

Guardbridge Community Council Meeting Minutes

Date; Thursday 27th October 2016

Venue; Guardbridge Bowling Club

Members attending; Oli Walker (Chair), Zoe Rogers (Vice Chair), Mary Duncan (Treasurer) Bill Wilson.

In attendance; Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett,

Associated bodies in attendance; Geoff Morris (University of St.Andrews),
Barbara Mitchell (Guardbridge Bowling Club)

Apologies; Linda Scott, Lorraine Wills, Cllr M.Taylor, Patsy Waddell (Guardbridge Primary School)

1. WELCOME/ INTRODUCTION/ APOLOGIES

OW welcomed everyone to the meeting including residents, members, councillors and Geoff Morris from St.Andrews University.

2. GEOFF MORRIS, ST.ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

- 2.1** •GM - explains that ideas for the Guardbridge Mill site are changing and have not been released as definite decisions have not been made.
•BW - This is not good enough. Update letters should have been sent to the Community Council.
- 2.2** •GM - Progress report.

STAGE ONE

- The Boiler is nearly operational and the pipework is finished. The next step is fire up the boiler at the end of November. By the end of January, the biomass facility will be heating buildings.
- All wood burned by the facility will be sourced within Scotland and will be certified as sustainable by the Forestry Stewardship Council. There will be 2-3 lorries bring wood on to the site.
- School Children and old mill staff are to be involved when the boiler is lit.

STAGE TWO

- Professional services and some library space to be relocated to the mill site at the south end of the site.
- Eden Brewery will move and double in size.
- Some of the old entrances to the mill will be opened up providing public access.
- More buildings within the site are to be demolished, many of these have asbestos.

- There is a worldwide search and appeal going out for eco companies to locate on to the Guardbridge Mill site.
- The University is aiming to eventually heat Guardbridge with the biomass facility.
- Facilities (catering, meeting rooms etc.) will be open to the public.

2.3

- OW - Thanks Geoff. When will the deliveries be?
- GM - Not at peak times.
- Nick Bailey - When will the work start to install chipping machinery?
- GM - Soon. The chipper will be located at the north end of site after the bridge. This

will be well landscaped to aid sound proofing. The wood will also be brought in at the north end of site, opposite River Terrace. The entrance will be widened so that it is almost a slip road and there will be a pedestrian crossing at the Mill Clock.

- TB - We are pushing for the pedestrian crossing to be at the bottom of Innerbridge St.
- BW - When will staff be moved on to the site?
- GM - 2018. The University would like to donate a Christmas tree to the village.
- All C.C. say thank you very much and also for the new noticeboard.
- Barbara Mitchell – what kind of wood will be burned?
- GM - Only virgin wood as is environmentally best practise.
- TB - Emissions?
- GM – Fife Council will be monitoring and carbon will be extracted to aid more energy creation. We are aiming to be carbon neutral.
- BW – Guardbridge Heritage Website – could we have access to images of old Guardbridge from University archives?
- GM – Lesley Lind is the person to contact.
- Member of public – There is a large hole at fence near bird hide left after installation of pipes for biomass. Concerned for dogs.
- GM – Will see to that.
- OW – Thank you Geoff.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

- No Financial report but poppy wreath is arranged as well as £50 donation to Hague fund.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Remembrance Sunday

- TB – Service will be at Leuchars at 10:45 am, 13th of November followed by 3 minutes silence then laying of the wreath with army parade at around 12:30.

4.2

•OW – There has been complaints concerning poor parking in David Findlay Crescent resulting from poor parking provision at Leuchars train station.

- BW – When will we get new car park at the station?
- TB – It opens in March.
- Barabara Mitchell – Station Rd is very dark for pedestrians

4.3 •OW – The University has submitted a planning application to fix the sea wall. Is there any objections? (No comments)

5. TRANSPORTATION

5.1 •OW – New speed sign helping to keep speed down.

•TB – Council will keep an eye on this.

•BW – Any progress with Speedwatch?

•TB – Police have not kept in touch, not pleased.

5.2 •OW – School sign has been replaced.

5.3 •ZR– More car parking spaces for shopping area?

5.4 •Nick Bailey – Side of road at Seggie farm has been worn away.

•TB – Will contact transportation.

•Nick Bailey – Kingdom Housing – when will they fix Toll Rd and verges as promised?

•TB – Will look into it.

6. COUNCILLORS

6.1 **Bill Connor** – see attached

6.2 **Tim Brett** – 30 mph zone cannot be extended between Toll Rd and bridge.

- Still not heard from Alan Bisset concerning play park.

- Bowling Club sign is on order.

- Madras site is being looked at again between Fife Council and St.Andrews University concerning the old Langlands site. Good site on right side of town for incoming pupils.

- Leuchars Army Base - 3 reviews expected concerning Scottish military bases.

- Cycle path between St.Andrews and Guardbridge will be closed for a weekend in the middle of November for repairs.

- Work will begin to remove bollards on Motray road bridge next week. The defibrillator has been moved across the road to the hairdressers on Main St.

7. •OW – Flyers have been printed, volunteers? Nick – Honky Tonk

Melanie – River Terrace

Barbara – David Findlay Place

- Posters to go up in noticeboard.

8. ASSOCIATED BODIES

8.1 **School** – Letter from Patsy Waddell – School pupils to attend lighting of the biomass boiler.

- School taking part in the 'Light a Guy' competition for the Leuchars bonfire night.

8.2 **Bowling Club** – Barbara Mitchell – Pleased to be getting the new sign. No other news.

8.3

St.Andrews University – OW – Recap on matters discussed earlier with GM.

- Suggestions welcome for those to be invited to the commissioning event.
- More planning applications expected.
- There will be another public consultation before Christmas.
- Spaces will be available for use by the public.
- 360 Members of university staff will be moved to the mill site from St.Andrews. Public transport will be promoted and encouraged.
- Christmas tree will be donated by Uni,situated at flag poles and the lights will be powered by Vital Energy.

8.4

Guardbridge Development Trust

OW- The Guardbridge Development Trust is waiting for Helen Rorrison to give contract the go ahead.

two drop in sessions at the primary school have been arranged by the Development Trust steering group.

BW - School will be booked for Trust Consultation November.

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- ZR - Will trees be removed from bridge next week when the bollards are removed?
- TB – Should be, will check.
- OW – Bins at waterworks should now be emptied regularly.
 - Forms ready to add ZW and OW as signatories to C.C. Bank account.
- ZR – Will TB look into additional parking at Shopping area of Village?
- TB – Will do.

Next Meeting; 24th November.