

Grangemouth (incl Skinflats) Community Council

Minutes of meeting of Grangemouth (incl Skinflats) Community Council

Held within Community Education Unit, Abbots Road, Grangemouth

On 21st June 2018

Present:

Community Councillors A. Mullen, W.Inglis, M.Richards, K.McIntosh, S.Aitkenhead, M.Milne, J.Miller, T.Brown, D.Higgins

In Attendance:

Councillors D.Balfour, A.Black. J.Purves (Chief Operating Officer Celtic Renewables)

Apologies:

L.Linton, L.McKay, L.Murtagh, R.Spears

Police Scotland Report 1-31/5/18 (no officers attending) A copy of the Police Scotland Report for May can be found as an appendix to these minutes.

Community Safety Team Report 1-31/5/18 (no Wardens attending) A copy of the Community Safety Team's Report for May can be found as an appendix to these minutes.

Presentation by J. Purves Chief Operating Officer Celtic Renewables: J.P. gave a presentation outlining the origins of the company from its inception as a research project at Edinburgh Napier University to where it is now as a Demonstrator Plant to prove that the waste products from the Whisky industry can be used to produce next generation biofuels at industrial scale.

As referred to previously the Plant currently under construction at Caledon Green part of the Cala Chem site is a Demonstrator Plant. It is envisaged that full scale plants would be constructed close to distilleries from which they would draw their raw materials. The Plant at Grangemouth would in effect be a showcase development to encourage development of the process worldwide. More information about the company and its process can be found on their website:

celtic-renewables.com

There followed an question and answer session, some examples:

Q why locate at Grangemouth?

A the necessary support systems required to establish a "Demonstrator Plant" were readily available eg Power, Steam, proximity to major roads network.

Q what is the value of the investment?

A £18M made of input from Scottish Government and Private equity

Q who are the potential customers for what will be produced?

A other chemical companies who will then be able to claim "Green" source for their raw materials

Q what is the risk associated with fugitive ethanol emissions resulting in mould developing on adjacent structures?

A quote from J.P. "it will never happen"

Q what risk level was associated with the site?

A risk has been assessed as low and as such the site would not require COMAH registration but would be regulated by SEPA

J.P. emphasised that outreach was important to the Celtic Renewables and he hoped that CC and the company would establish an ongoing relationship to facilitate communication to and from the community

18/37 Minutes the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May were adopted on the motion C Cllr T.Brown and seconded by C Cllr M.Richards subject to a correction to Grangemouth Flood Protection para 6 C Cllr T.Brown **was concerned** deleted and replaced by **noted concern from contractors**.

18/38 Matters Arising

17/55 Kersiebank Medical Practice, proposals for follow-up meeting put to the Practice manager (proposed for September 2018).

18/04 First Bus, further to a meeting held with Community Councillors, Councillor David Balfour and council officers to discuss issues of safe access for services 3 and 4 at Central Avenue Stevenson Street junction arising from inconsiderate car parking and potential options for resolving the issue. First Bus have chosen to initiate a wider consultation that would include the removal of the 3 and 4 service from the Central Avenue/Stevenson St/ Burnbank Rd portion of their route in the evening hours. On request we supplied various options for venues within Grangemouth to enable public engagement with First Bus to discuss their proposals. However the only venue offered by First Bus was at the Howgate Centre in Falkirk. CClr W.Inglis suggested that there might be value in writing to Falkirk Council's Head of Design, Roads and Transport Development Services to express our concern on First Bus's proposal and to also raise the issue of the potential withdrawal of the F23 service that would impact severely on the residents of Skinflats.

18/33 J.Balmain resignation members present expressed their thanks to Jim for his service to the Community Council and wish him and his family all the best for the future.

18/39 Correspondence CClr Richards confirmed that all correspondence had been distributed to Community Councillors

18/40 Planning CClr W.Inglis updated colleagues on responses submitted to the planning authority in relation to proposals from:
1 Tarmac to construct and operate a Ready Mix Concrete facility adjacent to Inchyra Road
2 Request to vary conditions pertaining to deemed planning permission to construct and operate a Biomass Fuelled Power plant within the Port of Grangemouth.

Colleagues were also advised of a Pre Application Notice submitted on behalf Petroineos for modifications to their Refinery. A meeting is arranged for July 9th to allow Petroineos to brief Community Councillors. As part of the Pre Application process public consultation events will be organised.

Cllr W.Inglis proposed the creation of a planning sub committee so that workload could be shared and experience gained by other CC members. This would also ensure continuity should the portfolio holder be unavailable.

The proposal was agreed by members in attendance and the following members have agreed to take up a role on the planning sub committee: J.Miller, S.Aitkenhead, D.Higgins, K.McIntosh

18/41 Treasurers Report in the absence of the treasurer no report was submitted

18/42 Matters Raised by Members of the Public: A local activist group known colloquially as the "Glitterati" who have been doing sterling work within the community, by collecting litter and arranging for its correct disposal, have reported occasions when they have discovered human

faeces in public areas. This is clearly an unacceptable situation and one which cannot be allowed to continue. Access to facilities within the public realm out of normal business hours may need to be made available. This is an issue that we will bring to the attention of the local authority.

CClrs M.Milne and S.Aikenhead recently attended the Children's Day sports event and following their attendance have proposed that the Community Council sponsor a trophy to be competed for annually at the event. This proposal was unanimously agreed.

Community Conversation: colleagues were updated on this event to be held on July 27th at the Bowhouse Community Centre and how they could contribute to its success by attending and networking with other local organisations and the general public.

CCllr W.Inglis requested suspension of standing orders to facilitate further business to be discussed as stipulated meeting end time was approaching. Seconded by K.McIntosh

CCllr W.Inglis sought agreement from colleagues to support a joint Falkirk Community Councils letter to the Scottish Government requesting that they refuse the renewal of Ineos's licence for Unconventional Gas Exploration as per PEDL162. This request was agreed.

In light of the vacancy that has come about on the Community Council following the resignation of J.Balamain it was agreed that the position be advertised. It was also suggested by CC Convener A.Milne that the CC contact members of the local clergy to invite them to attend our meetings as a way of expanding our community engagement. This was agreed

There being no further business the meeting was closed

The next public meeting of the Community Council will be held on 19th July at 7pm