

# LARBERT, STENHOUSEMUIR & TORWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING – 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017

### RENNIE LOUNGE, LARBERT OLD CHURCH

#### Attendance Details

##### Committee:

- Eric Appelbe (EA)
- Jim Cowan (JC)
- Colleen Hurren (CH)
- Jim Kelly (JK)
- Lauralin Scott (LS)
- Denis Sholvin (DS)
- Yvonne Weir (YW)

##### Also Present:

- Mrs Kay, Larbert High School
- 1 representative from Tryst Golf Club
- Cllr Gary Bouse
- Cllr David Grant
- Cllr Laura Murtagh
- Fraser Johnston, CATCA/Cycling without Age
- Andrew Lauder & Greg Nicol, Tryst Community Sports Club
- 2 members of the public

##### Apologies:

- Gillian Bellingham (GB), Ted Bingham (TB), Peter O'Rourke (POR)
- Community Safety Team (written report submitted)
- Police Scotland (written report submitted)

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

- EA welcomed everyone to the meeting. EA welcomed 3 of the new Councillors from Falkirk Council to the meeting. Apologies were noted.

#### 2. Police Report – Written Report Submitted

- YW read the Police Report. There were a total of 47 reported crimes/offences from 27/03/2017 – 24/04/2017.
  - Larbert/Torwood Area FE14 – 41 crimes/offences - These crime reports/offences related to vandalism, thefts, road traffic matters and breaches of the peace.
  - Stenhousemuir Area FE13 - 6 crimes/offences - These crime reports/offences related to vandalism, thefts, assaults and breaches of the peace and road traffic matters.
- Parking issues - Parking issues which have been ongoing within the Larbert area include the area of Foundry Loan, Orchardson Road, Crawhall Place, Muirhall Road and around several primary schools at peak times. These streets continue to be monitored by police.

Parking tickets have been issued in Rae Street, and a driver contacted and warned about causing an obstruction in Orchardson Road.

- Antisocial behaviour / Youth Disorder - Efforts to tackle antisocial behaviour issues in the area of Kinnaird/ Inches estates continue, with additional officers patrolling on foot at peak times. So far, the Police have seen a notable decrease in issues within the estate, especially relating to large groups of youths gathering, however this problem has moved to the Antonshill (Corrie Park) area where numerous issues have been reported over the past few weekends.
- PC Wetton is continuing to work with partner agencies to tackle antisocial behaviour problems.
- Should any resident or business wish to contact their local community officer, their details are as follows:
  - Larbert/Torwood - PC Susan Wetton: [Susan.Wetton@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Susan.Wetton@scotland.pnn.police.uk)
  - Stenhousemuir area - PC Chris Morrison: [Christopher.Morrison2@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Christopher.Morrison2@scotland.pnn.police.uk)
- Police Scotland is launching a new process for public consultation. The aim is to widen the existing consultation process by making the consultation survey available online and accessible all year round. The survey can be found via the Police Scotland website: [www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)

### **Kinnaird – Youth Anti-Social Behaviour Issues**

- YW advised LSTCC had written to Falkirk Council, Police Scotland and LHS in relation to the issues that had been received. Responses have been received from all organisations. All are keen to work together to resolve issues.
- Jon Reid, Rector at LHS is co-ordinating a multi-agency meeting which is taking place to discuss the issues on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May. CH will attend.
- Police Scotland is arranging a walkabout street briefing for residents, Councillors and the Community Council. Details have still to be finalised. Police Scotland are also co-ordinating a leaflet which LSTCC has agreed to provide funding for.
- The representative from Tryst Golf Club advised that it has been quieter and that the Club has noticed less anti-social behaviour in the weekends and evenings on the course.
- CH advised there had been a group of youths in South Broomage. Residents had also advised the issues had moved to Antonshill, King Street and Alloa Road. It was noted that it remains essential that residents report issues to 101.

### **3. Community Safety Team Report**

- YW gave a brief overview of the Community Safety Team report which can be viewed in full at: <http://lstcommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/LSTCC-CST-May-2017.pdf>

- Kinnaird Village Centre and Golf Club – Kinnaird Village has been identified as a hotspot area for youth disorder. The team continue to patrol this area along with Police Scotland in a bid to deter litter and anti-social behaviour in this area.
- Library – The Team continue to patrol and visit the library and surrounding area due to on-going issues with youth disorder during their late opening evenings.
- Torwood Castle - The Community Safety Team along with Police Scotland are monitoring this area to deter fire raising and anti-social behaviour in this area. The Community Safety Team, Police Scotland and the Fire Service recently completed a joint visit to this site to survey access and recent fire sites.
- They are monitoring and patrolling a number of streets and parks in the Larbert area in relation to dog fouling. If you have any information regarding those responsible in these areas (or any other), then please do not hesitate to get in touch via the details below. All calls are confidential.
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  - Phone: 0808 100 3161 FREEPHONE 24/7
  - Email: [community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk)
  - Online Falkirk Council Website: [www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today)
- It was noted that the bin at the Burnhead Road entrance to Tryst Golf Club had been removed but people were still leaving litter where the bin used to be. Councillor Bouse agreed to check this out with officers tomorrow. **ACTION 1.**
- JK advised that there is an area around a green box at Larbert Station opposite the Station Store where there some steps and that the area is now filled with litter. It was agreed that Falkirk Council and Network Rail would be contacted to ascertain responsibility and to get it cleaned up. **ACTION 2.**

#### 4. Youth Report – Larbert High School

- Mrs Kay advised that it is the final week of the SQA exams with around 7 or 8 to go. The exams have gone smoothly and well so far.
- The final two S1 induction days have been completed enabling the 370 new pupils to mix with other catchment school pupils and to trial their timetables. This is the school's biggest roll ever for S1. Within the next 4-years, the roll will go over 2000 making LHS the biggest school in Scotland. Carronrange will provide extra space and they will start moving into Carronrange in September/October. It was noted that class sizes are capped so staff numbers will need to increase to meet demand. Mrs Kay advised that some subjects are easier to recruit for than others.
- S6 have now left and the timetables changed today. The school is now starting to appoint captains, the head boy, head girl and vice captains. Applications for posts are up by 10%. They will also select who will attend the next Community Council meeting in June.

- EA advised he had attended the Hill of Kinnaird Pre-Application Consultation. The consortium advised that they will make a further financial commitment to schools/education.
- Councillor Bouse advised he had attended the Kinnaird Parent Council. They expect their roll to continue to rise over the next 3 years rise and then to start dropping.
- Mrs Kay advised that the S1/S2 residentials had gone well.
- Over 1000 acts of kindness through the “Be Kind” project were logged in May. 95/96% of S1 pupils who participated got an award day.
- Mrs Kay advised there are a number of events coming up:
  - Dance showcase - 14/15th June
  - The School Show “13” – 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June.
  - Times award ceremony – 23<sup>rd</sup> June.
- Mrs Kay advised that blazers for the new S1s will be from a new supplier and are made from recycled bottles. S2-S6 will continue to get their blazers from Trutex in Falkirk.
- In relation to Kinnaird anti-social behaviour issues, Mrs Kay advised that a letter went out to all LHS pupils and also to pupils at St Mungos.

## 5. Todhill Windfarm Update

### Main Grant Fund

- The deadline for the next round of funding for the main fund for grants up to £5K is 25<sup>th</sup> August. The panel will meet to consider applications on 12<sup>th</sup> October. The main fund is now being publicised on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the website. For more details see: <http://lstcommunitycouncil.org.uk/todhill-windfarm-fund-round-3-released/>

### Micro-Grant Update

- YW advised that 1 application had been received for funding from a young person looking to do a qualification to help volunteer in water based projects and activities. It was noted that the person lives outwith the Larbert, Stenhousemuir & Torwood catchment area but will be supporting people residing in the catchment area and undertaking coaching activities with LHS & TCSC. It was agreed to provide a grant of £240. As there are insufficient microgrant funds left in ringfenced balances, it was agreed to use the Community Council’s own funds to top up the microgrant until the next tranche of funding is drawn down from Foundation Scotland. YW will issue a cheque and award letter. **ACTION 3.**
- YW advised the progress report has still to be submitted to Foundation Scotland to drawdown the next tranche of funding. YW and CH will prepare the report. **ACTION 4.**

## 5. Consultations

### a. Scottish Government – Talking “Fracking” – A Consultation on Unconventional Oil and Gas (End Date: 31st May) – This can be viewed at:

