

Banknock, Haggs & Longcroft Community Council
Minutes of Meeting Thursday 29 March 2018 – Banknock Community Centre

Present: S McArthur; D Henderson L T Murphy; A Tierney; Cllr F Collie; G Cowan; C Wilson; WPC L Gavin

1.0 Apologies

1.1 M Henderson; Cllr J Blackwood; Cllr P Garner; Cllr N Harris

2.0 Police Report

- 2.1 WPC Lauren Gavin spoke on the Police Report for 22/2/18 – 29/3/18 – 4 crimes were recorded. Two vandalisms to house window and car; one damage to Septic Tank; and 1 breach of bail – detected.
- 2.2 Parking at Mango restaurant in Longcroft and also at Scotmid Store, Haggs continuing to be monitored.
- 2.3 Speeding at Cumbernauld Road / Hoggan Place being monitored

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting 22/02/2018

3.1 Noted and agreed.

4.0 Matters Arising

4.1 See AOCB.

5.0 Secretary's Report

- 5.1 Planning Application (P/18/0150/FUL) for storage shed at GCM Services, 128 Kilsyth Road, Banknock – noted.
- 5.2 Email from Cllr Blackwood re wall at Scotmid, Kilsyth Road tabled – noted Building Standards have been in contact with BT Open reach re repair. Wall not in danger of collapse but fencing left in place as added safety precaution pending repair.
- 5.3 Email from B. Pirie tabled advising 2016/2017 BHLCC accounts were satisfactory.
- 5.4 Re application to the Falkirk Environment Trust for the Ash Park Bike Track, fencing etc work – noted Jessica Paterson was progressing payment.

6.0 Treasurers Report

- 6.1 Treasurer advised balance is £3,093.32
- 6.2 Treasurer submitted 2017/2018 accounts for “typing up”.

7.0 Banknock Community Hall - Update

7.1 Mark Meechan – Community Learning & Development Manager attended the meeting and explained the actions being taken by Falkirk Council to facilitate the transfer of Banknock Community Hall. The progress was welcomed, and it was agreed BHLCC would work closed with MM and FC to push things forward.

8.0 Allandale Development – former Steins Brickworks Site

- 8.1 The BHLCC interest in the former Steins brickwork development relates to the provision of football/sports facilities for Steins Thistle AFC with several hundred present/former players/committee etc from the BHLCC area. The proposed development comprises private and affordable housing plus a new all-weather floodlit football pitch and changing facilities – the phasing of the work involves 1) road/traffic and site formation works; 2) affordable housing construction 3) provision of football/sports facilities; 4) and finally construction of private housing element.
- 8.2 The developer has kept Steins Thistle/BHLCC informed of progress and recently advised they had reached a preliminary agreement with MacTaggart & Mickel to build the affordable housing element with MacTaggart & Mickel prepared to start construction as soon as possible. The Planning consent contains a requirement for at least 15% of the housing to be affordable housing and increasing the number of affordable housing to 40 is proposed. FC advised the developer to contact Link Housing (as RSL) however Link

have stated they would not be able to let the new affordable houses in Allandale. As a result, an alternative RSL (registered Social Landlord) was sought and Sanctuary Housing Association have stated they are prepared to fulfil the role.

8.3 Scottish Government SHIP (Special Housing Initiative Projects) funding is required and if it can be identified the work could be started within 9 months to allow for supplementary planning application with the affordable housing completed within 12-15 months.

8.4 The developer has also indicated that FC taking on ownership and management of the new affordable housing was another option.

8.5 Agreed to further discuss at next meeting.

9.0 Snow Clearance

9.1 Query raised re use of hired - in plant/contractors when very heavy snow occurs.

Agreed this was a matter for Roads Department and anyone seeking to do such work should contact FC.

10.0 AOCB

10.1 Medical Appointments – issue of “waiting time” for a doctor’s appointment raised and noted – Bonnybank practice was short staffed at present – with efforts being made to fill vacancies. Also noted in most instances patients should be able to use the walk-in-clinic.

10.2 Road disrepairs – road defects/potholes at Coneypark, Hollandbush highlighted; long term deterioration of “scheme” roads and “C” class countryside roads also mentioned and general agreement more resource/action needed re roads maintenance.

10.3 Wyndford Road Closure and works on A803 Kilsyth Road – Closure – Information from Michael Mathieson MSP considered and noted Falkirk Council Area Roads Engineer concluded -long term or permanent closure of Wyndford Road does not have serious consequences as there are reasonable alternative routes.

11.0 Next Meeting

11.1 Next meeting will be held in Banknock Community Hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 26th April 2018.