

Reddingmuirhead & Wallacestone Community Council

Minutes from Meeting and AGM Held on 12th March 2019 in Community Hall, Reddingmuirhead, at 19:30hrs.

Present:

Danny Callaghan	Convenor
Jim McGovern	Vice Convenor
Paul Norris	Planning
John Brown	Treasurer
Ian Shotliff	Secretary
Kate Connochie	
Adanna McCue	Councillor, Lower Braes

Eight 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

3. Report from Community Police Officer: P.C. Gary Mackie.

- a. No report received from Community Police Officer.

4. AGM Report from Convenor, Mr Danny Callaghan.

a. Convenor's Report 12 March 2019

Following on from the introduction of new members to the Community Council in February 2018 we have been able to spread our workload and we are more connected with the community. Later in the year Kate Connochie was co-opted onto the CC and has created a CC Facebook site. I thank our CC members for all their participation.

There were two major planning applications for Standrigg Road in 2018. The joint efforts of the C.C. and the local communities in their fight against the planned development provided a positive outcome for the lower braes area. We have, through the area Facebook, page "Communities against Standrigg Road Development" tapped into some very knowledgeable people. The two developments have been rejected and a good deal of work has been done on this by Paul Norris and Alison Mitchell who did

tremendous work in going round all houses in the area to assess school pupil numbers per household. This proved that the government figures for children was totally wrong in new housing areas and we believe that the council education planning officer is now taking this into consideration for application in future. Presentations were made at Pre determination meetings and at a full council meeting by skilled members of the community and C.C. members. We are looking to harness this local knowledge for the Middlerigg application.

The Hillcrest application for 91 houses at Hillcrest was granted at a special planning committee meeting on 5 March 2018, despite many objections for many reasons to this application. To date the application has still not been confirmed, this we believe is due to unusual circumstances in respect of this application.

The C.C. is very active in the consultation of the New Local Development Plan which is due to be in its final stage by May 2019. It states that there should be no further development in our area but whether developers will listen to this is doubtful.

The application for 200+ houses by Taylor Wimpey for Middlerigg has been lodged and the community will be fighting this tooth and nail.

The C.C. has worked well with the Braes High School and members have attended functions they organise as well as Iain Livingston and some of the pupils attending our meetings to give school updates.

We are sorry to lose Douglas Japp from the community council, as he now has other commitments.

Prepared by: Danny Callaghan,

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5. Report by Community Officers

- a. Report submitted by Simon Williams. Total ASB reports covering the period from 1st - 28th February 2019 for the area East (Grangemouth, Bo'ness and Braes) was 46 consisting of Dog fouling=34, Litter and fly tipping=8, Youth disorder=2 and other=2.

6. Treasurers Report

		2018 Date	Actual £	2017 Date	Actual £
Income	Carried Forward from 2017	01/01/2018	205.08		205.08
	Falkirk Council Annual Grant	11/07/2018	887.00		
	Total Income		1092.08		
Expenditure	Member Expenses and payment to S&CCC		190.15		

	Printing Costs		153.75		
	Hall Rent		120.00		
	Total Costs		463.90		
	Total Income less Total Costs		628.18		205.08

7. **Election of Office Bearers.** (Chair handed over to Vice Convenor.)

a. **The following office bearers were proposed and accepted:**

- b. Danny Callaghan Convenor
- c. Jim McGovern Vice Convenor
- d. Treasurer John Brown
- e. Secretary Ian Shotliff
- f. Planning Paul Norris
- g. Facebook Kate Connochie
- h. Mr Derek Kane from Wallacestone was also adopted onto the committee.

8. **Adoption of minutes of Meeting held on 12th February 2019.**

- a. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by Danny Callaghan.

9. **Matters arising not listed below.**

a. **Braes School Prize**

- i. The C.C. and the Braes High School had agreed that the former would sponsor two awards at the school, namely a senior award and a junior award for service to the school and the community. The selection process would be done by the school. The award would have a value of each and it was agreed to have further discussions with the school as to the most appropriate type of award. **Action: DC to speak to Iain Livingstone**

b. **Defibulator**

- i. Discussion took place regarding the siting of a Defibulator and it was agreed this would be outside the community hall. **Action: Shona Warner to speak to Sandy Whyte.**

10. Planning

- a. **Update on 91 houses at Hillcrest.**
- b. Danny explained the background to the application and stated that no further information was available from the council at this time.
- c. **Persimmon request for a withdrawal of financial support. P/19/0120/75M.**
 - i. It was noted that Persimmon were looking for a modification to the planning application P/16/0525/Full, associated with housing in Maddiston that would remove the requirement to pay a financial contribution towards investment at St Mungo's High School. The community council felt that the basis for this withdrawal could be associated with a previous application at Hillcrest, Reddingmuirhead whereby Persimmon were not asked to provide a financial contribution. **It was agreed Paul would write to the council seeking clarification.**
- d. **Taylor Wimpey Proposal for 200 houses in Reddingmuirhead.** It was stated that a full planning application had been received by Falkirk Council in respect of a housing development at Middlerigg, Reddingmuirhead. Discussion took place to compare and contrast this development with developments in Standrigg Road which were unsuccessful. An important point raised was that this application is prejudiced against the LDP2. It was also noted that there were a number of issues with this application associated with bus and train routes as well as a recent road traffic assessment carried out in 2017. It was noted that nobody present at the C.C meeting this evening was in support of the application. John Brown agreed to prepare a pro-forma letter of objection that residents could use. **Action John Brown.** It was also agreed to hold a sub-committee meeting on the 18th March at 7pm in the community hall to discuss a co-ordinated approach against the planned development.
- e. **Other Planning Matters.** Nothing to report.

11. Roads:

- a. **Lighting on Shieldhill Road.** The street lighting upgrade was now almost complete.

12. Convenor's Report:

- a. Submitted above.
- b. There was a secondary issue raised with regards to the amount of litter that is strewn around the canal tow path in the close proximity to Tesco's supermarket. It was agreed to write to the Community Safety Team at Falkirk council seeking a joint meeting between the school, Tesco and the Council. **Action Ian Shotliff**

13. Vice Convenor's Report.

- a. Observation was that there appeared to be no co-ordinated planning with respect to the amount of road works that was going on in the Braes area.

14. Secretary's Report.

- a. Royal Garden Party, 3rd July 2019
 - i. An e-mail had been received from Brian Pirie of Falkirk Council requesting noteworthy nominations for anyone within our community to attend the above garden party in Edinburgh. If anyone present knows of anyone they should submit their names to Brian Pirie as soon as possible.

15. Treasurer's Report.

- a. As stated above.

16. Any other Business.

- a. Kate Connochie highlighted a personal experience whereby a potential intruder attempted to gain access to her house at 02:00 on January 12th. She stated that she reported the matter to Police the following morning but in Kate's opinion they did not appear to be interested. Kate was able to show police a photograph of the attempted intruder.
- b. Adanna said she had received two complaints from members of the public regarding speeding cars on the canal bank in the vicinity of the industrial estate.

17. **Date of next meeting** will be 9th April 2019 and will be held in the Community Hall.

18. Meeting closed at 21:00 hrs

Minutes prepared by: *Ian Shotliff*

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