</sup> July and will move at the same time to the village store

A letter has been received from VG Energy re funding for investigation of community renewable energy projects. DM will discuss with Till Kroeber

JC/DM

#### **10. Planning Applications**

None

#### **11. Saline Golf Club**

JC advised of a special meeting at the club where, although the club is not in financial difficulties, there is a need to improve income. JC is part of a small committee investigating this and, as a start, he proposed submitting an article to the Community Bulletin. This was agreed

JC

## **12. Blair House Site**

Fife Council's Chief Executive has acknowledged receipt of JC's letter. The "Dunfermline Press" has now printed an article on the problems being encountered. DC advised that he contacted the Health and Safety Executive who had confirmed that safety is the responsibility of the administrators. He subsequently contacted the administrators, KPMG, who considered that their precautions were adequate despite the local and Police concerns about young people accessing the site. It is believed that a report by KPMG has been submitted to the Liaison Committee but has not been seen by the community council. JC will investigate

JC

## **13. Glen Tidy Up**

JC advised that the Saline Environmental Group intended to carry out a clean up of Saline Glen in July. He had contacted Gill Hart and received gloves. JF was concerned that she hadn't been informed as she had bought gloves too. Cllr Clelland advised that Fife Council would also provide equipment. DM suggested that there should be a single body co-ordinating the event but JF declared that there should be no demarcation. JF asked Cllr Clelland about the lack of litter bins in the Oakley Road park. He was under the impression that there were bins but would investigate.

Post Meeting Note: The clean-up date has been agreed and will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am, meeting at the Glen entrance.

JC

AF

## **14. Alan Fowler**

The community council constitution has been examined and he feels that it needs to be refreshed. He will make suggestions and circulate drafts for discussion at the next meeting

## **15. AOCB**

HC asked about a visit to elderly neighbours who had been alarmed by an investigation by a Fife Council officer about hedges along the Oakley Road frontage. JF advised that she had received a visit by the officer who had indicated that someone had complained and that he was investigating. He did not see a problem and no action will be required.

Cllr C

## **16. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 7.30 in Saline Community Centre