

Shieldhill & California Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held at 7.30pm, Thursday, 30th January 2020

in the California Community Hub, California

Present

J. Singh G. Merrett M. Calder

M. Montinaro M. Merrett P. Irvine

(18 Residents signed in – including the Head Teacher and 2 pupils of Braes High School)

Apologies

I. Fotheringham M. Higgins M. Zachs

(Simon Williams, Community Safety Officer, also gave his apologies.)

Housekeeping

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

J. Singh asked everyone if they could give their name before asking a question so that this can be recorded in the Minutes and to direct questions through himself. J. Singh also asked if everyone could show respect for others and to be responsible for their comments.

Previous Minutes – 28th November 2019

Proposed: M. Montinaro

Seconded: G. Merrett

Braes High School Update

J. Singh suggested that the visitors from the Braes High School should start their presentation as PC Todd had not yet arrived.

Mr. Livingstone, Ewan Sneddon and Ethan French gave an informative update on the progress of the school.

Mr. Livingston told the group that the school had a mini inspection in September 2019.

Ewan and Ethan, two School Captains, talked about their positive experiences at the school and how there is a range of support available to all pupils. All the teaching staff are supportive and ready to help. There is a range of extra curricular activities, e.g. youth theatre and a variety of sports and exercise classes.

At this point PC Todd arrived and the School Update was put on hold for a short while.

Police Report

PC Todd talked through the Police Report which included “Lamping In Field” and a discussion followed regarding this. PC Todd said there had been good feedback regarding both the Neighbourhood Alert web site and the Purple Alert web site. People with Dementia were being helped. M. Lourie asked if they had the software updated for Rural Watch but they are still having issues with what is believed to be firewalls. J. Singh thanked PC Todd for attending.

Email address for local police – upperbraesCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Link to Police Consultation : <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/policingforscotland>

Link to Neighbourhood Watch : www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

Purple Heart Link : www.purplealert.org.uk

Police Report 27.11.19 to 29.1.20

Shieldhill – there were 39 calls to the Police including 8 crime reports

California – there were 29 calls to the Police including 6 crime reports

Braes High School Update – continued

Mr. Livingstone, Ethan and Ewan continued with their presentation.

Mr. Livingstone said how proud he was of the pupils who found a rucksack on the way to school and handed it in. This was in relation to a theft reported to the Police and mentioned in the report given by PC Todd.

Ethan and Ewan spoke of their Careers Fayre, Sports Leadership and the wide range of leadership opportunities available to all pupils. J. Singh asked the pupils what would happen if there were pupils who were scared to ask for help. Ewan and Ethan explained that they encourage all pupils to come forward and talk to people. There is a referral system in school to look after all pupils well being. There is a confidential listening service and a whole range of strategies in place. The staff liaises with the Cluster Primary School and with Parents and Carers. They go on Canal Boat Trips during the Summer Holidays in order to build relationships.

M. Montinaro asked if they use a Mentoring System and was told that “Braes Brains” is in place where older pupils help younger pupils. There is also a “Buddy System” in place.

T. Greig asked about activities outside the Curriculum. Ewan explained that there is an Art Gallery, a Fitness Club and the PE Department is the biggest department in the school. It includes Football, Cricket, Rugby, Trampolining and Cheerleading. There is also a Breakfast Club which is run by both staff and pupils and was named the best Breakfast Club in Scotland by Kellogg’s.

Mr. Livingstone gave everyone a handout covering the outcome of the mini inspection which had been held last September. A discussion followed.

J. Singh also told the group that he had a discussion with Mr. Livingstone about encouraging the pupils from Shieldhill and California to attend the SCCC meeting as regularly as possible. All pupils would be welcome to attend. J. Singh and I. Livingstone will progress. J. Singh thanked them all for attending and the visitors from Braes High School left the meeting.

Safety Team

The Safety Team now only cover fly tipping and dog fouling. If more people report issues then there is a stronger a case to get a good result. G. Merrett asked if the SCCC could make a formal complaint to Falkirk Council regarding dog fouling in Shieldhill. M. Merrett will put the email address on the Facebook page so that everyone can report any issues they have with dog fouling. J. Singh encouraged everyone to report any issues to the following:

email address: community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk
wasteservices@falkirk.gov.uk

Phone: 01324 506070

Investigations from 1.12.19 to 31.12.19

Dog fouling and control of dogs	8
Litter and Fly Tipping	27

Treasurer Report

Please see attached document (no resolution yet about auditing accounts)

Matters Arising

Drainage – J. Singh said that Mr. Robertson, the Lollipop Man at Shieldhill Primary School, had reported the problem previously and another request by J Singh was made. A work order for the drains to be jetted was made but no-one in Falkirk Council could confirm if this had taken place. We don't know if this has been done yet - J. Singh is progressing.

