

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2(b) (D)

QUEENZIEBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2002
QUEENZIEBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

HUGH SERVICE
MARLENE PROVAN
ELIZABETH McGREACHAN
ELIZABETH LOUDON
DANNY McGUIGAN
JEAN STRUTTON
CLLR. JEAN JONES

APOLOGIES:

Sgt. D. BIRD
LIZ DICKINSON

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read. Proposed by Marlene Provan, seconded by Elizabeth Loudon.

POLICE REPORT: Sgt. David Bird was in the hall to attend the meeting, but was called away before the meeting started, so tendered his apologies.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported that a new cheque book had been received. Also that a letter had been received from NLC to the effect that the books had to be in for audit at the beginning of April.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary reported as under:

SAVE GREATER GLASGOW HOSPITALS GROUP – Letter recvd. re inaugural meeting on 6 March 2002.
LIEUTENANCY, LANARKSHIRE – Letter recvd. from Lord Lieutenant of Lanarkshire re Queen's Golden Jubilee
NLC. CARE OF GARDENS – Letter recvd. from Cllr. Jones informing of new Contractor.
BRITISH WATERWAYS – Letter recvd. re Falkirk Wheel Opening.
NLC – Copy letter recvd. from Cllr. Jones re helicopter noise.
ASSOC. OF SCOTTISH COMMUNITY COUNCILS – Newsletter recvd.
ZURICH MUNICIPAL – Notification of Insurance Premium due for renewal, recvd.
NORTH LANARKSHIRE NORTH COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE – Draft Development Plan recvd.

THE MILLENNIUM LINK, SCOTTISH LITTER CHALLENGE –
Information recvd.
NORTH AREA COMMITTEE – Draft Development Plan
recvd.
WATERLINK – Questionnaire recvd.
NORTHLINE – Confirmation of request for gullies to be
cleaned recvd.
NLC KILSYTH AND VILLAGES FORUM – Information re
Meeting on 18 February recvd.
CATHIE CRAIGIE MSP – Surgery Notice recvd.
SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE – Copy of Public Appointments
and Public Bodies Bill recvd.
CUMBERNAULD ROTARY CLUB – Information re
Walk Across Scotland recvd.
NLC CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT –
Letter recvd.
NORTHLINE – Confirmation of complaint re water
flowing down pathway between playing field and
Meadowside Road, recvd.
NORTHLINE – Confirmation of complaint re water pouring
down Anderson Cres., recvd.
NLC – Copy of North Lanarkshire News recvd.
MVA – Letter recvd. re Central Scotland Transport Studies.
NLC – Letter recvd. re Association of Scottish Community
Councils
THE RIGHT TRACK – Copy recvd.
CHAPELGREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL – Copy of
Newsletter recvd.
NLC – DUMBRECK TERRACE – Letter recvd. from Cllr.
Jones enclosing letter from David Dymock
AWARDS FOR ALL – Application Form recvd.

ANY OTHER

BUSINESS: LORD LIEUTENANT'S LETTER

It was agreed that the Sec. write asking if this letter could be
forwarded to the Hall Committee.

BRITISH WATERWAYS

The invitation to the opening of the Falkirk Wheel by Her
Majesty the Queen, on Friday 24 May 2002, was extended
to two members of our Committee each of whom would be
allowed to take another adult and members of their respective
families under the age of 18. After discussion it was agreed
that Danny McGuigan and Elizabeth McGreachan attend.

DUMBRECK MARSH

Discussion took place re the Awards For All Application which
is in connection with funding for this project. It was agreed
that Kilsyth Community Council members, together with the
members of the Dumbreck Marsh Project Committee be

invited to attend our next meeting on 4 April 2002, in order that the two Community Councils discuss this project together. Sec. to write to Chairperson Margo MacMillan.

HEDGE, MEADOWSIDE ROAD

The subject of the badly overgrown hedge protruding onto the footpath, was again raised. Left with Cllr. Jones.