<http://www.talkingfracking.scot/>

- EA advised that the community consultation event to inform the response to this consultation was hosted by the Community Council on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 730pm to 930pm in the large hall of Larbert Old Church. The event was facilitated by trained facilitators provided through the Community Chartering Network (CCN). The format of the event was a presentation based on the Scottish Government’s slides. The group was then split into 2 sub-groups who considered: benefits, risks, and questions for government.
- A draft response was prepared by CCN and reviewed by EA and YW. This was then circulated to those who attended the event. It was also circulated more widely by e-mail and posted on the website, Facebook and Twitter for comments by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May.
- YW advised that 3 points had been raised by residents who had attended the event. These were discussed and it was agreed to amend the document as follows:
  1. To reflect concern over the lack of hydrogeology research as part of the consultation.
  2. To reflect that financial incentives from the industry to communities and landowners are dependent on profits and are not guaranteed as opposed to referring to them as potential bribes.
  3. To reflect the views discussed that regulation of the industry is immature and unconvincing, and is not able to provide a comprehensive assurance of safety and cleanliness.
- YW advised that from the wider consultation, the majority of comments received were supportive of the response, with only 2 residents objecting: 1 resident advised they were in favour of fracking without providing any detail or further information, and another who was also in favour of fracking questioning the ability of the Community Council to respond to the consultation based on a low number of residents attending the consultation event. Those observations were considered and rejected.
- It was agreed to submit the document with the agreed amendments. **ACTION 5.**

### b. Transport Scotland - Improving Parking in Scotland Consultation (End Date: 30 June 2017) – This can be viewed at: [https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/road-policy/improving-parking-in-scotland/user\\_uploads/improving-parking-in-scotland.pdf](https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/road-policy/improving-parking-in-scotland/user_uploads/improving-parking-in-scotland.pdf)

- It was noted that there is plenty of time to consider and comment on this consultation. It was agreed that EA would look at this consultation and it would be discussed at the June meeting. **ACTION 6.**

## 6. Matters from the Floor

- Fraser Johnston representing both Communities Along the Carron Association (CATCA) and Cycling Without Age Falkirk (CWA) gave an update on both projects.

- Phase 1 of the CATCA project at Dorrator Bridge is almost complete. This includes new paths to connect the path network to the old bridge. The bridge plinth is being refurbished and the wires brought up from the ground. The leather style concrete seats as part of phase 2 are being completed and will be installed by August. Pupils from LHS have been working with University of Edinburgh and Concrete Scotland to make the seats. The overall project should be opened by the end of the year.
- The plinth at the Plough Hotel has been broken again. It was agreed that LSTCC would put out a Facebook post to see if there are any tradesmen who would be willing to fix the plinth. **ACTION 7.**
- LHS Community Garden – There are volunteer opportunities to help in the garden available on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.
- Cycling Without Age Falkirk took part in the Denny and Dunipace Gala day at the weekend. Two residents from a local care home were at the front of the parade on the bikes. FJ advised that the project is making a significant difference to participants' health. CWA will also take part in this year's Mariners Day on 10<sup>th</sup> June and will help elderly residents attend. They will also be at the Kinnaird Primary School fair on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.
- The CWA project has a Scottish Government reception in September at the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government Fairer Scotland team is looking at potential support for the expansion of the scheme.
- Caledonian Court Care Home in Larbert will join the project in June. They are currently assessing routes around Larbert. Glenbervie care home is also going to participate. FJ advised that they are also expanding to 3 care homes in West Lothian in June/July. Ongoing expansion depends on funds being raised through crowd funding. They have now bought one extra bike. Denny Community Council is looking at a scheme for those homebound in Denny to access a bike using windfarm funds.
- CWA has a meeting with Falkirk FC to help get isolated fans to games. This is also being considered by Stenhousemuir FC.
- CWA is looking for volunteers. They are training 5 volunteers per week from all backgrounds. They also have an LHS project to train 4 S2 volunteers to go assist with care homes after school.
- FJ advised that the CATCA AGM will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> August at LHS.
- EA congratulated CATCA and CWA for their great successes.

## **7. Approval of Minutes – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

- The minutes from the March meeting were proposed by CH and seconded by EA.

## **8. Matters Arising**

- The following actions from the April 2017 meeting were discussed:

