

**Minute of the meeting of Torbrex Community Council held in
St Ninians Primary School at 7.15pm on Thursday 28th August 2008.**

1. **Present:** Community Councillors - Murray Dickie, Brendan Docherty and Genia Graham.
In attendance: Richard Baker, Sheena Baker, John Buchan, Margaret Duff, Michael & Joyce Green, Alex Hamill, WPC Katherine Kirsop, Eleanor Niven, and Cllr. Andrew Simpson.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr. Neil Benny, Jim Docherty, Cllr. Scott Farmer, Wilson Jamieson, Robert Johnston, Hirek Kwiatkowski, Valerie Milligan, Carolyn Edward, Sue Ridler, Julia Leftwich, Bill Sim and Evelyn Sim.
3. **Minute of the Previous Meeting:** The minute of the previous meeting was accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising: -**
 - **Lidl Store:** Cllr. Andrew Simpson gave an update. Lidl was currently recruiting staff and planning for an opening in late November, 2008. Andrew has asked for consideration to be given to an ATM. Lidl are currently running a pilot in Edinburgh and will review their position on the basis of this.
 - **Access to Stirling High School:** Murray indicated that Active Stirling was running a comprehensive activity programme. However, many of the activities would be re-sited to the sports village when construction was completed. Assurances had been given by Active Stirling that some local activities would be retained. A report will be given ton the September meeting of the Community Council.
5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **Planning Report:** Murray reported that the only planning application was from Lidl for signage. There were no objections from the Community Council, but the question of the illumination of the sign on the gable end facing Eccles Court was raised. It was agreed to check this with Planning and Lidl.
7. **Community Police Report: -** WPC Kirsop reported that there had been four reported crimes in the CC area. Two, a breach of the peace in Weaver Row and a bottle thrown from the Cambusbarron motorway bridge, had been detected and two, a “sneak in” theft and vandalism had not. Katherine warned members to be careful not to leave doors and windows insecure. One call to Beechwood Park and one to Beechwood Gardens had been dealt with. Other issues raised included young people entering the primary school grounds to gather and access Beechwood Park; litter under one of the trees in Beechwood Park and the possibility of identifying areas where people were transiting or loitering. It was agreed to monitor these issues.

Katherine reported that she had met with Mrs, Wyllie, new head teacher of St Ninians Primary school, who had raised a number of issues:-

- People using the right of way from Torbrex Road through the school to Berkeley Street mixing with children. It was agreed to contact Children’s Services with a view to identifying possible ways of redirecting the right of way through the area used for car parking, rather than the area used by children.
- The hedge at the Berkeley Street entrance is overhanging the pavement. Brendan agreed to look into this.
- Stirling High school parents dropping off children are queuing back onto Torbrex Road and a considerable number of pupils are using Torbrex Lane as a smoking area at breaks. Murray agreed to approach the head teacher about this.

It was agreed to invite both head teachers to attend future Community Council meetings, or send a representative.

8. **Torbrex Lane:** Murray reported that he had walked the lane with Bill Davitt (Stirling Council Environmental Services), Norrie Gilmour (Stirling Council Social Justice Services) and Steve Lloyd (Ogilvie). All had expressed an interest in supporting the improvement of the lane. He had also contacted Pat Scullion (Head teacher of Stirling High School) and David Mitchell (Beechwood Scouts) who were also supportive. Les Goodfellow (Stirling Council Open Areas Strategy) had suggested that the Lane project might be incorporated into the Beechwood Park strategy. The Community Council agreed to remit this decision to the Friends of Beechwood Park Sub-Committee.
9. **Friends of Beechwood:** Margaret Duff reported that the friends had now agreed a set of priorities. Hirek and Wilson had met with Les Goodfellow and had agreed with the suggestion that the use of the current planning gain monies be considered in the wider context of a strategic plan for the park. The Friends were very welcoming of this proposal.
10. **Joint Roads Meeting:** Murray reported that Roads staff had now dealt with all responses to the previous meeting and consultation letter and had proposed a follow-up meeting. Murray was looking for a suitable venue in early October.
11. **Activities for Older People:** Murray had met with Ailsa Robertson of Active Stirling. It was suggested that Active Stirling could host a health-based activity in the Scout Centre, starting in January 2009. The Community Council agreed to work with Active Stirling to promote the activities and provide feedback on the most popular choice of activity, to ensure a viable uptake.
12. **A.O.C.B.:-** The issue of summer weed spraying of roads and paths was raised. It was agreed to check with Streetscape regarding this.
13. **Dates of Meetings:** (P = St Ninians Primary, H = Stirling High School)

Tues 23 Sep H
 Thur 27 Nov H
 Thur 26 Feb P

Wed 29 Oct H (please note venue change)

Tues 16 Dec P
 Tues 31 Mar H

Wed 28 Jan 2009 H
 Thur 28 May (AGM) P