



Torbrex Community Council

Minute of the Meeting of the Community Council held in The Mayfield Centre at 7.15 pm on Tuesday 30th June 2009.

1. **Present:** Community Councillors – Murray Dickie, Jim Docherty, Genia Graham, Bob Johnston and Hirek Kwiatkowski. In Attendance: Chief Inspector Barry Blair.
2. **Apologies:** Sue Ridler, Margaret Duff, Mr and Mrs Green.
3. **Minute of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the Community Council Meeting of the 31st March 2009 were agreed as an accurate record (Proposed by Hirek Kwiatkowski and seconded by Jim Docherty).
4. **Matters Arising:** None
5. **Community Council Reorganisation and New Constitution:** The draft proposals for a new constitution and standing orders were considered. It was agreed to inform Stirling Council that Torbrex Community Council would support the adoption of the drafts and looked forward to receiving the final agreed version for ratification (Proposed by Jim Docherty and seconded by Bob Johnston).
6. **Beechwood Park Masterplan:** Hirek reported that the most recent Steering Group meeting had considered the draft Masterplan. There had been considerable responses to meetings and the survey (some 60 returns) and it was hoped that a final copy would be available in mid-August. Concern had been expressed that the £10,000 grant for tree planting should proceed as soon as the plan was finally agreed and that there should be further discussion regarding the use of the planning gain monies.
7. **Stirling High School Garden Project:** Mary Kwiatkowski and Murray Dickie had attended the formal opening of the polytunnel. The Director of Children's Services praised the school and the local community for their joint efforts to develop the garden and particularly thanked the Friends of Beechwood Park (FoBP) for their efforts in securing a grant from the Sons of the Rock. He looked forward to seeing the benefits of this continued co-operation as the project advanced. The next phase in developing the project will be the purchase and erection of a secure shed and the provision of staging and tools.
8. **Improving our Environment:**
 - **Litter:** Hirek reported that Stirling Council had taken up the issue of regular litter picking in the park and that a more robust regime now seemed to be in place. Members expressed their appreciation of the efforts of the FoBP and the High School Eco-Team in providing regular litter picks and to WPC Katherine Kirsop, Bill Davitt and school staff for their assistance in encouraging pupils to place litter in bins. Murray reported that he had been in touch with Ben O'Connell of Active Stirling with a view to meeting with the home football teams using the park prior to new contracts for the let of the pitch. Chief Inspector Blair suggested that the presence of the community police at this meeting might be of assistance.
 - **Parking:** It was agreed that the issue of illegal parking associated with football matches could be raised at the meeting with the home football teams. A map of available local parking areas would be prepared and made available to the teams. Once football matches had restarted, parking would be monitored and, if necessary, police and traffic wardens would be contacted. Chief Inspector Blair requested that, although police would prioritise calls and could not guarantee a fast response to calls, any incidences of illegal parking should be reported so that occurrences could be logged. It was also agreed to approach Stirling Council regarding the possibility of introducing 2hr parking restrictions in the small car park between 9.00 and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.

- **Dog Fouling:** Murray indicated that discussions with Stirling Council were under way to install appropriate signage at entrances to the park. It was agreed to continue discussions and to press for adequate bins and regular emptying. Once this had been achieved a press campaign will be initiated to encourage all dog walkers to behave responsibly. Beyond this, if required, the co-operation of the Dog Warden will be sought to secure convictions.
 - **Rabbits:** It was agreed to contact Stirling Council to explore the appropriate service to discuss this problem.
9. **Activities for Older People:** The class is now running for another 10 weeks across the summer and is, so far, well attended.
 10. **Area Community Planning Forum:** The forum is planning an open day in Stirling High School for the 12th or 19th September. It was agreed to use the July meeting of the Community Council to look at ways in which the Community Council could support this venture.
 11. **St Ninians Community Development Trust:** An application is being prepared to fund the next stage of the Stirling High School Garden Project. The next meeting of the trust is in the Mayfield Centre on Monday 24th August.
 12. **Primary Care in Stirling:** Murray reported that he had been appointed by the Area 05 Forum to the Community Steering group for Primary Care projects in the Stirling area. The main issues for the group are the first tentative plans for Orchard house and the news that it was likely that the original buildings at the SRI site were likely to be listed. This would require them to be re-used rather than demolished.
 13. **Planning Forum on 19th September:** It was noted that this would clash with the proposed SHS open day.
 14. **A.O.C.B: Police Report:** Chief Inspector Blair indicated that Community Policing was being reorganised and that he would welcome a regular police report at community council meetings looking at and reporting on strategic issues in the area. The new Community Policeman for Torbrex is PC Mathew Short. There is a web page on the police web site listing Torbrex issues.
 15. **Dates of Next Meetings:**

Wednesday	22 July	Mayfield Centre
Thursday	27 August	St Ninians Primary School
Tuesday	29 September	Stirling High School
Wednesday	28 October	St Ninians Primary School
Thursday	26 November	Stirling High School
December	No Meeting.	