| No. | Action   | Resp  | Action Taken   | Outcome/Next Steps  |
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| 1   | Strong representation letter to be sent to Falkirk Council, Police Scotland and LHS in relation to youth ASB in Kinnaird | YW    | Letter sent 26/4/2017  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multi agency meeting at LHS 30/4/2017</li> <li>- Leaflet to be produced by Police Scotland</li> <li>- Street briefings to be organized</li> <li>- Extra weekend patrols by Police</li> </ul>   |
| 2   | Contact with Falkirk Council re second Lollipop person in Kinnaird near Sainsburys                                       | YW    | Cllr Carleschi raised issue  | <p>New crossing patrol agreed for August subject to recruitment</p> <p>Contact to be made with roads to ask if the road can be reassessed for a permanent crossing points. Councillors Murtagh and Bouse to explore further. YW to write to Falkirk Council.</p> <p><b>ACTION 8</b></p> |
| 3   | Letter to be issued to 3 recipients of Microgrant Funds  | YW    | Letters and cheques issued 14/5/2017   | Awaiting progress reports from recipients   |
| 4   | Microgrant progress report to be sent to Foundation Scotland to drawdown second tranche of funds                         | YW/CH | Still to complete  | YW/CH to complete the form as soon as possible.   |
| 5   | Response to Policing 2026 consultation   | CH    | CH to reconsider consultation  | It was agreed to look at the more localised consultation which will re-open soon.   |
| 6   | Falkirk Council – LDP 2 Main Issues Report – LSTCC response  | EA    | Response submitted on 5 <sup>th</sup> May  | Awaiting outcome  |
| 7   | Promotion of Consultation event on UOG consultation – 8 <sup>th</sup> May  | YW    | Poster, social media and Falkirk Herald contacted. E-mail issued to contact list.            | None  |
| 8   | Tree on Tryst Road – contact to be made with Falkirk Council in relation to its safety                                   | YW    | E-mail sent to Rhona Geisler 28/5/2017   | YW advised that Falkirk Council has confirmed they are considering the matter. Awaiting response. <b>ACTION 9</b>   |
| 9   | Naming of Path in Stenhousemuir – contact to be made with CSGN   | YW    | Contact made. CSGN wrote to the Sherriff family solicitors on 28 <sup>th</sup> April to seek | YW to seek an update. <b>ACTION 10.</b>   |

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|    |  |       | permission for signs                                    |  |
| 10 | FVRH – Bus shelter incident – update to be sought from NHS Forth Valley                          | YW    | Mark Craske has advised they are investigation to issue | YW to seek an update.<br><b>ACTION 11</b>  |
| 11 | TCSC – Invitation to CPR session 22 <sup>nd</sup> May  | LSTCC | EA/LS/JK attended                                       | EA advised that the training received was very good.<br><br>AL from TCSC gave a comprehensive update on the free CPR training bring delivered to the wider public and specific groups. AL advised they are seeking to do a pilot project with Kinnaird Primary School to train staff, pupils, and parents. This would then be evaluation and potentially rolled out to all cluster schools.<br><br>LSTCC agreed to continue to promote the CPR training. |
| 12 | Issue of glass on pavements to be raised with Community Safety and Litter teams                  | YW    | E-mail sent to CST & litter team 28/5/2017              | CST have passed issue onto cleansing team and will also fine anyone caught dropping glass.<br><br>Issue also to be raised at June Community Council meeting with litter team.  |
| 13 | Response to CATCA on the revised proposals for concrete seating and memorial plaque to be issued | YW    | Response issued   | Response received advising they are vandal proof and that classroom work will be undertaken with LHS to install. See update above.   |

## 9. Reports

### 9a. Correspondence Report

- The following items of correspondence received were discussed. A report showing all correspondence received and issued was circulated in advance of the meeting.

| Date of Item | Item  | Action Taken/Required  |
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| 26/4/2017    | RBS – letter following complaint over closure of Stenhousemuir branch | The very poor response received from the Royal Bank of Scotland was discussed. It was agreed that no |



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|                                |  | further action could be taken at this time.  |
| 28/4/2017                      | Mark Ruskell MSPs office – request for CCs to put name to open letter to Civil Aviation Authority – request to add by 7 <sup>th</sup> May  | Action noted.  |
| 2/5/2017                       | First Bus via Cllr Carleschi – No changes at present to Larbert/Stenhousemuir services but may make further changes later in the year – will reconsider the representations received re Antonshill and Lamond View services  | Noted. Watching brief to be kept.  |
| 2/5/2017                       | Resident – further info on community defibrillator for Lamond View   | <p>CH advised she had researched this further. AS well as the initial capital outlay, there are considerable longer term revenue and maintenance obligations to install in Lamond View.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Community Council should consider wider options and could potentially help fund up to 5 businesses to purchase defibrillators. It was agreed that further work would be undertaken to establish a baseline mapping of defibrillators that are currently in the local community.</p> <p>It is known that there are currently defibrillators at Tryst Dental, Tryst Golf Club, Stenhousemuir Football Club and the new gym.</p> <p>It was agreed that work to map facilities would be followed up with Tryst Dental and further work undertaken to e-mail facilities etc.</p> <p>Councillor Murtagh agreed to follow-up with the Health and Social Care Partnership. YW to publicise on Facebook and draft an e-mail for organisations. <b>ACTION 12</b></p> |
| 2/5/2017 & 17/5/2017 & Various | Sgt Goldie – Update on Kinnaird. Plans to undertake street briefings (possibly 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 6-10pm) for residents, Councillors, Police and wardens to highlight issues and do joint patrols of hotspot areas in Kinnaird – also leaflet to be produced – request for LSTCC to help fund leaflet | Further information to be sought from Police Scotland. <b>ACTION 13</b>  |
| 4/5/2017                       | PRE/2016/0035/PAN – Public Exhibition invitation – Land at Hill of Kinnaird – NHSFV & Bellsdyke  | Publicised on FB - EA/CH/LS attended   |

