

# FALKIRK CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in Corentin Court, Falkirk.

PRESENT: Community Councillors A. Ballingal, M. Cooper, R. Masson, G. Morgan, B. Nimmo (from 8.15 p.m.)

IN ATTENDANCE: Eddie Doherty, Mary Doherty, Alice Geraghty.

Convener, G. Morgan, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new year and explained the role of the Community Council for the benefit of newcomers present.

APOLOGIES: Community Councillor Robert G. Adams

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009: There were no amendments and adoption was proposed by A Ballingall, seconded by M. Cooper.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: R. Masson was elected as Treasurer in November 2009 when the Balance stood at £369.22. Since then Income has amounted to £0.06 from Bank Interest for 2 months and Balance at end of December was £376.78. Because of the changeover of treasurers and Bank Mandate, there is an outstanding payment of £7.50 due for the rent of Breton Court Community Room in November.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS: Convener explained that M. Cooper, who was elected as Secretary pro tem, has now agreed to accept nomination for one year. Briony Nimmo has also indicated that she would be willing to accept the office of Vice-Convener. There were no objections and these offices are now confirmed.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION: the constitution states that we should have 2 out of 3 signatories to cheques, but it can happen that 2 people are away at the same time, therefore 2 out of 4 would be preferable. This was agreed. Signatories at present are the Convener, Treasurer and Secretary; the Vice-Convener will be the fourth.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Convener tabled a letter dated 30 October 2009, received in reply to his enquiry about the change in the Finistere Avenue bus service, in which he was informed by Rhona Geisler, Director of Development Services that the Acting Transport Planning Manager, Julie Cole, would respond as soon as possible. He has received nothing further. A Geraghty asked why the service had been changed. A Ballingal gave a resume of the history of this very emotive subject whereby a commercial company now provide a service to Callendar Park, much inferior to the service provided by the subsidised company whose service to Finistere Avenue is very much reduced. A lengthy discussion ensued. Councillor Pat Reid has informed the Convener that he hopes to organise a meeting in January to discuss this but no date has yet been arranged. In the meantime, Convener will write to Julie Cole to ask if any progress has been made.

- b) Nick Burgess, Service Manager, Criminal Justice Service, would like to attend one of our meetings to give a presentation on the worthwhile work undertaken by offenders placed on Community Service Orders. He would also like Community Councils to suggest projects they feel would benefit and enhance their local community. Secretary will suggest they attend in March or April.
- c) David McGhee, Head of Service, re Scheme of Assistance Consultation 2009 - no further action necessary.
- d) Two letters from Gillian McIntyre, Customer & Development Manager, confirming Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting Orders concerning Merchiston Road and Westburn Avenue, and one re Parking Spaces for Disabled Persons in Shannon Drive.
- e) Email today from Antonia Sobieraj of the Law & Administration Services, forwarding email from Karen Todd re a one-day conference for all licensing stakeholders on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 "Tackling Alcohol Misuse". Further information is available by contacting Karen Todd (k.todd@mackayhannah.com) or by phone: 0131 556 7704

#### A.O.C.B.

- i) Convener has contacted the local Scout Master, Hamish Scott, who is interested in attending our meetings.
- ii) A. Geraghty enquired about possibility of having some of the trees on the North side of Corentin Court reduced in height as they block light to the windows of some of the lower floors. Advised that this should be progressed through the Residents' Association.
- iii) Secretary asked if Councillors were agreeable to her continuing to forward emails regarding licensing applications and the weekly planning lists. Councillors can then contact her with any objections or other comments requiring discussion at a meeting. This was agreed.
- iv) Convener will contact Chloe Hunter re an application for our annual grant.
- v) A. Ballingal requested a review of allowances for expenses, e.g. phone calls and mileage. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month would suit everyone, therefore next meeting will be held in Breton Court Clubroom at 7.00p.m. on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

Convenor thanked everyone for attending and closed meeting at 8.25 p.m.