

**Minute of the meeting of Torbrex Community Council held in
St Ninians Primary School at 7.15pm on Thursday 24th January 2008.**

- 1. Present:** Community Councillors - Murray Dickie, Sue Ridler, Genia Graham and Brendan Docherty.

In attendance: Margaret Duff, Michael Green, Bob and Vilmarie Ingles, Wilson Jamieson, Karen Johnstone, Anne Kaney, Hirek Kwiatkowski, George McCulloch, Valerie Mulligan, Eleanor Niven, Bill Sim, Ann Sulieman

Apologies: Cllr Neil Benny, Jim Docherty, Carolyn Edward, Cllr. Scott Farmer, Joyce Green, Robert Johnston, Julia Leftwich and Cllr Andrew Simpson.

- 2. Minute of the Previous Meeting:** The minute of the previous meeting of was accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Genia Graham, seconded by Brendan Docherty.
- 3. Matters arising: Traffic Restrictions on Newhouse and Randolph Terrace:** Concern was expressed regarding these. It was agreed to contact Brian Roberts for confirmation on progress. **Gates in Beechwood Park:** Murray Dickie had contacted Gill Freil, headteacher of St Ninians Primary School. Gill indicated that she had consulted staff and the members of the Parents' Forum and it had been decided that they did not wish to have access through these gates. It was agreed to write to Bob Gill supporting the Primary School's decision.
- 4. Correspondence:**
- A copy of the Beechwood Scouts newsletter has been received. It was noted that the scouts hoped to formally open the building in March 2008, lets are now available and that they would be celebrating the 100th anniversary of their founding in 2009.
 - A formal complaint has been received about the state of Torbrex Lane, particularly the state of the hedge between the lane and the new school.

- 5. Planning Report – Somerfield Closure:** The chairperson welcomed two staff members from Somerfield. The Community Council expressed their regret at the closure of the supermarket, not only for the impact on the sixty staff but also the loss of facilities to the local community. It was clear from media reports that the entire Somerfield company was being sold off and that the closure of the St Ninians store was part of a general sell off of properties and reduction of staff. There were mixed media messages as to the buyer of the Somerfield St Ninians store. In view of the location of the supermarket, t was agreed to contact Borestone Community Council to seek their cooperation in taking this issue forward. It was also agreed to contact Stirling Council and the three ward councillors to obtain more detailed information about the sale, examine ways in which local Somerfield staff could be assisted and to discuss ways of retaining a retail facility on the site.

- 6. PPP Developments:** A number of concerns have been expressed regarding the state of Torbrex lane, particularly the section from the Ice Rink to Torbrex Farm Road. Complaints have been received regarding the state of the hedge and litter. The Community Council feel that it would be unhelpful if the new school were bounded by an eyesore. The issue of the missing mound at the front of the new school was raised. It was agreed to seek guidance from Stirling Council as to the ownership of land in this area in order to explore ways of improving the state of the area.

A copy of the proposed sustainable urban drainage system for the new houses on the site of the existing school has been received from a local resident. It was agreed to seek a copy from Stirling Council Planning Services. Concern was expressed at the location of the soak away areas as the present overflow car park has a similar arrangement and has been subject to regular serious flooding. The Community Council were disturbed to see that the plans were dated December 2004 and were sent to the local resident as a co-terminous neighbour in December 2007. The Community Council had been seeking details of the proposals for some considerable time. It was agreed to explore this concern with Stirling Council Planning Services.

7. Friends of Beechwood Park Sub-Committee: Hirek reported that the group was now formally established with himself as Chairperson, Brendon Docherty as Vice-Chairperson and Hugh Gillies as Secretary. Several meetings had been held with Sue Gutteridge and Judi Legge to explore the possibilities for consultation. In addition, a grant proposal had been made under the aegis of the Community Council for additional funding to enable tree planting. There will be an initial planning meeting in St Ninians Primary School at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 29th January to agree the details for the consultation. This will be followed by a workshop at 7.30 pm on Monday 18th February in the Beechwood Scout Centre and a full day consultation on Monday 17th March. An application had been made for additional grant aid to support extended tree planting.

8. Activities for Older People: It was agreed to invite representatives from Active Stirling and Stirling College to the next meeting in order to prepare to canvas local residents on their support for new activities to be held in the Scout Centre.

9. St. Ninians Community Development Trust Ltd: Members were reminded of the next meeting of the Trust would be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 25th February at the Mayfield Centre.

10. A.O.C.B.:

- Concern was expressed that a number of trees in Beechwood Park had been damaged as a result of the Old Free Church Manse development. It was agreed to make enquiries about this.
- The next Area Form 05 meeting will be held in the Albert Hall on the 7th of February at 7.00 pm. It was agreed to nominate Murray Dickie as a representative on the Steering Group. It was also felt that each Community Council should have a member on the Steering group.

11. Dates of Meetings: (SNP = St Ninians Primary, SHS = Stirling High School)

Tues	26 Feb	SNP	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	Tues	16 Dec	SNP
Wed	30 Jul	SHS	Wed	28 Jan 2009	SHS