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|           | Consortium – 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2-8pm at Cricket Club   | <p>EA advised there had been a good turnout at the consultation event. The proposal is for circa 128 houses.</p> <p>The requirement for recreational facilities for older kids was discussed and the possibility of tennis courts. There was discussion on infrastructure not being in place to support additional houses. There was also discussion over potential for a pub/restaurant with Bellsdyke Road frontage and requests for a supermarket from residents in the area. Given the availability of business space at Glenbervie Business Park, there is unlikely to be take up of the business park area in the proposal. TCSC advised they would support proposals for a tennis court.</p> <p>Draft response to be prepared by CH and reviewed by LS/YW/EA. To be submitted asap. <b>ACTION 14</b></p> |
| 8/5/2017  | Resident – state of Finlay Russell Park and football pitches following improvements   | <p>YW provided background to the works which took place using NHS Forth Valley funds on 5 local playing fields (£100K received by Falkirk Community Trust). The works at Stewartfield have not been completed (no goals), issues over surface and lack of goals at Finlay Russell Park and no goals at Lido have prevented SFC junior teams playing games there.</p> <p>Councillors present and LSTCC to follow-up with Falkirk Community Trust. <b>ACTION 15</b></p>   |
| 9/5/2017  | LHS – request for LSTCC to put advert in school show programme (20-23 <sup>rd</sup> June) - £20 full A4 page, £10 half page and £5 quarter page                     | Agreed. CH to contact LHS for further information on content and timescales. <b>ACTION 16</b>   |
| 10/5/2017 | Resident – concern over the Durieshill planning application – excess traffic in Torwood and lack of consultation with Torwood residents                             | Agreed for LSTCC to keep a watching brief over the development.   |
| 16/5/2017 | Falkirk Council – Love the Lido - Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 12-4pm in Crownest Park in Stenhousemuir. Asking for LSTCC involvement Poster received 23.5.2017 | Agreed LSTCC will take a stand. EA/YW to attend. <b>ACTION 17</b>   |
| 16/5/2017 | Rector LHS – Multi-agency Meeting re Kinnaird youth ASB to take place at  | CH & LS to attend.  |

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|           | LHS on 30 <sup>th</sup> May  |  |
| 23/5/2017 | Gladman Scotland – notification on Pre-Application public consultation event for proposed residential development on Stirling Road in Larbert – Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 3-7pm in Larbert Bowling Club – info at <a href="http://www.your-views.co.uk/larbert">www.your-views.co.uk/larbert</a> | EA/CH/LS/YW to attend Consultation comments to Gladman by 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2017. <b>ACTION 18</b> |
| 24/5/2017 | Falkirk Council – New Crossing Patrol to be put in place Tryst Park/McIntyre Avenue in Kinnaird (near shopping area) subject to successful recruitment from August 2017  | Posted on Facebook – to be noted. Advert to also be circulated once received.                          |
| 27/5/2017 | Resident – concerned re planning representations not showing on Falkirk Council’s website  | Cllr Bouse to look into the issues of representations not being counted on the site. <b>ACTION 19</b>  |
| 28/5/2017 | JK – overgrown trees on bridge over River Carron blocking access to the path and a tree knocked down on the bus shelter.   | Cllr Grant agreed to look into the issue and speak to officers at Falkirk Council. <b>ACTION 20</b>    |

### 9.b Treasurer’s Report

- There was no Treasurer’s report.

### 9.c Planning Report

- CH circulated the planning report. It was agreed that CH would get further information P/17/0233/FUL for 2 houses on the land to the north of Elmview given the previous Community Council representation in relation to development at this site. **ACTION 21**

### 9.d Other Reports

- There were no other reports.

### 10. AOCB

- There was no AOCB

### 11. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017