



Torbrex Community Council

Minute of the Meeting of the Community Council held in
Stirling High School at 7.15 pm on Tuesday 29th September, 2009.

1. **Present:** Community Councillors – John Buchan, Murray Dickie, Jim Docherty (Chairperson), Hirek Kwiatkowski and in attendance – Margaret Duff, Cllr. Scott Farmer, Joyce Green, Michael Green, PC Matthew Short and Angela Mitchell (Going Carbon Neutral Stirling).
2. **Apologies:** Genia Graham, Wilson Jamieson, Bob Johnston, Sue Ridler, Bob Sim and Evelyn Sim.
3. **Minute of the Previous Meeting:** Approval of the minute was deferred to the next meeting.
4. **Matters Arising:** Deferred to the next meeting.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - Destiny Church – have now started up in the old Allan Park cinema – Noted.
 - Resident – street lamps not working – agreed to contact Road Services.
 - Community Elections – advice from Helen Geddes that elections might be held imminently. Concern was expressed at the shortness of time available to encourage people to stand. Councillor Scott agreed to take this concern to the Council meeting.

6. **Planning Report:**

The proposals to amend the plans for housing on the site of the former Stirling High School were considered. It was recognised that they represent a response to immediate economic difficulties facing the developer, rather than any strategic, community or local authority housing needs. Members appreciated that it is open to the developer to amend plans but were gravely concerned that this is turning into a major revision of the plans for the whole site on a piecemeal basis. The following specific concerns were raised:

- The variations in plans are a reflection of short term commercial pressure and not based on any coherent analysis of housing need in the local area and prejudice the holistic nature of the original submission.
 - Continued piecemeal alteration could end up with a very disjointed proposal.
 - The number of housing units agreed in the original site proposals have been extended several times. Reducing the size of houses and increasing their number will undoubtedly lead to more vehicles.
 - The level of off-street parking seems to be less than originally proposed in relation to the number of housing units and is leading to some odd arrangements for drives and parking bays.
 - There have been suggestions that coterminous neighbours have not been informed properly of proposed alterations.
7. **Community Police Report:** PC Short reported that there had been a reduction in the number of thefts in the Torbrex area but that there had been a recent spate of break-ins in the area around the Hollybank. He had been active in encouraging more responsible parking in the Newhouse area and felt that there had been an improvement. He indicated that he would be happy to take up the issue of litter in the park with staff in the High School. The chairperson thanked the community policeman for his work on behalf of the community.

8. **Beechwood Park Masterplan:** The masterplan should be approved soon by Stirling Council and it is hoped that work would then progress – especially in terms of spending the grant for tree planting. The next meeting is scheduled for early November and it is hoped that there would be progress to report. There would also be an opportunity to push for more discussions on the capital gains monies from the PPP scheme.
9. **Environmental Improvement:** The secretary reported that a meeting on dog fouling had been delayed, but would be held as soon as possible. In view of the results of monitoring litter over the summer, he would take up the issue with the head teacher of the High School. He would also liaise with the community policeman regarding parking at football matches.
10. **Community Planning Forum 05 - open event at Stirling High School:** 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 – Stirling High School Garden Project:** With help from BTCV the polytunnel is now well under way and there is a good chance and that the second phase, two raised beds and an open area will be completed before the end of the year. Discussions are in hand regarding the next phase, an orchard and outside seating area.
12. **Going Carbon Neutral:** members agreed to support the carbon neutral plan and report back at each meeting.
13. **A.O.C.B.:** None
14. **Dates of Next Meetings:**

Community Council: (7.15 pm to 9.30 pm)

Day	Month	Location	Day	Month	Location
Wed	28 Oct	St Ninians PS	Tues	25 May	SHS
Thur	26 Nov	SHS	Wed	23 Jun	SHS
Dec	No Meeting		Thur	29 Jul	MC
Tues	26 Jan	SHS	Tues	31 Aug	SHS
Wed	24 Feb	SHS	Wed	29 Sep	SHS
Thur	25 Mar	SHS	Thur	28 Oct	SHS
Apr	No Meeting		Tues	30 Nov	SHS

Friends of Beechwood Park Sub-Committee meetings: (7.30 pm to 9.00 pm)

Day	Month	Location	Day	Month	Location
Thur	25 Feb	SHS	Wed	25 Aug	SHS
Tue	24 May	SHS	Thur	25 Nov	SHS

Torbrex CC – Partner SNCT Community Trust Meetings: (7.00 pm to 9.00 pm)

Day	Month	Location	Day	Month	Location
Mon	23 Nov	MC	Mon	30 Aug	MC
Mon	25 Jan	MC	Mon	29 Nov	MC
Mon	26 April	SHS			

(SHS – Stirling High School and MC – Mayfield Centre)