Kerbing in California

J. Singh has had a response from Falkirk Council to say the work is now complete. If people still have concerns they need to complain to Falkirk Council. The email address is : roads@falkirk.gov.uk

Flooding in Princes Street

M. Montinaro has been in touch with Scott Fraser of Scottish Water. It is about educating people and Scott is organising leaflets about what should and should not be put down toilets. He is also arranging for a presentation at California Primary School.

Village Matters

J. Singh said that the Telephone Box in Shieldhill Main Street will be decommissioned.

Shieldhill and California Community Council – New Members Needed

J. Singh told the group that new members are needed for the Community Council and in particular from California. There needs to be proper representation on the Committee. At the moment there is not equal numbers. People are needed for the Committee as soon as possible. Unfortunately there was no response from anyone in the Group. If anyone is interested please contact J. Singh.

Email address is: shieldhillandcaliforniacc@virginmedia.com

Energy Efficiency Forums

Falkirk Council will send letters to all residents to let them know they will be holding two Energy Efficiency Forums as follows:

Tuesday, 3rd March 2020 – Shieldhill Community Wing

10am to 12 noon
2pm to 4pm
5pm to 7pm

Wednesday, 4th March 2020 – California Community Hub (at school)

4pm to 7pm

There was a short discussion relating to the BBC programme "The One Show" which referred to the inadequate heating systems in California and the Upper Braes.

Coalfields Community Futures - California

T. Greig said that there would be a Free Family Fun Day in the California Community Hub (not at school), 12pm to 2pm on Saturday, 8th February 2020. This will give people a chance to vote for the projects which have been put forward for funding and also a chance to see the art work created by the school children of California. Everyone is welcome.

Coalfields Community Futures - Shieldhill

There will be a Free Family Fun Day in the Shieldhill Welfare Hall, 12pm to 2pm on Saturday, 22nd February 2020. This will give people a chance to vote for the projects which have been put forward for funding. Everyone is welcome.

Defibrillators

J. Singh thanked the two residents who are the defibrillator guardians for carrying out checks on the defibrillators.

War Memorial

T. Greig said that when the California Community Hub (not at school) is up and running then he will hold meetings. This will be about August or September. T. Greig to contact J. Currie.

Gritting

L. Bryant asked about gritting and a discussion followed. The roads were bad but the pavements had been gritted. J. Singh had contacted the Roads Department to ensure that all the Grit Bins were full. Everyone was encouraged to write or email Falkirk Council with any issues.

Grit Bins Telephone – 01324 506070

Roads Department roads@falkirk.gov.uk
Contact Centre contactcentre@falkirk.gov.uk

Church Update

Rev. Sandra Mathers continues as Locum Minister at Blackbraes and Shieldhill Church. The monthly Rendezvous Meetings in the Church Hall will start up again February with a talk on World War II. This will be held at 1.30pm on Wednesday, 26th February 2020. This meeting is open to everyone.

Planning, Licensing and Consultations

See report attached

Local Place Plans

M. Montinaro said a meeting of Community Councillors will be held on Monday, 3rd February in Falkirk Town Hall. Details can be obtained from M. Montinaro.

Braes Greenspace – Shieldhill and Hillcrest

This group is moving forward and applying for funding from the Coalfields Community Futures.

Any Other Business

G. Paterson said that if the hall which will be opening in California is going to be called the California Community Hub this could be confused with the California Community Hub which is currently being used at the Primary School. J. Singh asked T. Greig if he could contact Falkirk Council regarding this. J. Singh will contact Falkirk Council regarding the Energy Efficiency Forums before Fliers are distributed.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 27th February 2020 in the Shieldhill Community Wing. Local Area Commander CI Stewart is scheduled to attend as well as “Christians Against Poverty”

Treasurer's Report

Savings Account Balance @ 31.12.2019 £531.73

Defibrillator remaining funds	£	26.38
FC Computer Equipment Grant	£	500.00
Interest	£	5.35
<u>Balance at 31.12.2019</u>	£	<u>531.73</u>

Current Account Balance @ 23.12.2019 £1299.21

Affordable resolution yet to be found re annual auditing of SCCC accounts.

