

**Minute of the meeting of Torbrex Community Council held in
St Ninians Primary School at 7.15pm on Wednesday 26th March 2008.**

- 1. Present:** Community Councillors - Murray Dickie, Jim Docherty, Brendan Docherty, Genia Graham and Robert Johnson.

In attendance: Michael & Joyce Green, Margaret Duff, Hirek Kwiatowski, M Kwiatowski, Valerie Mulligan, WPC Katherine Kirsop, Eleanor Niven, Bob & Valerie Inglis, A.F. Goodwillie, S. Bonnar, David Stewart and David McDonald.

Apologies: Cllr Neil Benny, Cllr. Scott Farmer, Cllr Andrew Simpson, Julia Leftwich, Alex White, Carolyn Edward, Sue Ridler, Bill Sim and Vivienne McNiven.

- 2. Minute of the Previous Meeting:** The minute of the previous meeting of 26th February was accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Genia Graham.
- 3. Matters arising: - None.**
- 4. Correspondence: -** Murray referred to correspondence received from a resident regarding the cleaning of paths within the Torbrex area, another relating to dog fouling and litter and a third to problems with the old High School hedge. **Action:** It was agreed that Torbrex Community Council would write to Stirling Council pursuing these matters.
- 5. Planning Report:** The chairperson reported that he had attended a meeting organised by the residents of Eccles Court with staff from Lidl and residents with properties bounding the site. Members congratulated the Eccles Court residents for their proactive stance. At this meeting Lidl staff had presented their plans and answered questions. It was clear that there was overwhelming support from local residents, with some concerns about the security of access to the rear of the building and the parking area at night, landscaping and public open space design together with visibility issues. Lidl staff indicated that they would take these issues up and would be guided by Stirling Council Planning staff as to the design of landscaped and public open space areas.

The plans submitted by Lidl were examined and discussed. **Action:** As there was unanimous support for the proposal a letter of support is sent to the Planning Department. Seek the support of Planning Services staff and local ward councillors to ensure that the new store was available as soon as was possible. Reiterate the concerns about security of rear access and parking areas and to take up the issue of landscaping and public open space design with Planning Services' staff. Seek clarification of the ownership boundary, as this was not entirely clear from the plans and to enquire whether there was scope for improving traffic access to the main road junction.

- 6. Community Police Report:** There was a discussion about incidents reported to Central Scotland Police which appeared not to have been investigated. WPC Kirsop advised residents who were aware of incidents to contact her directly. Murray suggested that the issue of community safety could be placed on the agenda for our September meeting to which Community Wardens and interested residents would be invited to attend. Residents in Kirk Wynd raised an issue about heavy lorries parking on the pavement in the early hours of the morning. **Action:** It was agreed that Torbrex community council would contact the three councillors representing this area and Stirling Council about this problem.
- 7. Beechwood Park–Consultation Update: -** The chairperson thanked the members of the Friends of Beechwood Park Sub-committee and staff of Stirling Council for all their efforts to ensure a successful consultation. The Chairperson of the Friends of Beechwood Park Sub-Committee reported that the day had been a success with over sixty people attending and 44 questionnaires and 6 online questionnaires having been received. There had been a wealth of comments, all of which would need to be examined to tease out and prioritise the common issues which were clearly being raised. There was concern that there were only two responses in the 5 to 11 years range and no responses in the 12 to 18 and 19 to 25 age ranges. It was agreed to seek the support of the two local schools, the Beechwood Scouts and the local youth workers to obtain the views of young people in these age ranges. There had been a mixed response to the

question of open plan – with an overall fifty/fifty split in favour and against. There was a significant difference between those using the play facilities and those not using them which would require further analysis.

It was also agreed to arrange a special Community Council meeting on Tuesday 29th April at 7.30 pm, preferably in the High School. This meeting would take the form of a workshop to analyse responses and agree a report. The Community Council will invite members of the Friends of Beechwood Park Sub-committee, staff from Stirling Council and other interested individuals to attend. **Action:** It was agreed that an extraordinary meeting should be held on Tuesday 29th April at Stirling High School with the future of the park being the only agenda item. Efforts would be made to get the two school Green Teams involved along with youth leaders and the local scouts.

8. **Activities for Older People - Update:** - This item was not discussed and would be on the agenda for the meeting in May.
9. **Forth Valley Health Board - Update:** The Chairperson reported that a meeting had taken place between members of the Stirling Community Health Partnership's Public Partnership Forum (PPF) and representatives from Stirling Council's Community Planning Forums. The meeting agreed that there was advantage to be gained from co-operation between the two organisations to enable local people to engage with health issues being raised by the PPF. It was agreed that a letter be sent to all community councils, local development trusts and other local groups seeking their views on health issues and asking groups to identify a key priority. Key priorities would identify a topic for a public meeting to be held in June 2008. The two groups identified four key issues: travel to Larbert, Stirling Community Hospital, out patient clinics and the Orchard House resource Centre. Groups would be informed of these, invited to add any others and identify one key priority which they would like to discuss at the June meeting. In addition, groups would be asked to list their hopes and fears relating to their key issue.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Community Council supported the four key issues raised by the two bodies and that their priority would be the future community hospital. However, they would also like to see discussion about the potential for the community hospital to accommodate GPs' practices and to contribute to delivering outpatients' services to the local communities. In terms of hopes and fears, the Community Council identified their main hope that the community hospital would deliver/support the full range of community services, provide a location for new GPs' practices and offer an after hours and outpatients' service comparable to the present ones. It was also hoped that the building programme would result in a properly integrated hospital. Fears were that the full range of services would not be available and that local people would require to travel to Larbert, Falkirk and Alloa for some services, that after hours and outpatients' facilities would be transferred to Larbert and that the opportunity to co-locate GPs' services would be missed. There was also the fear that a desire to maximise the proceeds from housing would be an overriding factor in the decision-making process.

As there was no official Community Council meeting in April, the chairperson was delegated the responsibility of replying to correspondence in terms of the issues identified by the meeting. In the event that other items were raised, community councillors would be consulted prior to a response being made.

10. **A.O.C.B.:**- David McDonald presented a petition from Kingspark Community Council relating to the closure of the central Library on Saturday. It was agreed to circulate this at the meeting.

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

Tue 29 April, H	Thur 29 May H (AGM),	Tues 24 Jun P,
Wed 30 Jul H,	Thur 28 Aug P,	Tues 23 Sep H,
Wed 29 Oct P	Thur 27 Nov H.	