

Minute of the Strathblane Community Council

Annual General Meeting

16 June 2008

held in Strathblane Primary School

Members Present:- David Anderson, Fiona Murray, Willie Oswald, Margaret Vass, Marjorie Peddie, Alastair Smith, Robert Flashman, Philip Graves, John Gray.

In attendance: - PC Barr, Pam Campbell (SC) 4 public.

SC = Stirling Council; CC = Community Council

1. Welcome and remarks by chairman - Willie Oswald welcomed all present.

2. Apologies - Finlay Fountain, Elspeth Posnett.

Willie Oswald apologised for not providing a written report but said that he would circulate a copy to members after the meeting.

3. Minutes of last AGM - Minutes of the 11 June 2007 AGM were approved. Proposed: John Gray. Seconded: Philip Graves.

4. Reports of Office Bearers

a. Chairman Willie Oswald (WO) - WO thanked all the members for their service and said that he would be stepping down as chairman. He referred to his overall aspirations and objectives for the CC during his chairmanship; gave a review of the issues and activities over the past year; and commented on the links with the Community Development Trust and Blane newsletter. He thanked those members of the CC with particular responsibilities, and also PC Barr, the three Councillors and minute secretary, for their contributions and support.

b. Secretary David Anderson (DA) - DA noted that as there were CC members responsible for planning, roads and environmental issues, and also a minute secretary, his role was now relatively simple. There was nothing of significance to report.

c. Treasurer Alastair Smith (AS) - AS reported that a donation had been made to the community website halfway through the year and that this would be adjusted to twice yearly; that he had not received invoices for meetings held in the Village Club, (WO and DA agreed to follow this up); and that the income from the photocopier was much reduced, partly due to rising costs and this needed to be considered over the summer. A written report and set of accounts were examined and accepted. Proposed: Marjorie Peddie. Seconded: Philip Graves.

d. Web/IT report from John Gray (JG) - JG referred to his report circulated to members prior to the meeting commenting on the use of the village website, and on the need to improve methods of communication between members and with the public. It was agreed to follow up these issues at a future meeting and that JG should liaise with Pam Campbell (SC) about systems used in other communities.

5. Election of office bearers – Appointments were made as follows:

- Chairman - Philip Graves. (Prop: Margaret Vass. Sec: Alastair Smith)
- Vice chairman - Marjorie Peddie. (Prop: Willie Oswald. Sec: John Gray.)
- Secretary - David Anderson. (Prop: John Gray. Sec: Willie Oswald.)
- Treasurer - Alastair Smith. (Prop: Margaret Vass. Sec: Marjorie Peddie.)
- Planning correspondent – Margaret Vass. (Prop: David Anderson. Sec: Fiona Murray.)
- Minute secretary – Patsy Fischbacher (volunteer member of public).

David Anderson offered to continue as CC representative on the management committee of the Village Club; volunteers for the planning sub group were Margaret Vass, John Gray, Philip Graves, Willie Oswald, Finlay Fountain, Marjorie Peddie, Elspeth Posnett and Eric Strachan (member of public); it was agreed that the signatories for the CC bank account would be Philip Graves, Marjorie Peddie, Alastair Smith and David Anderson.

PG commented on the opportunities to influence Council decisions and the need to encourage more members of the public to attend CC meetings and get directly involved in important issues; it was agreed that the first step should be to make agendas more relevant and informative. PG also commented on the need to ensure that the workload was shared among members as much as possible.