GULLIES AND FOOTPATHS

The state of the gullies and footpaths in the village was raised. The gullies were choked up and were not taking water which was therefore flowing down the village and flooding areas. The new street lighting in the village was being installed, and trenches were being dug out to sink the cables. As a result, the heavy rain was washing muck down which was in turn choking the gullies. It was agreed that on completion of work, Sec. contact the Roads Dept. to ask that the gullies be cleaned, and the Cleansing Dept. to ask that the roads and footpaths be cleaned.

The Committee were not happy about the state the gullies were in before the Street Lighting work commenced, and a walkabout meeting, with representatives from the Roads Dept. was arranged for Wednesday 13 March 2002 at 9.30 a.m.

FLOODING IN REAR GARDENS, HILLCREST ROAD

The occupiers of the houses at Numbers, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 21 Hillcrest Road complained of deep flooding in their rear gardens. As NLC had been carrying out a clean-up of 'no man's land' at the rear of those houses, on top of a burn which had been piped, it was agreed that NLC Gardens and Road Depts. be contacted to investigate this.

BENCH, CROSSROADS, (TOP OF DYKHEAD ROAD)

Members of the public had asked that the worn-out bench at this site be replaced. This is a popular walking area and the bench is appreciated by walkers having a rest while admiring the view from this area. Left with Cllr. Jones.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting by thanking those present for attending.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2002 AT 7.30 P.M.

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 CLLR. JEAN JONES
 P.C. COLIN WISEMAN
 SPEC. P.C. JOHN COMRIE

APOLOGIES: LIZ DICKINSON

ATTENDING: MARGOT MacMILLAN
 GORDON LETHAM
 SARAH WATTS

Before starting the meeting, the Chairman introduced Mrs. Margot MacMillan, Chairwoman of Kilsyth Community Council, Gordon Letham, member of Kilsyth Community Council, and Sarah Watts from North Lanarkshire Council. Our Committee had asked for this meeting so that we could discuss the Dumbreck Marsh Project together.

DUMBRECK MARSH A full discussion took place regarding the upgrading of the Marsh. Questions were raised as to the pathways, funding, access for farmers etc. This project will take around 2/3 years, and it is hoped that funding will be found over this period to complete the project.

The markers and sculptures will be discussed fully as that stage is reached. It was also suggested that recycled materials be looked at in an effort to save money. It was also suggested that as this was a mining village, and the Marsh is on the site of the old pit, perhaps Dumbreck Pit could be remembered in the form of some of the sculptures.

It was agreed that this joint discussion was of benefit to all of us, and should be repeated over the years as the Project takes form.

The Chairman thanked the members of Kilsyth Community Council, and Sarah Watts for attending.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read. Proposed by Elizabeth McGreachan, seconded by Marlene Provan.

POLICE REPORT: The Police reported that damage had been done to the School during week ending 28 March 2002. Three windows had been broken.

Also between 22/23 March three persons had been reported for being drunk – two of those persons were from Kilsyth.

The Police are also aware that drugs are being used in the village.

The Chairman informed the Police that the village Gala Day takes place on Saturday 1 June 2002, and that Police help had been requested.

A car has been lying abandoned at the rear of the pensioners' houses on Kilsyth Road – this has already been reported, and the Police were asked to check on this again.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported that the bank statement had been received and that the balance stood at £743.12.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary reported as under:
STRATHCLYDE PASSENGER TRANSPORT – Letter, Poster and Leaflets re the Ring-n-Ride service recvd.
SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE – Booklet re Natural Heritage Futures recvd.
NORTH LANARKSHIRE NEWS – Copy recvd.
SEPA VIEW – Spring Issue recvd.
NLC – Copy of Newslink recvd.
NLC OFFICIAL OPENING OF KILSYTH FIRST STOP SHOP – Invitation recvd.
NLC - NORTH AREA COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION ON ADMINISTRATION SERVICES – Invitation to meeting on 21 March recvd.
NLC – NORTH AREA COMMITTEE – PRESENTATION ON ADMINISTRATION SERVICES – Further letter recvd. enclosing Synopsis.
SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE – GETTING INVOLVED IN PLANNING Letter recvd.
KILSYTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL – Letter recvd. re invitation to our meeting.
SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE – RENEWING LOCAL DEMOCRACY – Letter recvd. enclosing document.
SAVE GREATER GLASGOW'S HOSPITAL GROUP – Letter recvd. re committee meeting on 11 April 2002.

