

**Gartcosh Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on March 4, 2002**

Present: Jim Waddell, Bryan Johnston, David Black, James Diamond, Senga McAloney, Cathy Russell, Billy Dewar

In Attendance: Brenda McRae, Rita Laing, Helen Glenichy, J O'Hara, Kate Macaloney, Alexis & Neil Campbell, Rosane Mathews, Jean Downie, Ann Radcliffe, Charles Beverige, J McPhee, Ian Lauder, Robert & Anne Denning, John Wilson, John & Ina Murphy & Sgt Paul Harvey

Apologies: Pauline Campbell

Chairman's Opening: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, including our guest, Sgt Paul Harvey. It was agreed that he should make his Presentation in advance of other business.

Police Report – Sgt Harvey reported that since the last meeting there had been 5 reported crimes of which 3 had been detected. The theft of a motor vehicle from Kirkhill Road, which had not been detected. Theft by housebreaking at the Community Hall, which is also still outstanding. Three road traffic offences were reported and detected. At the last meeting damage to a fence in Whitehill Terrace close to the M73 was reported. The Police Traffic Management Unit has reported the matter to Amey Highways. The burnt out car in the golf course ground has been reported to the appropriate body. A number of residents from the houses backing onto Woodneuk Avenue (being the access road to the M73) raised a number of issues – parking on the roadway by commercial vehicles, parked vehicles with engines running, often during the night and speeding. Sgt Harvey noted these issues and agreed that the Police Patrol would be made aware. So far as the noise was concerned, it was suggested that a letter to the lorry operator, from the name on the side, would probably be the quickest and most effective solution.

Adoption of Previous Minutes: Proposed by Jim Diamond and Seconded by David Black.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Roads: It was noted that the new 30mph signs had not yet been erected contrary to previous promises. The contractors, Amey, appear to have reallocated their men in view of the other roadwork's being carried out with regard to the gas pipe renewal. The Twenty's Plenty Signs are however now being erected within the village. The revised chevron board at the Motorway Roundabout has still to be installed.

Jubilee Celebration: NLC had been advised that we would not be progressing the idea.

Planning: an objection to the proposed Roadside Facilities had been sent to NLC and acknowledged by them. Since a number of residents from around the site of the proposed development were in attendance it was agreed that the matter would be further discussed towards the end of the meeting. *NLC First Stop Shop* - a request for some form of such a facility had been made to Cllr Shaw but as yet there was no response.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the Treasurer there was no report.

Other Business:

Planning – it was noted that the Planning Lists for the period had been received and none referred to the village. However, it was noted from NLC papers received that Outline permission had been granted for the Industrial Park, a strip of land in Lochend Road (opposite the school and to the south) was to be acquired by NLC and that an application which included infill of inert material at North Medrox Farm had been refused. Jim Diamond and Bryan Johnston also gave a brief summary of the Mount Ellen Public Inquiry, which they had attended.

Assn of Scottish Community Councils – Newsletter received

Cumbernauld Rotary Sponsored Walk May 2002 – details were presented and interested parties should contact the Secretary

A80 Consultation Forum – details of the next meeting were passed to David Black.

Save Greater Glasgow's Hospitals Campaign – details were passed to Jim Waddell.

Review of Late Licensing Hours – papers were passed to David Black.

Recent Electricity Failure: Senga McAloney noted that the electricity supply to the village had failed, yet again, on February 22 between 17.30 and 20.00 hours. It was suggested that the Community Council should write a letter of complaint to Scottish Power.

Proposed Roadside Facilities Development – Many of those present and who resided close to the proposed development claimed to have little knowledge of the proposal. Some considered that they should have been notifiable neighbours when they had not been notified. Those who did have knowledge of the proposal had spoken to others and the general feeling, in the immediate area, was that such a development would not be welcomed despite the prospect of a number of jobs and the impact on the Social Club if the land sale was

frustrated. Advice was sought on how to make these feelings known. The Chairman suggested that they should make their feelings known to Cllr Shaw at his next surgery. Other than that it was suggested that they should prepare a summary statement on the development and present it, together with a prepared letter of objection with a SAE, to villagers for their individual consideration and submission to NLC. It was asked if the Community Council might consider assisting with the cost of such an exercise. It was Proposed by Brenda McRae and Seconded by David Black that the Community Council should fund the stationery & postage costs of a letter of objection.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2002

Gartcosh Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on April 10, 2002

Present: Bryan Johnston, David Black, James Diamond, Senga Macaloney, Cathy Russell, Billy Dewar, Pauline Campbell

In Attendance: Jim McPhee, Sgt Paul Harvey

Apologies: Jim Waddell

Chairman's Opening: The Secretary welcomed everyone to the meeting, including our guest, Sgt Paul Harvey and announced that Jim Waddell would not be attending the meeting due to the sudden death of his father. It was agreed that Sgt Harvey should make his Presentation in advance of other business.

Police Report – Sgt Harvey reported that since the last meeting there had been 12 reported crimes of which 9 had been detected, as detailed in his report submitted. On behalf of the Community Council, the Secretary thanked Sgt Harvey for requesting the Traffic Management Unit to quickly re-arrange the layout of the cones around the ongoing road works on the A752 Lochend Road. In an attempt to beat the traffic lights many drivers had been diverting, at considerable speed, thro the village. Some others had been noticed jumping the red light. Sgt Harvey promised that these matters would be kept under observation.

Adoption of Previous Minutes: Proposed by David Black and Seconded by Billy Dewar.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

NLC First Stop Shop – Bryan Johnston had attended the opening of the unit in Moodiesburn and was advised that our request for some similar part-time facility was being given consideration.

