

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 (a) (F)

The Village Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2002

Sederunt C Archibald, G Brown, R Border, W Snedden, E Snedden, E McAllister, G Lallaway, Cllr McCallum, Sergeant D Bird, PC Willie Sampson. Also in attendance were 20 local residents.

ACTION

Item no 1 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman G Brown opened the meeting and welcomed Community Council Members guests and local residents.

Item no 2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr G Mackay.

Item no 3 Police Report.

Sgt D Bird introduced Willie Sampson who was now working in Cumbernauld Village as part of the Community Policing Unit. David Bird went on to report that although the crime figures for the Village were up slightly over the corresponding month for 2001 this was mainly due to an increase in Police activity concentrating on drinking in public places. He went on to inform the meeting that acts of vandalism, assaults, theft, housebreakings and vehicle crimes were included in the figures.

He stated, in answer to a question about Police response times, that although the response times were not a quick as the Police would like they were better than the times currently in some areas in England. It was pointed out that the response times in England was of little comfort to people in Cumbernauld. Sgt Bird referred to the Matt Costello's Anti-social Task Force and commented on how the unit could help to cut down anti-social behaviour. He went on to highlight some of the problems encountered by the system of Childrens Panels that deal with under-age problematic kids, he indicated that there were only 87 secure units in the whole of Scotland. He stated that he would try and obtain answers to some of the questions from the Reporter to the Childrens Panel.

A local resident pointed out that there was an incident of drinking at Ardenlea House at 9.15 am that morning (14th March 2002) involving some males, he was forced to ask the group to pick up litter that had been discarded by them. When asked some of the group did pick up the litter and deposited in the litter bin. Another incident involving drinking at Ardenlea was brought to the attention of the meeting, this serious incident involved females who appeared to be under-age and were drawing attention to their actions by cursing, swearing and shouting rude comments to passers by. Police were called and eventually interviewed the group who were found not to be local residents but rather residents from other parts of Cumbernauld who were using the facilities of the Village.

Willie Sampson informed the meeting that although he was sad to leave Kildrum and Carbrain areas, he was looking forward to meeting the local residents in Cumbernauld Village and the challenges that his new role would bring.

Some questions were addressed to the Police Officers as a direct result of the Public Meeting that took place on Monday 4th March 2002. Notes from this meeting were circulated by the Secretary to everyone present.

There being no further Police related questions Sgt Bird and PC Sampson left the meeting at 8.20pm.

Item no 4 Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of The Village Community Council held on Thursday 14th February 2002 were approved as accurate.

Proposed by W Snedden and seconded by C Archibald.

1. It was agreed that the minutes of the 14th February 2002 meeting could now be sent to North Lanarkshire Council's Chief Executive's Department.

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Item no 5 Matters arising

1. There were no matters arising from last month's minutes.

Item no 6 Treasurer's Report

1. The Treasurer reported that the bank balance stood at £3288.06

Item no 7 Secretary's Report

The secretary distributed a copy of the index all correspondence received and sent since the last meeting.

Among the items discussed were:-

- 1 An invitation to the opening of the Falkirk Wheel.
- 2 Copy of Cllr McCallum's letter to NLC Planning and Environment Department re derelict cottage at 36 Baronhill.
- 3 NLC Administration Review of Policy Late Hours Catering Licences (Terminal Hour). After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that a letter should be sent from the Community Council objecting to any later opening for fast food establishments in Cumbernauld Village.
- 4 Letter to Cathie Craigie from Mr D Porch re CCTV for Cumbernauld Village

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Item no 8 Golden Jubilee Celebrations

1. It was reported that following the meeting of the working party, an approach was made to secure a site for the proposed wooden bench and tree at the Senior Citizen's Complex in Roadside. It was stated by some of the complex residents that the bench and tree may attract local youths and would result in problems for the complex residents if they were sited in the complex. After discussions, it was unanimously agreed that if a site in the Church grounds could be found then the bench and tree would find unanimous approval for its siting in that location. More detailed costs and supplier(s) lists would be available shortly.

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Item no 9 Primary School Building(s).

The Secretary gave a brief account of the meetings held in the Primary School and Cumbernauld College that were attended by the Community Council Working Group. After discussions it was agreed that a future meeting be convened to include interested groups who may wish to use such a community resource. The meeting was arranged for Wednesday 10th April @ 8.00pm in the Church. Letters inviting interested parties to the meeting should be sent out.

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Item no 10 A.O.C.B.

1. A letter to Mr Jim Wallace regarding Anti-social Behaviour in Society should now be sent - discussed at a previous Community Council meeting
2. The Annual Village Anti-Litter Campaign would take place on Sunday 24th April 2002 between 11.00am and 1.00pm, it is hoped that local politicians will give the event a high profile by taking part this year. The Village Hall should be booked and light refreshments will be available at 1.00pm for participants.

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Item no 11 Next Meeting

Date and time of next meeting - Thursday 11th April 2002 @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm.