



WESTERWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING 19/2/02

Present

Bernard Groom (In the Chair)
Gordon Wright Fiona Lawley
Ken Brunton Annabel Irvine
Joe Brady Peter King
Gillies Walker

Apologies

Apologies were received from M. Sweet and B. Cunningham

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th January 2002 were approved without amendment.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the ceilidh had been a great success and he thanked the Members of the organising committee for their work. He also reported that 2 additional policemen on bicycles had been allocated to our area as a method of increasing police presence.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the finance report and advised the Council as follows :-
Opening balance £
Income
Expenses
Closing balance

Recycling of Domestic Waste

The Council agreed to invite Mr Burns of NLC Cleansing Department to speak at its March meeting on new system of recycling waste.

Cumbernauld Crime Prevention Panel

The Council agreed to become members of CCPP and nominated Ken Brunton to represent it at future meetings of the Panel. The Council also agreed to make donation of £10 towards a prize fund set up by CCPP to encourage Primary School children to design a logo for the Panel.

No Ball Games Signs

The Council agreed to write to NLC asking that signs be erected at Edenside.

20's Plenty Speed Restrictions

Councillor Murray advised the Council that "Twenty's Plenty" signs were being introduced across the County. He also advised the Council that, if we wished, we could write to NLC nominating particular streets for accelerated signage.

Local Plan

Councillor Murray indicated that the current Local Plan permits additional housing and predicted that the land to the west of Dullatur Road, currently zoned for hi-tech buildings but not now needed for that purpose, may well be released for house building.

Date of Next Meeting

19th March 2002 at 8pm

Minutes of the Meeting of Westerwood Community Council

A meeting of Westerwood Community council was held in The Wynd on
Tuesday 19th March 2002

Present: Councillor Gordon Murray, Bernard Groom, Gordon Wright,
Ken Brunton, Joe Brady, Marilyn Sweet, Fiona Lawley, Bill
Cunningham, Gillies Walker

Mr K. Green, Manager Recycling Project
Representative from North Lanarkshire Council

Apologies: Annabel Irvine, Peter King

1) Chairman's Opening Comments

The Chairman thanked the general public for attending the meeting. As the invited representatives from the company running the recycling project and North Lanarkshire Council were in attendance it was decided to open up the floor to them as the first item on the agenda.

2) Introduction to the Recycling Project

Mr Green gave a resume of the recycling project. He advised that it a two-bag/two vehicle system. The blue bag for all paper with the exception of carbon paper, envelopes, Yellow Pages and cardboard. A caged vehicle will collect the contents and a blue bag will be left in place of the bag taken. The white bags will be collected by a different vehicle suitable for collecting glass, textiles, aluminium etc. Plastic bottles cannot be recycled. Again a bag will be left in it's place. Black bags may be used for extra recycling waste. The vehicle could arrive at any time of the day, as late as 6.30pm.

Mr Green stressed that for the project to move forward a higher level of commitment from the residents is required. The initial response has been good approx. 25% but it needs to be higher. He asked everyone to be patient as there will be teething problems but any problems may be reported to:

NLC on 01698 302777

Action Recycle on 01324 826826

3) Morton Hotel's Planning Application

Gordon Wright took the floor and advised those present that Morton's consultants, Keppie, have submitted a technical and non-technical environmental study. The study makes various statements that are just not true and there are contradictions throughout. Everyone present was urged to write to NLC to object to the environmental study. Objections may be made on various points such as:

- a) It states that there will be no detrimental effect on traffic - incorrect. Definite problems with Eastfield Road. Public transport is not a feasible option. The train station has to be accessed by car but parking facilities are insufficient.
- b) Local infrastructure is adequate - incorrect. Medical facilities and new schools are over subscribed.
- c) Study claims development will benefit local community - this is not considered to be the case.
- d) There is so much housing built in and around Westerwood with a new housing development, near the Carrickstone/Dullatur roundabout, expected to be passed imminently by NLC soon that there is a strong case to resist additional housing.
- e) Light pollution at the proposed golf academy.
- f) Application is contrary to the Local Plan.

G.W. also stressed that the consultant employed by WCC needs all input possible so if anyone has any valid points these should be fed back to him.

4) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer advised that the cash balance has been static but will fall with the cost of the work currently being carried out by the consultant. The account stands at:

End February	£4091.68
Net interest	3.80
Further income from the Ceilidh	80.00
Less purchase of study	40.00
Wynd hire	19.50
 Net Total	 £4115.98

It was stated that it is likely that the Council may have to ask the residents for further donations.

5) Westerwood Community Website

Further information may be obtained from the website, which is www.westerwood.co.uk.

The meeting closed and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The next public meeting will be held on 16/4/02.

Minutes of the Meeting of Westerwood Community Council

A meeting of Westerwood Community council was held in The Wynd on
Tuesday 16th April 2002

Present: Annabellrvine, Gordon Wright, Peter King, Joe Brady, Marilyn
Sweet, Fiona Lawley, Councillor Gordon Murray

Apologies: Bernard Groom, Gillies Walker, Bill Cunningham, Ken Brunton

1) Approval of Minutes of March's Meeting

Gordon Wright apologised for the absence of the Chairman due to illness. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2) Update on the Morton Hotels Situation

GW gave an update of the current situation regarding Morton Hotel's application. The Planning Committee will hear the application at the June meeting, at the earliest. Objections may be submitted to the Council up to the end of May. He confirmed that he has received a number of copy letters from residents. Our consultant is currently working on our professionally compiled objection. Hazel Sears has sought clarification on various points such as bus routes, schooling, cycle paths, medical facilities etc. GW will respond.

A resident present asked if it was significant that SPT has recently publicised it's dial a bus service. GW confirmed that he would investigate this further. He advised that a private landowner is intending to make a fee-paying car park next to Croy station. NLC is also reputed to be looking at land nearby in Croy for the purpose of car parking. The exact location is not known.

It was emphasised to those present that the golfing academy will use the facilities of the hotel and will not be a purpose built facility, just a driving range. GW confirmed that WCC's planning consultant has made a site visit. We also have the commitment that the Planning Committee will also make a site visit. The normal practice is that all of the people that have written letters of objection will also be invited along to the site visit.

A suggestion was made that the floodlighting of the proposed academy could cause problems from the point of view of the local airport and could prove to be a valid point of objection.

Hazel Sears as yet she has not indicated when the formal objection will be ready but the WCC will have sight of the document before submission. WCC will be entitled to have representatives present at the planning committee meeting and the proposal is that these will be Hazel Sears, Gordon Wright and another, possibly Mr Dallin.

2) A80 Upgarde

When approval is given for the upgrade of this road a diversionary route will be via Eastfield Road. Exact details are not yet known. WCC has just received correspondence from MR Watson of NLC Roads, following the public meeting he attended. We will have a follow up meeting with him, probably in May. Councillor Gordon Murray requested that people keep a note of problems --.experienced on the local roads due to work being carried out on the A80.

4) Recycling

The recycling project is operating satisfactorily and no complaints were lodged at the meeting.

5) Treasurer's Report

In the treasurer's absence GW gave an update on the current financial situation. There appears to be an outstanding invoice from the planning consultant that had not been seen by GW (WCC's contact with the consultant) so the exact financial position is to be clarified.

6) Any Other Business

No ball games sign is now up in Edenside and appears to have the desired effect.

The meeting closed and the GW thanked everyone for attending. The next public meeting will be held on 21/5/02, this will also be the AGM.