

Shieldhill and California Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 28th November 2019

At the Shieldhill Community Wing

Present

P. Irvine
G. Merrett
(18 Residents signed in)

M. Calder
M. Merrett

M. Montinaro
J. Singh

Apologies

M. Zacks

Housekeeping

At 7.30pm J. Singh convened the meeting and carried out housekeeping notices.

Previous Minutes – 31st October 2019

Proposed: M. Montinaro

Seconded: P. Irvine

If anyone would be interested in joining the SCCC please contact J. Singh.

Police Report

PC Gordon Todd and PC Gillian Mansell entered the meeting at 7.35pm and presented the report for November 2019. There is a new Chief Inspector in place – Chris Stewart, who will attend the February 2020 meeting.

Police Report – 30.10.19 to 26.11.19

Shieldhill – there were 19 calls to the Police including 2 crime reports.

California – there were 15 calls to the Police including 3 crime reports.

M. Lourie said there had been 3 break ins at the same place. PC G. Todd said that the Police are being pulled everywhere for call outs.

Mr. Robertson, the Lollipop Man, asked about speeding as the maximum speed at the school during school hours is 20mph. PC G. Todd stressed that speeding is an issue in all the local villages. It was also noted that if people park on double yellow lines it is an issue for Falkirk Council.

PC G. Mansell encouraged everyone to go into “Your View Counts” and made everyone aware of the Purple Alert app which helps people living with dementia sufferers and also encouraged everyone to give their views on the The Community Justice Survey.

J. Singh asked if there was anything in the pipeline for the local Police to get more assistance as the Government have pledged 20,000 more Police. Neither of the Police Officers had heard anything to suggest this was the case.

J. Singh also mentioned “Strang's Place” had been brought to their attention but this has been on the Agenda for SCCC for several months. The Police have only just been made aware as the fencing is now in a poor state and young people playing there could get hurt.

Everyone was encouraged to call the Police if they see anything suspicious.

Safety Team/Environment Team

J. Singh has written to the Safety Team and they are going to try and attend some of the SCCC meetings in 2020. Their name has now changed to the Environment Team.

Investigations from 1.10.19 to 31.10.19

Dog Fouling and control of dogs	7
Litter and Fly Tipping	50
Youth Related Disorder	0
Other	0

J. Singh encouraged everyone to report any safety issues.

Schools Report

Mr. Iain Livingstone will attend SCCC meeting in January 2020. J. Singh has contacted both Primary Schools Parents Association/Council to try and encourage representatives to attend the SCCC meetings. J. Singh has also asked if a Pupil Group could attend to liaise between SCCC and the Braes High School.

The Braes High Annual Sports Awards event was held yesterday (27th November) however no-one from SCCC was available to attend.

Treasurer Report - M. Montinaro gave summary

Savings Account Balance @1.10.2019 **£531.67**

Defibrillator remaining funds	£ 26.38
FC Computer Equipment Grant	£500.00
Interest	£ 5.29
<u>Balance at 1.10.2019</u>	<u>£531.67</u>

Current Account Balance @ 22.11.2019 **£1499.21**

Includes award of £300 re installation of a defibrillator at California Primary School from Shieldhill & California Future Generation Fund (SCFGF)

Matters Arising

California Road Repairs – this is on-going. J. Singh will write again to the Roads Department.

Drain at the crossing at Shieldhill Primary School – Mr. Robertson, the Lollipop Man, said there is something wrong with it. Mr. Robertson will email details to J. Singh to progress.

Church Update – Rena Moore gave a summary. Rev. Sandra Mathers will continue to be the locum Minister for the foreseeable future. The Church Brunch which was held on 23rd November 2019 raised £828.57. Thanks to everyone who contributed. There will be a Christmas Service on Sunday, 22nd December and a Carol Service on Christmas Eve at 8pm. Services held late at night are poorly attended.

Environmental Update – no update.

Planning Summary - 3rd to 24th November 2019

J. Singh read out the Planning Applications as follows:

Applications

Application No : P/19/0727/FUL **Earliest Date of Decision** 27 December 2019

Application Type : Planning Permission **Hierarchy Level** Major
Proposal : The Development of an Energy from Waste Facility to Process up to 150,000tpa of Non Recyclable Waste to Generate Approximately 7.4 MW of Electricity to the National Grid

Location : Avondale Quarry Polmont
Falkirk FK2 0YG

Community Council : Polmont
Ward : 08 - Lower Braes

Applicant : NPL Group
Agent : Enzygo Ltd
FAO Sharon Queeney The
Byre Woodend Lane
Cromhall GL128AA

Case Officer : John Milne (Tel. 01324
504815)
e-mail :
john.milne@falkirk.gov.uk

Grid Reference : 295367 678750
[View the application details](#)

Decisions

Application No : P/18/0726/PPP
Application Type : Planning Permission in Principle
Proposal : Erection of Dwellinghouse and Associated Infrastructure
Location : Land To The East Of 1 Hillcrest Square, Hillcrest Square, Reddingmuirhead
Applicant : Mrs Fiona Rae, Birchgrove, Harviestoun Road, Dollar, FK14 7PT
Decision : Grant Planning Permission in Principle
Decision Issued : 15 November 2019
[View the application details](#)

Application No : P/19/0211/FUL
Application Type : Planning Permission
Proposal : Section 42 Application for the Removal of Condition 7 of Planning Permission P/08/0086/FUL which Restricted the Operation of the Development to the Processing, Recycling and Treatment of Inert Construction Materials Only

Location : Craigend Works, Falkirk, FK1 2HY
Applicant : Anglo Scottish Biosolids Limited, Jawcraig Works, Slamannan, Falkirk, FK1 3AL
Decision : Deemed to Have Been Refused
Decision Issued : 20 November 2019
[View the application details](#)

(Please see below)

PAN's

Pre-application No. : PRE/2019/0018/PAN
Application Type : Proposal of Application Notice
Proposal : Pre Application Notice - A9/A904 Road Improvements
Location : Westfield Roundabout, Falkirk & Earls Gate Roundabout, Grangemouth
Community Council : Grahamston, Middlefield and Westfield
Ward : 06 - Falkirk North
Prospective Applicant Agent : WSP UK Ltd
Case Officer : John Milne (Tel. 01324 504815)
e-mail : john.milne@falkirk.gov.uk
Grid Reference : 290495 680610
Earliest Date of Submission of Major Application

Additional Consultations

Appeals

Application No	: P/19/0125/PPP	Earliest Date of Decision	4 April 2019
Application Type	: Planning Permission in Principle	Hierarchy Level	Major
Proposal	: Development of Land for Residential Use with Associated Open Space, Site Development Works and Landscaping		
Location	: Middlerig Farm Reddingmuirhead Falkirk FK2 0DZ		
Community Council	: Reddingmuirhead and Wallacestone		
Ward	: 08 - Lower Braes		
Applicant Agent	: Taylor Wimpey UK Limited Derek Scott Planning 21 Lansdowne Crescent Edinburgh EH12 5EH		

Case Officer : Brent Vivian (Tel. 01324 504935)
e-mail :
brent.vivian@falkirk.gov.uk
Grid Reference : 291284 677506
[View the application details](#)

P/19/0125/PPP - Application currently with DPEA

Application No	: P/19/0211/FUL	Earliest Date of Decision	26 April 2019
Application Type Proposal	: Planning Permission : Section 42 Application for the Removal of Condition 7 of Planning Permission P/08/0086/FUL which Restricted the Operation of the Development to the Processing, Recycling and Treatment of Inert Construction Materials Only	Hierarchy Level	Major
Location	: Craigend Works Falkirk FK1 2HY		
Community Council	: Maddiston		
Ward	: 09 - Upper Braes		
Applicant	: Anglo Scottish Biosolids Limited		
Agent	: Euan Pearson PO Box 28606 Edinburgh EH4 9BQ		
Case Officer	: David Paterson (Tel. 01324 504757) e-mail : david.paterson@falkirk.gov.uk		
Grid Reference	: 293089 675654 View the application details		

P/19/0211/FUL - Currently with the DPEA (ref: PPA-240-2063)

A discussion followed re Craigend Brickworks. J. Singh informed everyone that G. Hughes called the application in and Falkirk Council refused it. The SCCC has objected to it already as has Standburn and Avonbridge CC. Anglo Scottish Biosolids has appealed and it is has been passed to the DPEA for a decision. Several residents were in receipt of decision letters sent out by Falkirk Council. Everyone, whether they have received a letter or not can still write to the DPEA if they wish to voice their opinion by Tuesday, 4th December 2019. J. Singh will also email G. Hughes.

Village Matters

Unconventional Oil and Gas(UOG)- M. Montinaro gave an update

Dart Energy /Ineos Appeals PPA-240-2032 & PPA-390- 2029 :

Ineos have submitted a request on 19th November 2019, for advice and direction from the Scottish Government via Chief Planner as to the finalised policy of “no support” for onshore unconventional oil and gas development in Scotland. Extract - “Put simply the fundamental issue is whether the new policy is intended to override every other relevant material consideration, including scientific evidence supporting the development, no matter how compelling?”

Braes Greenspace Shieldhill - Hillcrest (BGSB) – M. Montinaro gave an update.

BGSB currently seeking to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) registered with OSCR. Need to make sure Constitution compliant with Land Reform regulations to enable community to purchase land through Community Right to Buy (CRtB). M. Montinaro proposed an award of £500 to BGSB from Shieldhill Environment Group (SEG) funds.(£1207.14) transferred to SCCC in 2016 - meeting supported by show of hands no objections.

Potential Sale of Shieldhill Football Pitch

There will be a meeting with Arthur Berg, Falkirk Community Asset Transfer Coordinator, on Friday, 29th December 2019 to discuss “Community Interest” in land owned by Falkirk Council which provides amenity for our villages, in particular Shieldhill Football Pitch which SCCC understand may be up for sale.

Defibrillators - G. Merrett gave a final update.

As the SCCC were granted £300 from the SCFG they were able to get the second defibrillator fitted at California Primary School. Both defibrillators are now in place. G. Merrett will be the guardian of the Shieldhill Defibrillator and Joan Hart will be the guardian of the California Defibrillator. J. Singh thanked everyone who donated their time and money to make this happen. A special thank you to G. Merrett and M. Montinaro.

California War Memorial – M. Montinaro, T. Greig and G. Paterson will meet to move this initiative forward.

Walking Group - M. Montinaro put forward a suggestion to the meeting about setting up a walking group. This group could make use of the Core Path Network and walking is very good for lots of things, most of all, good health. M. Montinaro will progress.

Correspondence

J. Singh read out an email from Kirsty Banks, Project Manager at Forth Valley Sensory Centre. They are running a project funded by the Climate Challenge Fund which helps bring free information to people with sensory loss (hearing, sight or both) regarding saving energy and money in their home.

J. Singh read out an email from Andrew McNair from Falkirk regarding a consultative draft of Education and New Housing Development - Revised Supplementary Guidance SG 10.

Any Other Competent Business

Coalfields Regeneration Trust

A Funding Surgery will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 5th December in the Welfare Hall. There is £20k funding available. If anyone knows of any groups who could apply for funding please let M. Montinaro know. M. Montinaro encouraged as many people as possible to attend and to bring ideas to the table. Everyone was asked to encourage as many people as possible in the villages to complete surveys. The next Steering Group meeting will be held on 12th December 2019. Village Fun Days will take place in California on Saturday, 8th February 2020 at the California Community Centre (to be confirmed) and in the Shieldhill Welfare Hall on Saturday, 22nd February 2020 where residents will find out survey results and be able to vote for local projects.

The Trust attended Shieldhill Primary School Christmas Fayre to inform and promote work and encourage completion of surveys and will be attending California Primary School Christmas Fayre on Sunday, 1st December 2019.

M. Montinaro is arranging to meet with Ms Robyn Wisbey, Headmistress, California and Shieldhill Primary Schools and Mr Iain Livingstone, Headmaster Braes High School to request participation of children/youth in survey.

Shieldhill and California Future Generation (SCFG) - Wind Turbine Committee

The Panel meets every 6 months and the last meeting was held on Monday, 28th October and three applications were granted funding. SCCC for funds to locate the California Defibrillator at the school, Shieldhill Galaday and Braes Greenspace. The next meeting will be in May 2020.

Power For People – non profit organisation trying to gain support to allow changes in the law where small scale power generators can sell electricity direct to the home user. J. Singh will obtain more information.

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm. There will be no meeting in December 2019. The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 30th January 2020 in the California Community Hub.

Future SCCC Meeting Dates

27 th February	Shieldhill
26 th March	California
30 th April	Shieldhill
28 th May	California
25 th June	Shieldhill