

Minute of the meeting of Torbrex Community Council held in Stirling High School at 7.15pm on Wednesday 19th December 2007.

- 1. Present:** Community Councillors - Murray Dickie, Jim Docherty, Carolyn Edward, Genia Graham and Brendan Docherty, Robert Johnston.
In attendance: Wilson Jamieson, Margaret Duff; Hirek Kwiatowski, Joyce Green, Michael Green, William Robb , Norman Walker, Larry Henderson and Cllr. Andrew Simpson.
Apologies: Sue Ridler, Valerie Mulligan, Julia Leftwich, Cllr. Scott Farmer, and Cllr. Neil Benny.
- 2. Minute of the Previous Meeting:** The minute of the previous meeting of was accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Michael Green, seconded by Genia Graham.
- 3. Matters arising: - PPP Meeting – Stirling High School:** Several members had attended the recent PPP meeting convened by Stirling Council Children’s Services. It was noted that the construction of new homes on the site of the present High School was scheduled to begin in November 2008 and, depending upon the prevailing economic circumstances could last until 2013. Agreement has been reached between the various parties to hold regular quarterly meetings throughout the period of construction. Genia Graham wished to know what the process would be for the disposal of the school’s assets such as desks, chairs etc. It is planned to auction surplus assets that will not be used in the new school.

Work at Torbrex Farm Road – Larry Henderson: Mr Henderson had sent a letter of objection to Stirling Council regarding the placing of a gas valve within 7.5 metres of his property. He also expressed concerns about landscaping proposals. To date he had not received any response from the PPP Team or from the Chief Executive to whom he had written on 10th December.

It was agreed that Murray Dickie and Cllr. Andrew Simpson would contact Mick Stewart, Head of Planning, at Stirling Council to seek a resolution of Mr Henderson’s problems. It was also agree that Torbrex Community Council would write to Bob Gil, Head of PPP Team, Stirling Council asking for a series of dates for the quarterly meetings. The developer would be invited to attend these meeting. A note would be sent to Greig Ingram, Head Teacher, Stirling High School regarding the auctioning of school equipment.

- 4. Orchard House:** The proposals for Orchard House have now been shelved. It was agreed that Torbrex Community Council would write to Eddie MacDonald, FVHB, to ascertain what alternative plans the Board had in mind following the collapse of the proposals for the development. We would be seeking assurances about proper public consultation. It was also agree Torbrex Community Council should write to local G.P’s to establish a working relationship which would improve local health delivery.
- 5. Friends of Beechwood Park:** Hirek Kwiatowski requested that Friends be granted an operating budget. It was agreed that Torbrex Community Council would write to Stirling Council Children’s Services requesting funds for an operating budget. Hirek also suggested that Torbrex Community Council should write to Greig Ingram seeking the active involvement of Stirling High School pupils. BY February 2008 the group hopes to have established a strategy for the short and long term planning involvement in the proposed park improvements. Murray Dickie reminded members of the necessity of holding a major event in March engaging with park users and pupils of Stirling High School. Of particular importance was the need for on going discussion regarding access between St. Ninian’s Primary School and the park.

Two meetings had been scheduled;
 29th January 2008 at the Scout Headquarters involving Active Stirling, Environmental Services and Play Services, Stirling Council.
 19th February 2008 – as above

Several issues were identified as being of particular importance:

1. Internal fences
2. Fencing along the main road
3. Picnic areas, bikes
4. Green space
5. Use by a wide number of people

Hirek Kwiatowski emphasised the need to ensure that Children’s Services engaged with the community in a proper dialogue as part of a meaningful consultation. It was essential to meet with key players in shaping decisions.

6. Plans for 2008: Issues identified for attention in 2008 were:

1. Active Stirling to carry forward previous work on activities for older people.
2. Write to David Cameron asking if Stirling Council has a policy on the use of facilities at the new High School during the day by the community.

7. A.O.C.B.:

1. New gates linking Beechwood Park to school – Brendan Docherty to pursue.
2. Tannson development – write to Brian Roberts, Stirling Council Roads Department, asking that double yellow lines are put in place before residents move in to the new flats.

8. Dates of Meetings: 2008:

SNP = St Ninians Primary

SHS = Stirling High School

Thur 24 th Jan SNP	Wed 30 Jul SHS
Tues 26 Feb SNP (changed from Stirling High School	Thur 28 Aug SNP
Wed 26 Mar SNP	Tues 23 Sep SHS
(No April meeting)	Wed 29 Oct SNP
Thur 29 May SHS (AGM)	Thur 27 Nov SHS
Tues 24 Jun SNP	