

## Reddingmuirhead & Wallacestone Community Council

### Minutes from Meeting Held on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 in Community Hall, Reddingmuirhead, at 19:30hrs.

#### **Present:**

Danny Callaghan	Convenor
Jim McGovern	Vice Convenor
Paul Norris	Planning
John Brown	Treasurer
Ian Shotliff	Secretary
Iain Livingstone	Head Teacher: Braes High School
Thomas	School Captain: Braes High School
Jack	School Captain: Braes High School

Members of the public.

#### **1. Welcome and Safety**

- a. Meeting opened by Danny Callaghan. No safety issues to record.

#### **2. Apologies**

- a. PC Gary Mackie, Police Scotland
- b. Councillor Adana McCue, SNP Lower Braes.

#### **3. Report from Community Police Officer: P.C. Gary Mackie.** Read by Ian Shotliff

- a. **REDDINGMUIRHEAD.** Since the last meeting there have been 11 calls made to police and are as follows; Police information calls, Road Traffic matters, Concern for person, Assist member of the public, Road Traffic Matters and a Silent 999 Call. As a result of the above calls being received there has been only 1 crime report raised in relation to the Road Traffic matter
- b. **WALLACESTONE.** Since the last meeting there have been 2 calls made to police and are as follows; Assist member of the public and Assault (Hollybank residential home) there have been no crime reports raised this month.

#### **4. Report by Community Officers**

- a. Report submitted by Simon Williams. Total ASB reports covering the period from 1<sup>st</sup> - 31 August<sup>th</sup> 2018 for the area East (Grangemouth, Bo'ness and Braes) was 28 consisting of Dog fouling=14, Litter and fly tipping=7, Youth disorder=1 and other=6.

**5. Adoption of minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018.**

- a. No minutes were issued for the last meeting. **Action: Douglas Japp**

**6. Matters arising not listed below.**

- a. Nothing to report

**7. Presentation by Iain Livingstone, Head Teacher, Braes High School.**

- a. A presentation entitled "Braes Cluster, One Cluster, One Vision" was given highlighting the excellent work carried out by the school. The presentation provided statistics on Attainment of the S4-S6 pupils with the key messages being
  - i. Strong performance continuing across all measures.
  - ii. Pupil led S4 curriculum change has impacted positively.
  - iii. Continue to focus on pupils at risk of not fulfilling potential in S4.
  - iv. Ensure appropriate pathways for S5 pupils to maximise attainment.
- b. An account of student experience was given by school captains Jack and Thomas who outlined their aspirations and experience within the education environment at Braes High.

**8. Planning**

- a. **Update on Standrigg Road Application: 120 houses. (P/17/0519/PPP)** Paul stated the Gladman appeal is still ongoing and is registered with the Department for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA). A decision was planned for early September but the deadline has been missed. The status of the case is "with the reporter"
- b. **Update on Standrigg Road/Wallacestone Brae Application. (P/18/0126/PPP)** Paul stated this application will go to the full council meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The recommendation from the council is that the application is refused even although there is shortfall in housing. There are similar reasons for objecting to this development as there was for the above application. For example, Paul stated that the transport infrastructure was not suitable for such a large number of houses, the site was too far from the local railway station and the footpaths were not ideal . RWCC has made a representation to the council for a deputation to submit their opposition to the plans. Danny Callaghan and John Brown will prepare their submissions on behalf of RWCC. **Action DC/JB**

- c. **Update on Taylor Wimpey Proposal for 200 houses in Reddingmuirhead.** Paul stated that Taylor Wimpey cannot put in a full application until 26<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- d. **House next to Rhuma. P/18/0190/PPP.** Paul stated that the council granted planning permission in principle on the 31<sup>st</sup> August. There is however a number of conditions attached one of which relates to the location of the house.
- e. **Other Planning Matters.** On the 28<sup>th</sup> August a special planning meeting took place whereby 11 motions were heard. One of the motions was related to the Gilston Park planned development. It was agreed by Falkirk Council that this development would not include any housing development and would be for commercial and business use only.

#### 9. **Roads:**

- a. **Lighting on Shieldhill Road.** Danny stated Adana McCue was actioned to contact Falkirk Council regarding same. **Action: Danny Callaghan to speak to Adana**

#### 10. **Convenor's Report:**

- a. Opposition to Fracking. Maria Montinaro from Shieldhill C.C has requested financial support from many community councils to hire Sir Crispin Agnew Q.C. on the matter of assisting community councils on a consultation and response to the Scottish Government when they issue their preferred position. The overall cost to hire the Q.C. is £2,000. It was agreed to speak with Douglass Japp before committing to a contribution towards the costs. **Action Danny Callaghan.**
- b. Data Protection. We still need to register with the Information Commissioner (ICO) as data controllers. There is a £35 registration fee which will be paid by Falkirk Council. IDS sent an e-mail to Brian Pirie seeking advice on this but to date has not received a reply. It was agreed to telephone Brian. **Action Ian Shotliff**

#### 11. **Vice Convenor's Report.**

- a. An update was given by Jim McGovern on Anti-social Behaviour in our community. Jim stated that a meeting was held with Angus MacDonald recently to update him on what progress was being made.

#### 12. **Secretary's Report.**

- a. Nothing further to report.

#### 13. **Treasurer's Report.**

- a. John stated the Funds held are £803.33.

#### 14. **Community Council Communications.**

- a. A Facebook page is still to be created. Paul said he had a look at Maddiston CC. Facebook page and will create one similar. It will be a closed group and will review

content before making it public. It was agreed that Paul would contact Brian Pirie to discuss the possibility of including a written constitution. **Action Paul Norris.**

**15. Any other Business.**

- a. Danny raised the issue of the community council providing a display tablet re-telling the story of the Redding Pit Disaster. It was agreed we would take this forward for further discussions. **Action Danny Callaghan**
- b. Jim McGovern raised the matter of the “volcanic litter bin” situated on the canal bank near Tesco store. It was noted that the bin was too small and requires a larger and more suitable bin. **Action Danny Callaghan.**
- c. Danny stated that a letter had been received from Angus MacDonald’s office entitled “Democracy Works” The letter was only received upon arrival at the community council hall and will read and responded to if necessary.

16. **Date of next meeting** will be 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and will be held in the Community Hall. It was noted that Danny Callaghan and Ian Shotliff will be on holiday.

17. Meeting closed at 20:45 hrs

**Minutes prepared by: *Ian Shotliff***

12<sup>h</sup> September 2018