Railway Station – Elaine Smith had written to advise that her letter to Wendy Alexander had now been passed to Lewis McDonald, as the newly appointed Minister responsible. It was also noted that a village having a Motorway dividing it in two would be highly unusual. The Secretary advised that it was his understanding that a meeting had recently taken place between Cllr Shaw and Director of Planning with Mr Boyle a Director of Scotrail. The Secretary was instructed to request a copy of the minutes of the meeting. Yet again frustration was expressed at the apparent lack of progress on this matter.

Review of Late Licensing Hours- David Black requested that this matter be carried forward.

Youth Conference – it was noted that the date for this had been set at short notice for April 4, during the school holidays. It was understood that local organisations that had previously expressed an interest had been unable to attend because of the timing. Generally there was a feeling of unhappiness on how the event had been organised and the Secretary was instructed to write to NLC.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported the current bank balance as £1146. It was agreed to support the Church Annual Fayre by taking a table at a cost of £25 and that the local BB's should be

paid £25 for each of the two recent letter drops on behalf of the Community Council.

Other Business:

Planning – it was noted that the Planning Lists for the period had been received and that one referred to the village – an extension to a house in Jardine Terrace.

Save Greater Glasgow's Hospitals Campaign – details of a meeting on April 11 were presented.

Reviewing Local Democracy: The Next Steps – letter of March 27 was presented.

Getting Involved in Planning: letter of March 15 was presented.

Review of Late Licensing Hours – papers were passed to David Black.

Recent Electricity Failure: Senga Macaloney had written to Scottish Power and received a non-committal and unsatisfactory response.

School Project: The Secretary advised that the Lottery Grants Body had now confirmed our recent application for a grant in the sum of £5000. This was awarded for the installation of bench seating, garden area, play tower and safe surface. In addition, the School PTA had also been successful for a grant application in the sum of £2000 from the Social Inclusion Partnership funding for the same project. The balance of the funding, £1000, would be raised by the children thro various initiatives. It was anticipated that we should be able to “present a cheque” towards the end of the month.

Proposed Roadside Facilities Development – Jim McPhee, on behalf of the local residents action group, thanked the Community Council for the provision of letters of objection, envelopes and postage stamps, all of which he had now received. These would shortly be circulated around the village by a number of teams of volunteers. Each house would then be revisited within a few days to ensure that the matter had been given consideration. A copy of the just issued Kirkintilloch Herald was presented showing the proposed development as headline news and as being supported by our local Councillor, Joe Shaw. The majority of Members felt that the article did not accurately describe the nature of the development or the level of feeling against it, notwithstanding that very few letters of objection had yet been submitted. The newspaper had apparently not taken notice of the previous Minutes, which had been submitted to them, nor had they asked the Community Council to comment. Accordingly, the Secretary was instructed by a majority of Members to write to the newspaper.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2002

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Gartcosh Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held on May 8, 2002

Present: Jim Waddell, Bryan Johnston, David Black, James Diamond, Senga Macaloney, Pauline Campbell

In Attendance: Sandy Fraser, Ian Wilson, Alistair Cairns, PC Kenny Goldie

Apologies: Cathy Russell, Billy Dewar,

Chairman's Opening: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, including our guest, PC Kenny Goldie who was attending in place of Sgt Paul Harvey. It was agreed that PC Goldie should make his Presentation in advance of other business.

Police Report – Since the last meeting there have been 10 reported crimes per the attached report. Of these 6 have been detected. It was seen as promising that, with the exception of two incidents, no local residents had been victimised. With the introduction of body armour changes in Police Uniform were imminent. Any public comments on these changes would be appreciated. Cycle Patrols are likely to be extended in our area. It was requested that the Police contact the school to discuss the security of the new garden area and also that they should include the new railway station access road in their regular patrol.

Adoption of Previous Minutes: Proposed by David Black and Seconded by Jim Diamond.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:
Railway Station - there was no further news available. The matter of the village being split by the Motorway and Lewis McDonald's (the Scottish Executive Minister) response was raised again. It was agreed that Jim Diamond should write to Elaine Smith for a further explanation.
School Project – funding had been received from the Lottery Commission and passed over to the school at a ceremony on May 3.
Roadside Facilities – it was noted that the matter was still attracting much local publicity. Following on from the local residents letter of objection, funded by the Community Council, the Social Club had also circularised some of the village in response. During discussion it became apparent that there was some uncertainty on some aspects of the proposal – was the designated lorry parking short term or overnight and was the 4M high fence to be secured and around the whole perimeter or adjacent to the motorway only? Whereas arguments in favour of the proposal were presented the general feeling of the majority remained against it.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that cheques had been issued for payments approved at the last meeting. Additionally, the grant monies from the Lottery Commission had been received

and passed over to the school. The books and records for the period to March 31, 2002 were still with the NLC appointed Auditor.

Other Business:

Planning – it was noted that the Planning Lists for the period had been received but none referred to the village. It was suggested that in view of the considerable changes to the character of the village being brought about with the recent, and impending, developments, that we might seek advise as to whether or not some of the older buildings might merit Historic Listing.
Annual General Meeting – the Secretary presented a reminder from NLC that we, and all other Community Councils, should have our AGM by June 30. At the AGM we should present our Annual Report and Accounts (to March 31, 2002). It was agreed that this was an extremely tight if not impossible timetable, especially since the preparation of the accounts was outwith the direct control of the Community Council – they were being prepared and audited by a person nominated by NLC. Additionally, since no meeting was scheduled for the month of June the soonest set date at which we could have the AGM would be July 1. This position had been made known to NLC by e-mail on April 29 but to date there had been no response. Accordingly, it was agreed that we should call our AGM to be held on July 1. The Secretary was instructed to prepare a suitable notification.

Dealer License Application – it was noted that Helen Sutherland had submitted an application to NLC.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday July 1, 2002