

Grangemouth incl. Skinflats CC

Minutes of Public Meeting

No access to planned venue so meeting transferred to Bowhouse Community Centre. Thanks to M.Tripney for facilitating change of venue at short notice.

Date 17th November 2022

Time 7pm

Attending:

A.Mullen, W.Inglis, M.Richards, K.McIntosh, D.Higgins, D.Casey-McEvoy, A.Gillies, M.Tripney, A.Ross, M.Tulley

Janie Brown, Falkirk Council Employment Training Unit

CClr D.Cameron did not attend

Apologies:

S. Aitkenhead, D.Balfour, R.Spears

Police Scotland:

Report submitted (circulated to colleagues prior to the meeting for reference). No PS representation at the meeting. W.I.read out content for the benefit of new members attending. There was a short discussion relating to incident frequency and requests for updates if available in relation to known incidents.

SEPA Report:

Report submitted (circulated to colleagues prior to meeting for reference). D.H. advised that he had reported a strong fish odour in proximity to ASDA store to SEPA and awaits a response.

Presentation Slot:

Janie Brown presented on the work of Falkirk Council's Employment Training Unit and how they engage with individuals to support them back into work. Improving basic skills and up skilling existing skill sets to match the demands of the changing needs of modern employers. Janie also wanted to encourage community activists to signpost members of the community who could benefit from the opportunities that the service is offering.

A broad ranging discussion followed with various ideas and opportunities identified.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Acceptance proposed by A.M. and seconded by K.McI

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

None

Correspondence:

M.R. advised that all correspondence has been circulated

Planning Report/GFIB:

No significant developments noted from the weekly planning report.

W.I. flagged up a refusal of planning permission for a development on behalf of Ineos FPS in relation to the installation of Ground Flaring Facilities. The refusal was based on a technicality in relation to a discrepancy on drawings detailing ground levels.

Local Community Plan:

W.I. advised that he has made enquiries about the scheduling of a Stakeholder Group meeting. Currently there are no plans to schedule a meeting. W.I. has specifically requested the attendance of representatives from the health board so that concerns in relation to GP access can be discussed.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance £3229.70

Pending transactions: Remembrance Memorial Wreath £33.00.

Final Zoom Account Payment £14.39

Matters Raised by Members of the Public:

Concern raised in relation to the impact of overfull recycle bins at designated collection focal points. This is encouraging fly tipping and deposits of general waste that is reportedly resulting in visible evidence of vermin. Contact will be made with waste services to seek a resolution.

A.M. raised a concern reference what appears to be the operation of a building company from a domestic premises within the community that is causing nuisance in various forms. M.R. advised that first step would be to contact local elected member to initiate appropriate line of enquiry.

AOCB:

Renewal of CC Insurance

Following further rejection by FC of a request for guidance on appropriateness of our insurance cover it was agreed that A.G. would contact CVS for opinion and pending feedback K.McI is authorised to proceed with renewal.

Cooption of new members

Michaela Tripney, Marlyn Tulley and Alan Hudson have agreed to join the CC as coopted members. Michaela, Marlyn and Alan are already active within the community with links to the Bowhouse Community Centre and Friends of Inchyra Park. They also bring an energy and demographic gain to the group.

150 years Burgh update

W.I. noted proposals to hold a variety of seminar type events hosted by local heritage members and historians in 2023 within the library reflecting the 150 anniversary of 2022.

D.H. is continuing to liaise with others with a view to adding a plaque subject to cost to the existing 100 year anniversary cairn within what was the rose garden in Zetland Park.

Zoom Account

W.I. proposed that our zoom account established to assist operation of the group during Covid be wound up. Proposal agreed (*post meeting note account closed*)

Minutes recording device

W.I. requested permission to purchase a voice recording device to facilitate sharing of minute taking duties between members. Purchase agreed.

Next Meeting

7pm December 15th 2022

Community Education Unit