

NORTH GLENROTHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 13th October 2011 at Christ's Kirk Church Hall

1. Those present were: Ron Page, Margaret Simpson, Sean Jackson, Jim Lewis, Brian Lumsden, Mary Wallace, Denise Wallace, Hugh Bowie, George Coyle, Cllr Morrison & Members of the public.

Speakers for the evening Jim Parker & Michael Parker on Residential Care Homes

Apologies: from Ian Lister, Jean Archer, Pat McKie, Cllrs Bill Kay & John Beare

2. Ron welcomed everyone to the meeting and our speakers for the evening, Jim Parker of the Pensioners Party and his son Michael Parker.

Ron passed the chair to Mr Parker.

Mr Parker began by telling us that to ensure his involvement in the care homes issue was non-political he described his group as the 'Concerned Tax Payers Party' He also informed us he had no knowledge of care homes but the idea of Fife Council selling them off to private parties concerned him greatly and that was why he took on the job of campaigning to keep the care homes and perhaps run them as Co-operatives. He had spoken to staff at a few of the care homes and this idea seemed agreeable to most of them. He had also spoken with the banks who thought his idea could be viable. So far there have been no offers to take over any of the 10 care homes in Fife and Fife Council have until December to make a decision on the future of the care homes.

Mr Parker continued to give an informal talk on his Co-operative idea and a, sometimes heated, discussion followed with questions and answers.

Ron thanked Jim and the business meeting continued.

3. Minutes of the September meeting were approved & signed.
4. Chairperson Remarks: A letter has been sent to Parks Dept regarding the lack of progress with the outdoor gym and the remaining areas of the play area. A meeting has been arranged between Ron, Mary, Cllr Morrison with Peter Howden and Alan Bissett.

Ron asked the Secretary to write to the CEO for an explanation as to why the Council hold surveys when the outcome is usually ignored and at what cost, the 2 latest examples being the issue of the care homes and the naming of Fife Institute. Cllr Morrison asked everyone to voice their opinions on the naming of the Institute.

Cadham Centre in bloom. The flowers from the planters have now been removed and the planters are ready to be filled for winter. We have £200 in vouchers to spend on plants. George Coyle agreed to join Ian Lister on the 'Gardening Committee'

Ron and Bob Grant are meeting with the Transport Minister on 1st November ref. The A92

5. Matters Arising – New or good as new items needed for the car boot sale to be held on 26th November. All items to be taken to church hall on that morning.

6. Correspondence – Various items tabled

7. Treasurer - Brian & Ron met with Entrust. There were 2 non-conformances.
 - Not notifying of change of membership
 - Not submitting appropriate form in time

Main Account - £4,055.54. Balance at 11 October 2011

Designated Accounts - £22,251.66 as of 7th September (£16,500 allocated to Outdoor gym & completion of family play area)

There has been no response from OSCR ref. the re-prepared accounts. The Community Council Grant of £1,733.56 has still to be credited to our account.

8. Questions to local Fife Councillors –The need for bus shelters on the left hand side at Peploe Drive and Balgillie was raised.

9. The parking at Pitcoudie Primary was again a concern as although the yellow lines were in place the 'No Stopping' signs were in the wrong places.

10. AOCB – Denise suggested the Community Council might like to start a scheme where food parcels are distributed to those people in need of assistance. Ron asked the Secretary to write to Mary Hill of the YWCA for advice on how to manage this. Jim Lewis said he would raise the matter at the next YWCA/YMCA meeting.

Date of the next meeting is 10th November 2011 (This will be the last meeting of 2011)