

Reddingmuirhead & Wallacestone Community Council

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

Present:

Danny Callaghan	Convenor
Jim McGovern	Vice-Convenor
Ian Shotliff	Secretary
Derek Kane	Committee Member
John Brown	Treasurer
P.C. Gillian Mansell	Police Scotland

2 x Members of the public.

1. Welcome and Safety

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

2. Apologies

- a. Paul Norris. Planning.
- b. Kate Connochie

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

REDDINGMUIRHEAD. Since the last report there have been 7 calls made to Police:

Abandoned 999 calls (2), Police generated activity (1), Assist member of the public (2), Child protection (1) and Public nuisance (1). No crimes were reported in this period.

WALLACESTONE. Since the last report there have been 3 calls made to Police:

Suspect person (1), Road traffic matter (1) and Vehicle crime (1). No crimes were reported in this period.

4. Report by Community Officers

- a. This report covers the month of November and a total of 108 ASB reports were recorded for the Falkirk Council Area. In the East area (Grangemouth, Bo'ness and Braes there were 29 reports. In the West area (Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge etc. there were 34 reports and in the Central area (Falkirk North and South) there were 45 reports. For our area the breakdown was
 - i. Dog Fouling and control of dogs 6 reports

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| ii. Litter and fly tipping | 21 reports |
| iii. Other | 2 reports |

5. Adoption of minutes of Meeting held in November 2019.

- a. Minutes adopted by Jim McGovern and seconded by Danny Callaghan.

6. Matters arising not listed below

- a. A request was made to Falkirk Council to move a bin from the east side of Redding Road adjacent to the Canalside Inn to the west side on the grounds of safety. IDS stated that Falkirk Council refused to sanction relocation as they said the west side of the pavement was not suitable. Danny agreed to contact Tommy Thompson from Scottish Canals to try and push forward an additional bin on the canal towpath.

Action Danny Callaghan.

- b. School Pupils crossing Redding Road at the canal bridge is still a safety issue for both pedestrians and drivers. Iain Livingstone spoke to Falkirk council about a number of options but they were not supportive of the solutions proposed. It was agreed that the school staff will continue to monitor road safety and litter.
- c. With regards to the Reddingmuirhead playpark, a formal application has been made to take over ownership of the park. To date we have had no feedback from the Falkirk Council. Councillor Alan Nimmo has written to Colin Moodie at Falkirk Council, Legal Services to ask why the playpark does not appear on the asset register yet they are trying to sell it. **Action John Brown to chase up Falkirk Council.**
- d. A proposal regarding the Defibulator was received from Forth Valley First Responders which was to offer the community council one unit at a cost of £1195 excl VAT and would include training. It was stated that the Halls Committee were willing to help financially and the Free Colliers had intimated that they would be willing to make a contribution. Danny stated that he had contacted an electrician from California who was willing to install the machine free of charge. Derek Kane suggested contacting the Bank of Scotland for funding. The committee previously agreed to commit the unit on the understanding that we were required to make a £600 donation to FVFR.

Action Danny Callaghan

7. Planning.

- a. **Middlerigg Farm: PPA-240-2061. Falkirk Council (P/19/0125/PPP)** We are still waiting on a decision from the DPEA with a target date of 27th December.
- b. **Local Development Plan: LDP 240-2.** We submitted our written response on the strategy/target figure. The Hearing meeting has happened and Falkirk council/Homes for Scotland have now been asked for further information. It is not clear at present how many extra homes per year might be required as the housing target may be increased. This may be offset by the current approvals/ongoing cases such as Maddison Fire Station (site not currently in draft LDP2).

- c. **Craigend Works :- (P/19/0211/FUL)** This case has gone to appeal with the DPEA. The appeal was on the grounds of non-determination. This seems to have been the result of a Councillor trying to represent the public. The planning officer has recommended approval. However the Councillor called the case into planning committee so they could reflect on the number of objections. However the applicants have gone to the DPEA before the planning committee could meet. Our original comments will go to the DPEA.
- d. **Other Planning Matters.** There are currently 4 outstanding planning applications on our community council area
 - i. An extension in Standrigg Road
 - ii. Replacement of a conservatory roof in Standrigg Road.
 - iii. Erection of a house west of Rumah on Shieldhill Road.
 - iv. There does not appear to be any need for the community council to make any comment on these three applications.
 - v. Extension at Corinthia on Standrigg Road. This raised some concerns and will be further assessed by the community council. **Action All**
- e. Gladman have submitted a notice of proposed application for a site in Maddiston described as land to the west of Parkhall Farm, Vellore Road. There are no plans for RWCC to make any comment at present. Maddiston and Brightons CC's may wish to comment in future.

8. **Convenor's Report:**

- a. Danny attended the Falkirk Council Budget Forum. He stated that the expected shortfall for next financial year is £20.3M. He explained that the council will not know until early next February how much funding they will receive from the Scottish Government. It is expected that cuts will need to be made in the education budget of £2.3m and in Social Services budgets. Danny stated that Council Tax is likely to rise again by another 3% or possibly as high as 4.5%.
- b. Danny stated that an AGM is required early next year and it was proposed that it be held on 11th February 2020.

9. **Vice Convenor's Report.**

- a. Jim McGovern stated that he and IDS had attended the Braes High School Sports awards evening. He stated it was run very professionally and in the style of the TV sports awards programme. Mr Darren Young, ex professional football player with Aberdeen presented the prizes and was also interviewed by some pupils about his playing days. It was stated that the school have some very talented sports people.

10. **Secretary's Report.**

- a. Nothing to report this month.

11. Treasurer's Report.

- 12. The treasurer stated that there was £264.74 in the bank. John stated that a financial statement would be prepared for the AGM.

13. Any other Business.

- a. A comment was raised about the number of drivers who are going through red traffic lights at the canal bridge side cross on Redding Road.

- 14. **Date of next meeting** will be Tuesday 14th January, 2020 and will be held in the Community Hall starting at 19:30 hrs

15. Meeting closed at 20:35 hrs

Minutes prepared by: *Ian Shotliff*

11th December, 2019