

Saline and Steelend Community Council

Minute of Meeting of 26.08.14 in Saline Community Centre

Present

David Chisholm (chair) Jim Hensman, Marie Crane, Muriel Phillips, Donald Murdoch, Isobel Menzies, Irene Wardell, Peter Ball, Joan Featherstone, Roger Featherstone, Jim Currie, Helga Corp, Alan Robertson, Morag Aitken, Beth Shaw, John Baxter, Jean Alexander

2. Apologies

Kay Jackson, John Crane, Dave Quinney

3. Introduction

DC read out a letter from John Crane indicating that his illness had returned and that he would be standing down as chair in the meantime. DC paid tribute to John's service to the community and, on behalf of the community council, wished him a speedy recovery. It was agreed that MP should send a letter and card confirming the community council's support.

MP

4. Minutes of Meeting of 24.06.2014

Approved. Proposed by JH, seconded by HC

5. Matters Arising

- Noted that refurbishment of the Barrowman Plough continues.
- Cllr Clelland has now taken up the non-removal of the anemometer mast at Lockshaw Moss. JF asked whether any progress had been made re the mast and West Craighouse Farm and was advised that JC had had more pressing issues to deal with
- Nothing to report on Japanese Knotweed
- DC tabled draft proposals to address parking on Main Street that he had prepared and asked for those present to submit suggestions at the end of the meeting. The intention is that the proposals would be raised with Fife Council
- DC reported that Liz Murphy had not contacted him about the problems at Saline cemetery. NOTE: Following the meeting contact was made
- Alan Fowler of Fife Voluntary Action has confirmed that he will provide advice on updating the constitution and will be attending the September meeting

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6. Councillors' Report

As no councillors were present, there was no reports and dissatisfaction was expressed by some of those present. AR stated that there were 4 councillors with a large number of community councils to attend. MC suggested that a problem was that several community councils had meetings on the same evenings.

7. Treasurer's Report

£1813.50 is held plus ring-fenced funds for restoration of a gravestone in Saline Old Cemetery and of the Barrowman Plough. MC confirmed that funding of the gravestone was unrelated to works by Saline Heritage Society

8. Police Report

MC referred to the article in the Community Bulletin and had been advised that subsequently there were additional break-ins at Steelend football ground portakabins. The Police also spent time in the area checking for misuse of red diesel but no breaches were detected in Saline. MC advised that the next Police Engagement meetings will be at 7.30 pm on 7th September and 13th November, both in Oakley Community Centre. She reminded everyone that these are open meetings and community participation is encouraged

9. Secretary's Report

MP advised of a number of applications for wind turbines. It was noted that REG have appealed against Fife Council's refusal of their application for 3 turbines at Outh Muir

10. Planning Applications

Several minor applications that do not affect the community have been submitted and/or approved

11. Revised Bus Timetable

The new timetable is causing difficulties for people and several of those present noted a disproportionately better service to communities on the route smaller than Saline and Steelend, Concerns were the absence of an 8.30 am service to Dunfermline, the reduced return services in the afternoon and the lack of evening services. It was also felt that high fares to Oakley were restricting use. Consequently, people are encountering difficulties in attending appointments at the Oakley Health Centre and getting to work. It was noted that none of our services on the new 6 route are subsidised by Fife Council. AR suggested a meeting with Stagecoach but it was also felt that Fife Council should be lobbied. It was remitted to DC to investigate

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12. Oakley Road

It has not been possible to meet with Transportation. In JC's absence, JF offered to progress this, which was accepted. She is to liaise with DC in JC's absence.

JF/DC

13. North Road Play Area

It was noted that several parents had come forward with a view to forming a group to take this forward. The Community Development Trust has agreed to provide professional and technical support. DM suggested that the community council should fund hall hire to enable an initial meeting to be held. JF felt that SSCDT should fund this but it was felt that the modest cost could be met from community council funds

14. Blair House Site

DC advised of information received from Thomas Docherty MP regarding Fife Council's then position. It was noted that the last community liaison meeting had been cancelled

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and there was concern about the lack of information about problems on the site and its eventual restoration. DC advised that Mr Docherty had offered to host a meeting and this was accepted

15. Kingdom Housing Association

DM advised on information that he had circulated previously. KHA were intending to submit an application for full planning permission and wished to hold a drop-in meeting in Saline. DC felt that this meeting should cover more than that proposed by KHA to stimulate greater interest in our community. It was therefore agreed that DC should negotiate an acceptable way forward.

DC

JF drew attention to Oakley Road and was concerned that children would be walking to school alongside the road. She also queried how KHA would get past the playing fields frontage. DM advised that KHA were negotiating with Fife Council to locate the path behind the hedge to retain the amenity and provide a safer, more attractive route. This would necessitate removal of the derelict changing huts, which would also be discussed with Fife Council

16. Glen Tidy Up

JF advised that this had been successful with a great turnout. Bird boxes were being made and installed while Gareth Turner had been contacted re removal of the mushroom seats at the entrance. Bulbs are to be planted throughout the community and MC asked that those recently lost by engineering works between Steelend and Saline Golf Club be replaced.

JF

JF advised that Saline Environmental Group will be holding an open meeting on 10th September in Saline Community Centre

17. AOCB

1. HC drew attention to possible problems with the property at 31 Oakley Road. While the house appears unoccupied, the elderly neighbour has heard people moving around at night, which is causing her concern. It was noted that the property is owned by Fife Council but is held on non Housing account. It was agreed that the matter be drawn to Fife Council's attention

2. The possibility of a community involvement in Steelend Moss was discussed. Mr Baxter advised that the site was too dangerous to encourage community involvement and it was agreed that no further action be.

18. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 30th September 2014 at 7.30 in Saline Community Centre