BRITISH WATERWAYS – THE FALKIRK WHEEL OPENING –
Letter sent accepting invitation to the opening on 24 May 2002 –
agreed Danny McGuigan and Elizabeth McGrechan attend.

ANY OTHER RING-N-RIDE BUS SERVICE

BUSINESS: A complaint had been recvd. from the Senior Citizens' Association that a request to take some of them to a Tea Dance in Moodiesburn had been refused. Cllr. Jones to look into this.

FENCING

It was brought up that on Dykehead Road, opposite Joe Moses Road, the burn was no longer fenced off. As this is a steep slope dropping down to a burn which, in spate, is deep and fast moving, it was felt that this was very dangerous. Cllr. Jones was asked to look into the matter of fencing this off with a stout fence.

DRAINS

Cllr. Jones and the Secretary met with representatives of NLC to walk round the village regarding our complaint that the drains were not capable of taking the recent heavy rain, resulting in flooding in the lower parts of the village. Water is naturally coming down from above the village so the walk started off Dykehead Road and down the right of way above the play area. Various areas were silted up at burns, drains, etc. Some of the places detailed have to be checked as to whether it is the Council's responsibility or the land-owners.

CLEANSING

Cllr. Jones and the Secretary met with representatives of NLC, again to walk round the village. Various areas have been noted as not being dealt with on a regular basis and we have been assured that they will be in future. It was also agreed that the new cleansing machine will operate in the village periodically.

ROADS

While on the walkabout re Cleansing, members of the Roads Department were in the village. The Secretary brought up the state of the road and footpath outside the village hall, and the matter of pools of water gathering at the foot of the ramp. NLC are looking into the matter of which department is to deal with this and will get back to us.

PLAQUE

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Plaque to Commemorate the Opening of the Bridge on Joe Moses Road is now in place. The whin boulder to which the plaque is fixed was donated, delivered, and sited by John Clelland of the Quarry in Kilsyth. The plaque was fixed to the stone by Graham Grant, Stonemason, free of charge.

SPEED LIMIT, KILSYTH ROAD

As no word had been received re the Public Inquiry into reducing the speed limit on the main road, Cllr. Jones contacted the Scottish Executive. This is still ongoing and we will be advised in due course.

GALA DAY

The Community Centre Committee have asked for volunteers on the day of the Gala.

AWARDS FOR ALL

Secretary advised the Committee that she was waiting for the Bank Statement before sending our application in.

'THE BING', MEADOWSIDE ROAD

It was brought up that the area on the south side of Meadowside Road, approximately opposite houses 7 – 21 Meadowside Road, commonly known as 'the bing', dropping down from the south footpath to the school path is in a very serious condition. This 'bing' supports the footpath on the south side of the road, and has now eroded to a great extent. The abnormal heavy rain over the recent months has contributed to this erosion, as well as trees having been blown down in gales and not replaced. There used to be a broad band of grass next to the footpath (the 'top' of the bing) and this at places is now only a couple of feet wide, showing that the soil on the 'bing' has been washed away. It is felt that this should be treated as a matter of priority before the footpath crumbles too. Cllr. Jones was asked to look into having this checked by Council officials as soon as possible as it is felt major work will require to be done urgently.

As there was no further business the Chairman closed the meeting by thanking all those present for attending.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 2 MAY 2002 AT 8.00 P.M.