

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2(a)(c)

Condorrat Community Council
Minutes of meeting 7th February 2002

Present: Mrs Ann Sneddon, Alan Sneddon, David Mooney, Bobby Johnstone, CcIr Gerard McElroy, CcIr B Chadha, Sam Mitchell, Mrs H Mitchell, Helen Cairns, Eamon Monaghan, Mrs Jean Johnstone, Peter Cairns,

Also present Constable Michael Reynolds (Community Police), L McGraw, J Cavett and Mr McConnell.

Apologies Kevin Murphy and Barbra Bell

Corrections to previous minutes

Auchenkilns – should have read that the development would be subject to further planning application and the Tree replacement in Rosehill had been managed by CcIr Chadha.

Police report

Constable Reynolds reported that there had been 32 crimes in the area and that there was a gang of 13-14 year olds causing great problems with vandalism. CcIr Chadha reported that the Youth shelter was going ahead in Abronhill. Mr McConnel reported that loitering was also a problem in the McLean Place area and that adults were buying alcohol for the youths. Constable Reynolds responded that loitering in the proximity of off-licences was a problem in other areas and that a licensee had had his licence revoked for selling to youths but the problem had simply moved on to another shop. Loitering still remains a problem in Condorrat but we await with interest the installation in Abronhill of the Youth Shelter and we will still be going ahead with the meeting with the young people of the area to see what help we can give in setting up youth facilities.

Matters Arising

Fireworks- The Crime Prevention panel has taken this matter up and are trying to get a restriction on sales to only 2 days before main celebrations.

Traffic Calming – The problem with Goods vehicles being parked on the pavement at Sami Brothers still remains, this causes obstruction to vehicles using the road and to the Lollipop lady with children crossing. It was stated that 30-40 ton lorries, at speed, are also using the road so the reinstatement is required urgently. Detail is needed on when this matter is to be undertaken. Constable Reynolds said that he would talk to the shopkeeper to try to stop the parking practice.

CcIr McElroy reported that the 20's plenty signs would be going up very soon in Condorrat.

CCTV Gerry reported that he was still continuing to push on this matter.

Gala Day Bobby reported that there was to be a coffee morning to encourage involvement of other organisations in the Gala Day. He had talked to the CVS about printing flier s and posters for the day and that these would be done for the costs of the printing. The Gala Day would be either the 1st or 2nd Saturday in June. It was reported that Sergeant Bird was trying to get the Strathclyde Police Pipe Band for the day.

Council Business

Youth Consultation The Area Committee are keen to get a Youth Initiative up and running to try to help with the anti-social youth problems. CcIr Jean Jones is leading this initiative.

First Stop Shops These seemed to be very successful but locally would mean losing the Housing Office.

Correspondence

The Crime Prevention Panel was asking for £10 to be part of a prize for the design of a new logo for the panel.

A question was asked about the Crime Prevention Panel and how they interacted with Community Councils. Alan explained that he was the Community Council representative on the Panel and that the Panel consisted of representatives of Community Councils and discussed the same concerns as we discuss. CcIr Chadha explained the Panel covered a wider area than just Cumbernauld including Kilsyth, Moodiesburn and Cumbernauld.

AOCB

Bobby reported that the new lights in Main Road seemed to be inadequate for footpaths but North Lanarkshire Council is looking into this and will get back to him.

There has been an application for change of use for a house to a Nursery in Kirk Place it was felt that this was not a good thing on grounds of safety with parking.

Mr McConnell asked about the removal of a bench that was causing loitering problems near his house, which was close to an alcohol outlet. It had been removed in the past but had been reinstated and the youths hung around it using the nearby landscaped area as a rubbish bin for their cans and bottles. It was hoped that the Youth Initiative by North Lanarkshire Council would be a start in trying to alleviate the problems locally, although often the young people causing the problems were not the ones that would react positively to the Initiative.

There was a query as to why the people of Cumbernauld were not getting blue bins for recycling rubbish as other areas of North Lanarkshire were.

Sam reported that an announcement had been made about the upgrade of Auchenkilns Roundabout but there was no word on when this was to take place.

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Also present Constable Michael Reynolds (Community Police) and Mr McCarroll

Apologies Mrs Jean Johnstone, Bobby Johnstone, and Cclr McElroy

Corrections to previous minutes

Mr McCarroll attended the meeting not Mr McConnell

Matters Arising

Trees in Rosehill – it was reported that Environmental Health had stated that the noise level in the area of the removed trees had risen due to the absence of the trees. The trees are to be replaced by deciduous trees, which will not reduce noise levels in winter it was assumed that this was being done to allow planting of mature trees rather than saplings.

Council Business

Cclr Chadha Reported that the First Stop shop was successful, it had meant the loss of the local Housing Office but it had not been well used and had no disabled access, he also reported that the Dial a Bus service was to be replaced by Sunday services. He had continued his concerns with Traffic Calming and had asked for comments from the Planning Department. He advised he was looking into a complaint regarding youth problems in the area of Dalshannon Farm and also into cleansing problems with sweepers in the Craigelvan area.

Nursery in Kirk Place

It was felt that this would lead to problems of parking in the road around the building as there wouldn't be enough parking at the times children would be being deposited or picked up from the nursery. It was felt that the Community Council had no objection to the nursery other than that of parking and the question as to whether the road was an adopted road and if not the effect of extra vehicles to the area at the bottom of Kirk Place.

A80 – The workshops were continuing to take place on the A80 Corridor Transport Study but since the company running the meetings have been told that the Kelvin Valley is not an option and must not be talked about most of the people attending the meetings feel that this is a waste of time. The main object of the meetings is to talk about railway and other forms of transport. The road is a major artery, which has been clogged for years and is not getting any better.

Police Report

There had been 31 crimes in Condorrat 14 of which were detected. There were a few car crimes. The Police Pipe Band is coming to play at the Gala Day. The bench has been removed in McLean Place. Constable Reynolds reported that he had spoken to the shopkeeper on Main Road about the vehicles parking in the vicinity to unload and that he would be continuing to keep an eye on the problem. On the matter of the bus shelter that Cclr Chadha had mentioned he stated that this tended to be most of a problem on Saturdays with people going into Glasgow but he will monitor the situation.

The Police Youth Strategy was questioned; Michael reported that was not available yet. It was felt that the need was to try to get to the very young to educate them in using youth facilities. Cclr Jones was keen to get the North Lanarkshire Council Youth Strategy off the ground. The Anti Social Task Force will deal with North Lanarkshire Council tenants. Mr McCarroll of the Rugby Club showed drawings of the facility planned in the Rugby Club grounds for sporting activities. The Community Council feels that these are well worthwhile for Condorrat and even for the whole of Cumbernauld.

The next meeting is Thursday 4th April at 7.45pm.