

Grangemouth incl. Skinflats CC

Minutes of Public Meeting

Held on 15 December 2022 in the Education Unit, Abbots Road, Grangemouth
at 7pm .

Everyone was advised that the meeting would be recorded for ease of minute taking.

Attending:

A.Mullen, W.Inglis, M.Richards, K.McIntosh, D.Higgins, A.Gillies, A Ross
Dave Goudie was in attendance.

Apologies:

S. Aitkenhead, D. Casey-McEvoy and M Tripney D.Cameron

Police Scotland:

At time of the meeting, there was no Police Scotland Report available.

SEPA Report:

Report submitted (circulated to colleagues prior to meeting for reference).K.McI advised that she had reported on line about a fish smell in Grangemouth. D.H. Had also reported the smell but to date neither had a response from SEPA. W.I agreed to chase this up with SEPA if DH and KMcI could provide rough dates that reports had been submitted
There was a short discussion about whose responsibility it was regarding the safe transport of the product which was producing the smell. D.H advised that there were guidelines regarding this that the Company should abide by. W.I asked D.H to send these guidelines to him.

Presentation Slot:

Dave Goudie was invited to give a brief presentation about his proposal to set up a Mens Shed in the vicinity. He explained that he was a retired teacher and had seen the advantage of a place where men could get together to chat, to share their skills or to learn new ones. He advised that the informal structure of the Mens Shed helped prevent loneliness and possible suicide. He advised that, although called the 'mens shed' women would be welcome. He was given advice about where to look for funding and insurance, and such things as a constitution, business plan etc.

Dave handed out an information sheet and contact details and it was agreed that it would be displayed on the GCC Facebook page and once it was up and running, information could be displayed on the notice boards in the parks..

Mr Goudie was thanked for his information.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 17 November 2022 which had been circulated were approved and proposed by A.M. and seconded by A.G

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

None.

Correspondence:

M.R. advised that all correspondence has been circulated.

W.I advised that S Aitkenhead had indicated that he was interested in the group Climate Action Justice – information on that had been circulated by D.H,

Planning Report/GFIB:

No significant developments noted from the weekly planning report.

Local Community Plan:

W.I. In usual form, there was no aspect moving forward.

However he explained that he had been invited to co-host a meeting along with Cecil Meiklejohn relating to Greener Grangemouth which is the community aspect of the Growth Deal. Jessica Paterson has asked him to invite people who could get together to develop this section of the Growth deal. (Again S Aitkenhead has advised he would be interested in attending this.)

WI advised that he needed more information about what the whole thing was about, and that Jessica set up a meeting with Alex Medlyn Davies who is part of Scotlands Future Trust and will facilitate community discussions on this project

There was much discussion regarding the ultimate purpose of the Greener Grangemouth group and W.I agreed to keep us posted on any developments.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance £3030.32 with no outstanding expenditure expected.

Matters Raised by Members of the Public:

M R– raised an issue regarding parking cones near Kersiebank Medical Centre, and enquired if permission was needed. It was agreed that it this is an issue that we could have raised with the Police.

D.C. via email raised - Antisocial behaviour at Charlotte Dundas Court, someone riding a dirt bike around the area. It was suggested that he should report this to the police, and encourage any member of the public who was affected by this to also report it.

Closure of Public Buildings – a consultation was in progress to discuss the closure of buildings in the area as a result of lack of funding from Falkirk Council. There was discussion regarding buildings in Grangemouth, and the Town Centre Regeneration, and how this relates to the community sections of the Greener Grangemouth.

Town Centre Toilets, GCC would support reopening or in conjunction with a commercial partnership eg as has happened with Zetland Park Kiosk which maintains the Toilets there

AOCB:

Christmas Donation. There was discussion about the proposed recipients of a donation from GCC to various groups in the town. It was agreed that the recipients should be a registered charity. It was unanimously agreed to give £300 to KP, NU2U, Zetland Pantry, (M.R declared an interest) Talbot House (Grangemouth Old Peoples Welfare) and Grangemouth Community Care.

Cooption of new members

M.R was asked to advise B.Pirie that we now were up to 11 members from required 12 and that we are functioning on that basis.

Next Meeting

7pm 19 January 2023, within the Community Education Unit.

Chair wished members a merry Christmas and prosperous new year.