



# Torbrex Community Council

**Minute of the Meeting of the Community Council held in  
St Ninians Primary School at 7.15 pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2009.**

1. **Present:** Community Councillors – John Buchan, Murray Dickie, Jim Docherty (Chairperson), Genia Graham, Hirek Kwiatkowski and Sue Ridler and in attendance – Margaret Duff, Michael Green, PC Matthew Short and Angela Mitchell (Going Carbon Neutral Stirling).
2. **Apologies:** Joyce Green, Wilson Jamieson, Bob Johnston, Bob Sim and Evelyn Sim.
3. **Minute of the Previous Meeting:** The minute was agreed as an accurate record (Hirek/Sue).
4. **Matters Arising:**
  - Litter – During the summer period and after Stirling High School had started back, the level of litter in the park had been monitored closely. Two concerns have arisen. Firstly, it would be helpful to have sight of the cleaning regime in place by Stirling Council. Secondly, over the summer, despite several very busy days in the park, the level of litter had remained low. Since the school has returned the level of litter has substantially increased. It was agreed to take these two issues up with Stirling Council and the Headteacher of the High School.
  - Dog Fouling – this is still an issue. It was agreed to check with Jim Fisher regarding dates for a push on Torbrex Lane.
  - Parking – This is again becoming a problem. It was agreed to contact Active Stirling for a fixtures list and take this up with the club representatives. PC Short suggested that he could assist with this and the school litter issue.
5. **Correspondence:** Two invitations have been received from the Community Planning Area 05 Forum. The first related to the Open Event in Stirling High School on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009 from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. The second was an invitation to attend an 05 Area Forum in the Albert Halls at 7/00 pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009 and to visit the Peak at 6.30 pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009. It was agreed to accept both invitations.
6. **Community Police Report:** PC Short reported that there had been a number of opportunistic thefts in Torbrex recently. These look as if they are the result of the activities of two individuals, one of whom has been detected. The community Council will highlight the need to be vigilant and not leave doors unlocked. PC short indicated that he would take up the issue of litter with the secondary school.
7. **Planning Report:** The Community Council has been consulted on a submission from Ogilvie to alter the existing planning permission with respect to 37 houses in phases one and two. Considerable concern was expressed that this represented a “creeping” attempt to increase the number of units. In view of the concern expressed previously about the volume of traffic which would be generated by the original plan, increasing the number of houses would clearly increase the number of cars. It was agreed to put forward an objection to the proposal on the grounds of increased traffic flow and to ascertain if Stirling Council had set any limit on traffic. There was also concern that there seem to be a variety of plans with co-terminous neighbours and a general confusion about the state of the planning approval. It was agreed to seek clarification regarding the current state of the various plans and obtain a definitive statement on existing and currently proposed submissions. Concern was also expressed regarding the guidance note relating to the ice rink. It was agreed to enquire about this.
8. **Going Carbon Neutral Stirling (GCNS):** Angela Mitchell introduced the project, which was jointly supported by Stirling Council and the Big Lottery fund. The project aimed to work

with communities to reduce energy, save money and reduce the local carbon footprint. GCNS was working with Borestone PS, St Ninians PS, Stirling HS, St Ninians Old Parish Church, Beechwood Scouts and Cultenhove and was looking to Torbrex Community Council to provide a lead in the area. The idea would be to agree a common set of carbon reduction targets for a six month period which would be introduced on a month-by-month basis. It was agreed to support the project and include a note in the next newsletter. After this, each meeting would report back on achievement of previous target and introduce a new one. Angela will produce a common list and provide a note for the newsletter.

9. **Beechwood Park Masterplan:** Hirek reported that steering group met on the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup> August and that the Beechwood masterplan should be available in about two weeks. The masterplan will provide a long-term strategic plan for developing the park and commits Stirling Council to introducing more holistic management and supporting on-going community engagement. Implementation will be phased with the spending of the lottery grant for tree planting being first, followed by improvements to the infrastructure and the upgrading of the children's play facilities. The Chair congratulated Staff of Stirling Council, Connon Design, the Friends and community councillors on their success in promoting the project, recognised the efforts which other stakeholders had made to get their voices heard and expressed the hope that the model which had been developed would provide a starting point for other communities in Stirling.
10. **Community Planning Forum 05:** Members welcomed the opportunity to engage with the new community facilities in Stirling High School. It was agreed that there was a need to ensure that there was a good turnout of local residents on the day and that the next community Council newsletter would actively promote it. Appreciation was expressed of the efforts of the Area Forum to promote community use of the facilities. Concern was expressed that the swimming pool appeared to be already well booked. It was agreed to investigate this.
11. **St Ninians Community Development Trust:** The Stirling High School project was now well under way. The partnership had been extended to include the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BCTV) and staff from the prudential, with whose help the polytunnel had been erected. The friends of Beechwood Park had obtained a £500 grant from the Sons of the Rock and the Community Council had obtained a grant of £1,000 from the Council's Community Heritage fund. It is hoped that the polytunnel will be completed by October and that the second phase, two raised beds and an open area will be completed before the end of the year.
12. **Autumn Newsletter:** It was agreed to put out a newsletter in mid September to advertise the open event in Stirling High School. Other articles could include the SHS Garden and Going Carbon Neutral Stirling projects.
13. **A.O.C.B.: None**
14. **Dates of Next Meetings:**

Tuesday	29 September	Stirling High School
Wednesday	28 October	St Ninians Primary School
Thursday	26 November	Stirling High School
December	No Meeting.	