

Reddingmuirhead & Wallacestone Community Council

Minutes from Meeting held on 10th September 2019 in Community Hall, Reddingmuirhead, at 19:30hrs.

Present:

Danny Callaghan	Convenor
John Brown	Treasurer
Paul Norris	Community Council
Derek Kane	Community Council
Ian Shotliff	Secretary
Alan Nimmo	Councillor (Lower Braes)

8 Members of the public.

1) Welcome and Safety

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

2) Apologies

- a) Jim McGovern, Kate Connochie, Adanna McCue, Gillian Mansell (Police Scotland)

3) Report from Community Police Officer: P.C. Gillian Mansell.

- a) Report was read by Ian Shotliff. Since 1st Aug there have been three calls made to police in relations to Reddingmuirhead of the following type: Abandoned 999 call and Animals. There have been two crimes reported in this period which were speeding and breach of (domestic) bail. In Wallacestone there have been five calls made for the following matters: road traffic, assist external agency, neighbour dispute (2) and missing person. There were no crime reports raised during the month of August. The report also included information about public consultations, neighbourhood alert, Alzheimer Scotland and suicide prevention.

4) Report by Community Officers

- a) Report received relating to August 2019. Total ASB reports 70 with 34 covering the East Sector. The categories were Dog fouling=14, Litter and fly tipping=19, Youth disorder=1 and other=0.
- b) There were no major issues reported for our area.
- c) There was an outstanding issue regarding litter around the canal area whereby a meeting of all relevant and interested parties was proposed. After Falkirk Council had "re-organised" the department dealing with this we would look to have a contact.

Action – Ian Shotliff to follow up.

5) Adoption of minutes of Meeting held on 11th June 2019.

- a) The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by Paul Norris and seconded by Ian Shotliff.

6) Matters arising not listed below.

a) Defibulator

- i) Discussion took place regarding the siting of a Defibulator and it was agreed this would be outside the community hall. There was an outstanding action regarding the exact positioning of the Defibulator which was carried forward from the May meeting. A member of the public Mr. David Avery indicated that he would be happy to provide assistance with regards to training key users of the community hall. This has not progressed and contact is to be made with David Avery to move this action forward. .
Action Ian Shotliff.

7) Vice Convenor's Report

- a) Nothing to report

8) Treasurers Report

- a) J.B. stated action had been completed on removing old signatories from the bank account and a new cheque book had been issued.
- b) Cash in hand at time of meeting is £316.19.
- c) It was noted that the standard grant would be issued in January next year.

9) Secretary's Report

- a) Following a complaint from a resident in Standrigg Road regarding speeding, Police Scotland carried out speed monitoring on the road in early August but were unsuccessful in detecting any offences on that day and due to other detractions were only able to make one visit. However Shieldhill Road did yield better results which included one fixed penalty issued and another charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal due to the level of speed.

b) Canalside License

- i) An application to Falkirk Council was made under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 for a Major Variation. This included changes to terms, ages, times and parts of premises for children and young persons. It also included an increase to outside seating area and an increase in the area accessed by children. The community council had no objection to the application.

c) Land Reform Factsheet.

- i) A Land Reform Factsheet was presented at the meeting and a brief explanation was given to the background, which is to provide Community Councils with advice on how local communities can have more say on how land is used, owned and managed.

d) School Pupils Crossing Road at Canal Junction.

- i) It was noted that pupils from the Braes High were crossing the main road at the canal crossing in direct conflict with the traffic lights. Many pupils continue to cross the road in spite of traffic lights being at green. This is causing problems with the flow of traffic in both directions. It was agreed that this would be brought up with the school staff at the next meeting.

Action Danny Callaghan

10) Planning

- a) **Taylor Wimpey Proposal for 200 houses in Reddingmuirhead. P/19/0125/PPP.**
- b) Paul explained the Taylor Wimpey application has now gone to the DPEA under appeal. Paul explained the background as to why Taylor Wimpey had gone straight to the appeal process. The Community Council had submitted their final objection prior to the deadline day of the 5th Sept. He also outlined the next stage and indicated the Reporter would probably make a visit to the site and if so he had requested the CC be present. Alan Nimmo stated that there were two meetings scheduled imminently, one was a special meeting and the other was the normal September meeting. Paul stated the target date for a decision was November. A question was raised on the issue of the Local Government Ombudsman being involved but it was stated this was not a normal course of action. It was noted that there was no strong objection from Falkirk Council regarding the transport assessment.
- c) There is also a major concern by residents regarding the loss of the playpark facilities at the bottom of Wallacestone Brae. While they would be restored as part of the development, this could be some considerable time and mean facilities for play lost to the children of the village. It was noted that Falkirk Council own the playground. A possibility of the playground being bought by the community will be explored by the community council. **Action Danny Callaghan.**
- d) **Removal of Planning Restrictions for Site at Craigend. P/08/0086/Ful Craigend Works**
- e) The company owning this site have requested this removal to allow them to process Human Waste. The location is in the Avonbridge and Standburn Community Council area and while we would not be directly involved, we support the restriction being maintained. A total of 840 public comments were lodged with the council.

11) Other Competent Business.

- a) A visit to the Brae High School is scheduled for the 17th Sept and Danny is looking for volunteers to attend the meeting with him.
- b) The Community Council Convenors Forum is planned for the 26th September and again Danny is looking for someone to represent him as he will be on holiday.

- c) John Brown gave a brief outline of his experience travelling as a passenger on the F25 bus. He concluded that the service provides an important service to many communities. There was also a brief discussion around the success of the Bo'ness Community Bus Service.
- d) A resident from Standrigg Road commented that the council has stopped locking the barrier at the Wallacestone Memorial Park in the evening. There have been many complaints from residents regarding anti-social behaviour as a result of this change. Alan Nimmo said he would look into this.

12) Date of next meeting will be Tuesday 8th October, 2019 and will be held in the Community Hall.

Minutes prepared by: Ian Shottliff

11th September, 2019