Planning Summary - 25th November 2019 to 26th January 2020

Applications

Application No	: P/19/0758/FUL	Earliest Date of Decision	2 January 2020
Application Type	: Planning Permission	Hierarchy Level	Local
Proposal	: Erection of Dwellinghouse		
Location	: Land To The West Of Rumah Shieldhill Road Reddingmuirhead		
Community Council	: Reddingmuirhead and Wallacestone		
Ward	: 08 - Lower Braes		
Applicant	: Mr Ashley Beaumont		
Agent	Arka Architects Adam Toleman The Loft The Tattie Kirk Cow Wynd Falkirk FK1 1PU		
Case Officer	: Kevin Brown (Tel. 01324 504701) e-mail : kevin.brown@falkirk.gov.uk		
Grid Reference	: 290853 677529		

[View the application details](#)

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/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](#)

Craigend Brick works site visit by Reporter well attended on 8th January 2020. Representatives from Avonbridge & Standburn CC, Maddiston CC & SCCC in attendance. Falkirk Council Planning Committee decided the application 23.1.2020 - unanimous vote to refuse contrary to Planning Officer's recommendation. The Reporter however has the final say.

Other

TRO-DB-19-078 - Disabled Street Parking

FALKIRK COUNCIL

THE FALKIRK COUNCIL (ON-STREET PARKING SPACE FOR DISABLED PERSONS) (NO.TRO/DB/19/078) ORDER 2019

Falkirk Council in exercise of their powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the 1984 Act"), the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the 1984 Act, hereby make the following Order:-

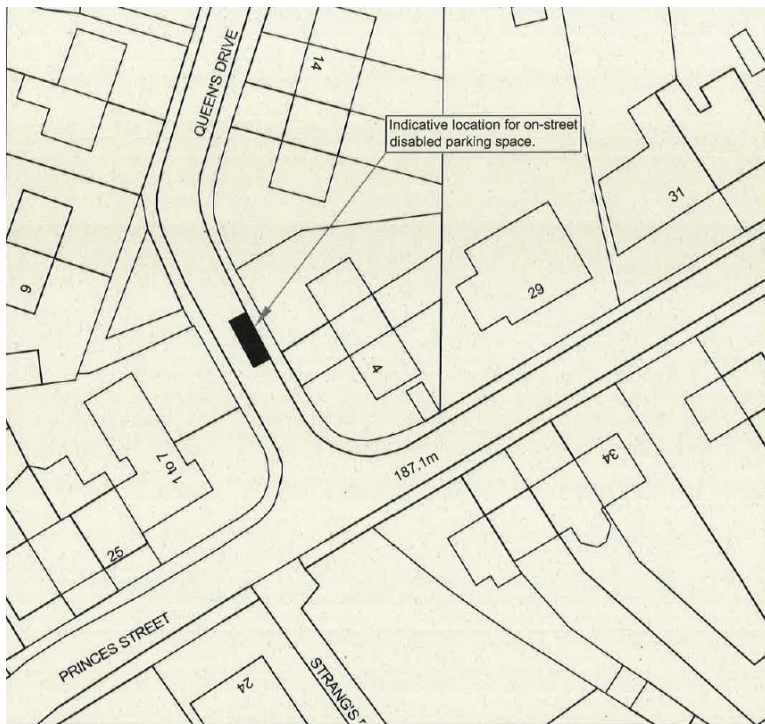
1. This Order may be cited as "The Falkirk Council (On-Street Parking Space for Disabled Persons) (No.TRO/DB/19/078) Order 2019" and shall come into operation on the 12 day of March, Two Thousand and Twenty.

SCHEDULE

Location of Parking Space for Disabled Person's Vehicles

Queen's Drive, California

On the east side of Queen's Drive from the projected south boundary of 8 Queen's Drive, California in a northerly direction for a distance of 7 metres or thereby.



Shieldhill and California Community Council

Action List From January 2020

Actions from meeting 30.01.20	Actionee	Target Date	Date Completed
Encourage pupils to attend SCCC Meetings regularly	J. Singh I. Livingstone	27.2.20	
Drains at Shieldhill Primary School to be jetted	J. Singh	27.2.20	
Put email addresses for Falkirk Council and the Safety Team on the SCCC Facebook Page	M. Merrett	27.2.20	
California War Memorial – T. Greig to contact J. Currie	T. Greig	27.2.20	
Contact Falkirk Council re California Community Hub for Energy Efficiency Forums.	J. Singh	27.2.20	
Contact Falkirk Council re California Community Hub. (Same name as hall at school)	T. Greig	27.2.20	
Make a Formal Complaint To Falkirk Council on behalf of SCCC regarding Dog Fouling	J. Singh G. Merrett	27.2.20	

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