



Minutes for Community Council Meeting
Time: 7pm on 24th November 2015

Location : Tommy Downs room at the Alloa Town Hall, Marshall, Alloa, Clackmannanshire FK10 1AB

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting - please arrive on time as the meeting will start promptly.

1. Welcome, and introductions

Meeting started by ...

Present Anna Forbes, Simon Karner Cameron Little, Jennie Syme, Bill Thomson, Cllr. Ellen Forson, Gordon McNeil (Clackmannanshire Council)
Sgt. Graham Cadden (Police Scotland)

2. Apologies

William Duncanson, Rosa Orlandi, Ewan Murray, Cllr. Kenny Earle

3. Conflicts of Interest

None

4. Police report

Sgt Graham Cadden gave the Police Report

Police Scotland have introduced a new deployment model as of 23/11/15 and the new ward officer for the Alloa area is PC342 Iain Moffat.

Since last meeting.

Recorded Crime – 136 crimes, 49 remain undetected. Detection rate 64%

Once again, parking inappropriately at schools being raised as a local issue. Police have been proactive educating parents, newsletters via pupils, website and facebook campaigns and enforcement with fines but still the problem persists with no apparent improvement. New, effective strategies are being sought from all interested parties. Inappropriate parking in the town centre also a big issue. CCTV issue discussed. Alloa CC were invited to make use of the Police Scotland website to publicise any community issues. Main contact for this is Sgt.Cadden

5. Guest speaker – Gordon McNeil **[GM]** (Development & Environment @ Clackmannanshire Council)

Waste Management. Clackmannanshire Council **[CC]** will engage with households if the wrong materials are being put in bins in an effort to educate the public in

recycling. Only after repeated non-compliance will the sanction of refusal to empty the bin be implemented. **CC** will support the public throughout the campaign and encourage the sorting of waste in the home. It was reported that there had been a good +ve response from the public so far and the signs are encouraging. Waste collectors have been trained and feedback to **CC** on areas that need support.

Gordon stated that **CC** will support families with very young children and those with some medical issues that find difficulty with the new three weekly collection of the Green, non-recyclable waste bin. The new timetable for collection, which will come into effect in January 2016 will be:-

Brown bin – Garden waste – 3 weekly

Green bin – Landfill waste – 3 weekly

Blue bin - recyclable waste – 2 weekly

Food / Glass waste will remain weekly

CC have no plans to close the civic amenity site at Forthbank but may look at the opening times to take account of low usage times throughout the week, especially in the winter months.

GM was informed of the current gap in the household waste collection calendar which finished at the end of October and the new issue scheduled for January. He will look into this.

Road/Traffic issues.

1. Cameron raised the ongoing issue with the school speed reduction signs at Lorinshill Academy. **GM** will look into this.

2. The pedestrian crossing which was originally located between the Police station and the Railway station was moved further along the street a number of years ago. Most pedestrians still use the former site at the foot of the steps at the Erskine St rail bridge rather than the current one. Can this be returned to its original position.

GM to check with appropriate **CC** officer.

3. An issue with the spacing of the speed humps and the number of them in Hill Street was raised. **GM** to look into it.

4. The crossing point at the foot of Claremont was once again raised. **GM** to revisit the issue.

5. Cllr. Ellen Forson stated that **CC** were to undertake a full survey review of traffic and parking in Alloa town centre. The council are to meet with local traders and BID in the New Year to look at how to make improvements. They already have some ideas to explore

Gordon was thanked by ACC for his informative input to the meeting.

6. Approval of Minutes

Proposed : Jennie Syme

Seconded : Cameron Little

7. Matters Arising from previous Minutes

The Greenfield House development seems to have stalled after such a promising presentation given in September. Cllr Forson stated that the project was not on the agenda for the next CC planning meeting. Bill Thomson to contact Kapital and ask for a progress update.

8. St Johns Site Development

Jennie tabled a number of objections raised in regard to the proposed development. ACC are in agreement that the site needs to be developed in order to preserve this historic building. There are two areas in particular the ACC feel strongly about.

1. The number of residential units was stated as 15 in both the Local Plan and the Design Brief set for the developer. The current proposal shows 20 residential units + 4 office units. This is over a 30% increase in what was asked for and leads to a cramped site and a larger vehicle presence in an already busy traffic corner.
2. The finish proposed for the additional dwellings in the grounds is not sympathetic to the surrounding buildings, the school in particular, and will greatly detract from the presence made by the main building. While some leeway can be given to the buildings at the rear on the site, the two villas located on Grange Road must, in our opinion, be in keeping with its neighbours. Grange School is a listed building for very good reasons and the site on which it stands must be treated accordingly.

Bill Thomson is to write to CC on behalf of ACC expressing our concerns to the current proposals.

9. Due to the meeting over running it was agreed to carry forward the item on "Future ACC meeting structure" to the January meeting.
10. Simon raised the question of the interim elections and asked what everyone was doing. Simon was given the green light to publicize the election as much as possible on websites and social media.

Date of next meeting

26th January 2016.