

## POLMONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: **7.30pm Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018** at Greenpark Centre

PRESENT: R. Taylor (RT), M. Stuart (MS), C. Johnstone (CJ), K. Hearn (KH),  
A. Wilkie (AW), D. Ross (DR), C. McKellar (CMcK)

APOLOGIES: E. Hutton, R. James, PC Lorrimer, E. Hearn

Item	Discussion / Decision	Action
1.	<b><u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></b>	
2.	Minutes of last meeting 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 were accepted – Proposed by KH & Seconded by CJ	<b>ALL</b>
3.	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>	
4.	<b><u>Police Report</u></b>	
5.	PC Lorrimer was unable to attend – Police Report has been issued & available for anyone to view	<b>ALL</b>
6.	<b><u>Armistice Wreath</u></b>	
7.	KH confirmed that he is available to lay the CC wreath.	<b>ALL</b>
8.	<b><u>Community Safety:</u></b>	
9.	No Report Issued/available	<b>ALL</b>
10.	<b><u>Councillor Reports:</u></b>	
11.	No Councillors attended meeting & therefore - No Reports Issued/available	<b>ALL</b>
12.	<b><u>Road/Pavement Re-Surfacing :</u></b>	
13.	Quality of recent surfacing in Gilston Crescent is to a good standard, although quality control at other locations was quite poor.	
14.	Portaloo's are still on site & being used by Lighting Contractor – resurfacing personnel cannot use these & are going around the back of them.	
15.	Lighting works are still ongoing – started in April 2018 & were meant to take around 6 weeks – still incomplete & surfaces repaired to poor standard.	
16.	AW commented that Health & Safety with Falkirk Council Employees carrying out surfacing work appears to be non-existent compared to Private Lighting Contractor, who has provided appropriate welfare unit etc.	
17.	AW & MS commented that the current pothole repairs are sub-standard & will prove false economy in longer term – repairs should be carried out correctly to avoid coming back numerous times to repair the same pothole.	<b>ALL</b>

18.	<b><u>Polmont Old Church :</u></b>	
19.	RT advised that Christmas Tree at Polmont Old Parish has a theme of “Angels” – CC members are to continue with their Angelic Thoughts!.	<b>ALL</b>
20.	<b><u>Correspondence:</u></b>	<b>ALL</b>
21.	None	
22.	<b><u>AOCB :</u></b>	
23.	DR indicated that the LDP2 document indicated H19 allocation (Whyteside) – i.e. potential housing land – however DR indicated that this document indicates a very high-density ratio when compared to other local developments – this site has history & is very contentious hence concerns.	<b>ALL</b>
24.	MS to look over LDP2 & if required meet up with DR to prepare appropriate CC formal response as part of the statutory consultation period.	<b>MS</b>
25.	Whyteside site is being promoted as “Former Whyteside Hotel, Polmont – 31 properties – 3 of which are suitable for people with a disability. The development is due for completion by March 2020” – Link Housing – MS has contacted Link to obtain further information to allow consideration of this at the CC & has not received a response.	
26.	DR is concerned that this site is being actively promoted on Falkirk Council Website/through FC Housing Department for a private company (Link) & that the local councillors have no information on this – either they are being kept in the dark or that they have information but cannot divulge this – the CC agreed that a formal response from local councillors would be required relating to this potential development.	<b>MS</b>
28.	DR indicated that LDP2 probably won’t be fully signed off until 2021 & therefore may leave the door open for developers of this site.	<b>ALL</b>
29.	DR also indicated that LDP2 does not mention previous Oakbank Home site as part of potential housing land/development? Why?	
30.	Weedingshall has been sold however unsure what is proposed on this site & CC would appreciate any further information. Further discussion took place regarding reduced height stone wall on Main Street – could the land behind this wall be a potential housing development?	<b>ALL</b>
31.	MS & AW discussed proposed Housing Development at Gilston Farm P/18/0537/PPP – MS only came across this by chance searching the planning records. CC discussed this & note that it is for 7 houses – concerns are that this development could expand beyond what is being applied for i.e. another Rodel Drive Development which was initially for a small number of houses & was then expanded to over 30! It was agreed that the CC should formally respond to this application.	<b>ALL/ MS</b>
32.	MS also discussed the Planning Application for the Polmont Community Hall (2 houses in converted building & 1 detached new house in grounds) (P/18/0549/FUL) – MS has had a quick look & is concerned regarding parking provision, access issues/turning & over development of site with lack of amenity around the proposals. It was agreed that the CC should formally respond to this application.	<b>ALL/ MS</b>

33.	<b><u>DONM:</u></b>	
34.	26 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 @ 7.30pm – Greenpark Centre, Polmont	
35.	Meeting closed at 8.45pm	
		<b>ALL/ MS</b>
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