

Grangemouth (incl Skinflats) Community Council

Minutes of meeting of Grangemouth (incl Skinflats) Community Council

Held within Community Education Unit, Abbots Road, Grangemouth

On 15th November 2018

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Cllr A.Black, Cllr R.Spears, A.Gillies & B.Jones (MoP), R.Morris & D.Walls (SEPA)

Apologies:

CCllrs. K.McIntosh, L.McKay, T.Brown, Cllr.D.Balfour,

CClr W.Inglis (Vice Convener) chairing the meeting welcomed those attending and reported the recent death of Tom Wilson known to all as 'BIG TAM' who had served as convener of Grangemouth incl Skinflats CC for twenty years. Secretary Malcolm Richards paid respects to Tam and invited those attending to be upstanding and observe a minutes silence in remembrance of a stalwart servant of the community.

Police Scotland Report 1-31/10/18 (1 officer attending) A copy of the Police Scotland Report for October can be found as an appendix to these minutes.

Follow up questions:

Q CClr M-A Milne asked if the Zetland Park would continue to feature as an area of priority?

A Zetland Park will continue to be a priority for as long as issues are being reported from that location.

Q CClr M-A Milne requested any update on an RTA that had occurred in Abbots Road today and the wellbeing of those involved?

A The reporting officer had not been in attendance at the incident but understood that those involved had been removed to hospital for checks and were recovering well.

CClr W.Inglis raised the issue from our last meeting when a request had been made to pass our concerns re policing arrangements in Grangemouth to the reporting officers line managers. Confirmation of that request has been acknowledged in the form of a contact with the CC Secretary by the community sergeant. CClr W.Inglis advised that the CC were minded to contact the Police Inspector for the area to set up a meeting to discuss a range of issues that have been brought to our attention. The CC Secretary will action that request.

Q CClr S. Aitkenhead requested an update on a proposed security survey on the Zetland Park Pavilion?

A The survey has still to be done and will be carried out when arrangements can be confirmed re access and availability of officers.

Q CClr M.Richards queried the level of shoplifting being reported?

A The numbers reported in this months report represent a significant drop from previous months that being attributed to the detention of those recently charged with these offences.

Community Safety Team Report 1-31/10/18 (no team members attending) A copy of the Community Safety Team Report for October can be found as an appendix to these minutes.

CCLr W.Inglis drew attention to a community engagement event to be held by the CST on Friday 30th November at 71a LaPorte Precinct.

SEPA Report Rob Morris and Damien Walls gave updates on SEPA activity within our area. Damien spoke in relation to the site he oversees ie Kinneil Gas Terminal (Ineos FPS) and Rob gave an update on progress to establish a Grangemouth specific information portal on SEPA's website. Details of their reports can be viewed as an appendix to these minutes.

Concerns were raised by various members about the persistent and constantly recurring odour issues related to the Cala Chem effluent treatment plant. Rob advised that the company are being formally investigated in relation to this matter and SEPA are considering what enforcement actions they can take. Members of the community are encouraged to report all issues to SEPA so that evidence of frequency can be gathered.

CCLr M. Richards sought information on where exactly Cala Chem source the effluent they process. He highlighted that similar plants operated by Scottish Water taking effluent from outside sources do not seem to experience similar problems. Rob acknowledged that what has been going on is unacceptable and that the company will have to up their game. Solutions are being identified and will take time to implement so it is possible that there will be other odour events until such time as the engineered solutions can be implemented.

CCLr D.Higgins sought clarification on air quality monitoring with particular reference to Particulate Matter (PM). There was a lengthy discussion around who should be monitoring wider air quality given that SEPA have recently been reported to be playing some role but the responsibility still lies with local authority. The historic issue for Grangemouth has been emissions from industry however there is a growing concern that vehicle emissions are not being monitored adequately enough given the growth in local traffic especially when taken on top of the pre-existing industrial emissions.

CCLr M-A Milne raised concerns about H2S smell being experienced at early hours of the day in areas around Bowhouse Road and Kersiebank Ave locations.

18/69 Minutes the minutes of the meeting held on 18th of October were adopted on the motion of CCLr J.Miller seconded by CCLr M-A Milne

18/70 Matters Arising CCLr A.Mullen sought confirmation of the date and time of the public meeting to inform the community about changes at Kersiebank Medical Practice. The meeting is confirmed for 22nd November 7pm at Grangemouth High School.

CCLr A.Mullen also sought any updates associated with Grangemouth Flood Relief proposals. Cllr. A.Black advised that she had obtained and passed on information from council officers, CCLr W.Inglis confirmed that this information had been circulated.

18/71 Correspondence CCLr Richards confirmed that all correspondence had been distributed to Community Councillors.

CCLr W.Inglis advised colleagues that he had received information via Cllr R.Spears in relation to an offer being made to council tenants living with all electric or solid fuel heating systems to change to what is termed wet electric heating that is deemed to be more cost effective.

18/72 Planning CCLr J.Miller advised that the CC's further submissions in relation to the emerging LDP have been submitted and acknowledgement received.

CClr J.Miller also advised that initial enquires are being made to ascertain a better picture of what could arise from an application to create an access road from Beancross Road north of Wood Street into what is currently vacant land.

18/73 Local Community Planning CClr W.Inglis gave an update on what is now a growing part of our work. It is still at the early stages but following on from two community information gathering events (Your Place Your Views) & (Grangemouth Community Conversation) a structure has been established to progress issues that have been identified.

18/74 Treasurers Report Audited accounts have been produced and agreed (Moved by CClr M.Richards & seconded by CClr W.Inglis) and will be forwarded to Falkirk Council's CCLO.

Matters raised by Members of the Public NTR

AOCB CClr M-A Milne advised that tickets for the Young Portonians Panto Pinocchio were now on sale.

There being no further business the meeting was closed

The next public meeting of the Community Council will be held on 20th December at 7pm