

## NORTH GLENROTHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

### Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 11 August 2011 at Christ's Kirk Church Hall

1. Those present were: Ron Page, Margaret Simpson, Mary Wallace, Sean Jackson, Jim Lewis, George Coyle, Brian Lumsden, Ian Lister, Hugh Bowie & Colin Nikolic

Apologies: from Evlyn Alsop, Pat McKie, Denise Wallace, Jean Archer, Cllrs Morrison, Kay & Beare. It was noted that it was regrettable that no Councillors were in attendance.

2. Chairperson Remarks: Ron welcomed everyone back after the summer break. He commented on 'Cadham in Bloom'. Ian Lister who has been nominated as Caretaker commented on how impressed he was but had hoped for hanging baskets also and perhaps a multi-tiered planter at entrance to centre but it is still unsure who this piece of land belongs to. Ian will continue to tend plants until after the winter when a committee will be appointed.

Town Centre – Rumours abound regarding the Tesco Planning Application which has still not been submitted.

A92 – The 'Futures Group' has rejected the 'No action' decision from the STAG Report. A meeting has been requested with the Transport Minister. 'Futures Group' AGM is planned for September.

Fun Day – Ron gave his thanks to Sean and his team for a very successful Fun Day

3. Minutes of the June meeting were approved & signed.
4. Matters Arising – There were none from the previous meeting
5. ASCC closure - A letter was received from the General Secretary of ASCC advising that due to Government cuts the ASCC would need to close. Ron suggested we contact Tricia Marwick (MSP) to seek her support in retaining the ASCC. Secretary to action.
6. Correspondence – Various items tabled
7. Reports –

### Treasurer, Report

- Main Account - £4,082.84

- Designated Account - £22,360.74 – Mostly allocated to the purchase of gym equipment

Brian reported that Fife Council now require our accounts to be submitted in the same format as OSCR. As a result there was a delay in us receiving funds as the accounts had to be re-submitted.

Ron noted the extra work required of the Treasurer as a result of this for such small funds.

Fun Day report – Sean reported there were 2 outstanding invoices both from Fife Council, Hire of Park & attendant & Insurance. He also informed the meeting that Public Liability cover was to be increased from £5 million to £10 million. Monetary contribution from the Fun Day was £656.00. Gilmartin donated the 'Portaloos' which would otherwise have cost approx. £400.00.

Raffle brought in £403.00. It was suggested we might reduce the number of tickets in a book. It was also suggested to move stalls closer together next time. Gazebos will be available for next year and the meeting agreed to hold the next Fun Day on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

8. Questions to local Fife Councillors – There were no Councillors present

9. AOCB –

- CN – On the subject of Cadham Centre, Stephen McGuire will not now be opening a boxing centre there.
- CN – Gave his opinion that in his view the Community Council was pointless. We are meant to be the voice of the Community but no-one listens. Ref Town Centre & A92

At this point Jim Lewis suggested inviting Lindsay Roy, Tricia Marwick the Editors of The Gazette & The Courier to our next meeting with the Town Centre representatives to be held in September. Secretary to action.

- MW – The Community Council are taking a stall at the car boot sale at Christ's Kirk on November 26<sup>th</sup>. All donations should be dropped off at the church hall that morning.
- RP – Received letter from Fife Council regarding the removal of the Totem Poles when demolition starts. It was suggested they be moved to the entrance of Riverside Park, the meeting agreed this was OK. Reply to FC, Secretary to action.
- HB – Noted the picnic benches at the far end of the park were in disrepair and could be unsafe. Parks Dept. to be advised and requested to repair or remove them. Secretary to action.
- RP – Regarding Gilvenbank outdoor gym the tender has been accepted but bad weather has delayed the start, it is now expected to be September. The smaller items have been given the go ahead but again bad weather has delayed this. The Trampoline is to be repaired. Benched were on-going. Ron has to contact Heather Johnston

- MW – Article in the Courier proposing to collect kerb side wheelie bins up to 9.00pm in a bid to save money after a public consultation, apparently. Ops Manager to be contacted re any possible changes. Secretary to action.
- MW – Noticed grit bins have been removed from Pitcoudie area. Enquire re policy and proposed actions and if they are to be replaced. Secretary to action.
- CN – Advised that the burger van currently situated in Gilvenbank Park car park is to be moved and the pitch offered to the highest bidder. It was agreed this was quite unfair as the owner had worked hard to build a good customer base. This was apparently happening all across Fife. JL proposed to approach Round Table, Rotary & Chamber of Commerce to raise subject of small business, Seconded by MW.
- CN – Planning application from 2 take away food shops on Peplow Drive was refused despite there being no objections from local residents or Environmental Services. The case is to be reviewed with the possibility of a trial period. GC voiced his concern over increased litter. JL suggested inviting the shop owners to a future meeting to explain how they might avoid this happening. It was agreed to write to planning reinforcing the backing of the CC. Secretary to action.
- RP – Wondered if we needed to have an October meeting as we are trying to reduce the number of meetings per year as previously agreed. In light of the fact that we have already tentatively invited Jim Parker to a meeting it was agreed that this year we would hold an October meeting but would not hold a December meeting. RP will invite Jim Parker to October meeting.

Date of the next meeting is 8<sup>th</sup> September when the speaker will be will Jim McLeish, Violeta Ilendo & Kirstin Marsh on the progress of the Town Centre development