

CASTLECARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM No. 3(a)(c)

MINUTES FOR THE 27TH OF OCTOBER 2004

ATTENDED BY, A MacBeath, M MacBeath, G Hendry, G Greir, T McKay, J Ferguson & Joyce Ferguson.

1. AGENDA FOR NLC COMMUNITY COUNCILS, this agenda which was sent to our group was followed and accepted by all our group. Graham Grier remains as Chair, Joyce Ferguson takes over as Vice Chair (thank you to Gordon Hendry for performing this task in the past) George Ferguson remains as Treasurer & Albert MacBeath remains as Secretary.

A vote of thanks was extended to our new Community Councillors for all there hard work in the past. This work has resulted in positive benefits for our small Village and for all the community of Castlecary. Past projects have included the designing and building of Castlecary Memorial Gardens (£25.000 raised) Castlecary Children's Swing Park (£5.500 raised) Castlecary Christmas Tree project (£1.000 raised) Ongoing projects include our Picnic / wildlife area project.

A Special thank you was given to our loyal and handsome Councillor Gordon Murray for his support to our Community Council, Residents Association and the community of Castlecary. Without Gordons help, determination, drive and support, our group would not have been so successful in our endeavours to make our Village a better and stronger community for all our residents.

Our Community Council have also campaigned for or against the following,

CASTLECARY ROAD CALMING MEASURERS, over the years our Community Council have campaigned for road calming measurers on this busy road. Several meetings were held with Mr Watson & officials from NLC, and some road calming measurers are now in place. It is hoped that further measures will be put in place in the future to help make our Village safer.

CASTLECARY SCHOOL BUS, our Community Council campaigned to have this free bus service reinstated when it was withdrawn from service.

CASTLECARY COMMUNITY HALL, our Community Council have spent in the area of £1000, on design, architect and planning fees on this project to date (planning permission has been granted). Our community will need the support and help from both NLC and the Scottish Executive if this project is to go any further.

A80 UPGRADE, our Community Council have opposed the upgrade of the A80, and we have actively campaigned against these plans. Our campaign has the 100% backing from all Castlecary's residents who have given us there full support in past demonstrations here in Castlecary. Our main concerns relate to the close proximity of the M80 to all the homes in our Village. Noise pollution & air quality were among the main concerns of our group. The extra traffic on Castlecary Road is also a big concern as well as all non motorway traffic use of Castlecary Road. In the event of accidents on the new section of the M80, we know that traffic will divert onto Castlecary Road, which we have seen examples of in the past. Our community are still actively campaigning against these plans for an upgrade and we shall object to any Draft Orders when they are published.

Our group are also in talks and consultation with both the Scottish Executive & Babtie to try and limit the bad effects on our Village if indeed this upgrade goes ahead.

2. MEMORIAL GARDEN, a tidy up for the garden will be held next Spring. We shall provide refreshments for our volunteers.
3. POPPY WREATH, our wreath was delivered from the Lady Haig Poppy Factory, and Tommy will lay this wreath on Remembrance Sunday. Next year our group will make a bigger money donation to the Haig Fund.
4. PICNIC / WILDLIFE AREA PROJECT, Joyce & George have purchased 4 picnic benches from our funds for this area. Further work will take place next Spring. Albert will provide info on Garden gazebos / pagodas.
5. DUNBLANE HYDRO, this even will take place this Sunday and will be at no cost to the Community Council funds. Thank you to Joyce & George for arranging this night.
6. TREASURERS REPORT, George gave his report which was accepted by all.

TONIGHTS AGENDA FOR THE 24TH OF NOVEMBER 2004

Tonight's meeting will be classed as a Special Meeting and our usual Community Council meeting agenda will take place next month.

Tonight's meeting is at the request of Mr Gillies (Babtie) who accepted our last invitation to come along to Castlecary to discuss the possible upgrade of the A80, and how this will effect the Village and residents of our community.

Mr Gillies will be accompanied by Mr Ringrose who is the new M80 Projects Manager. Perhaps Mr Watson from NLC will also be coming along. Councillor Gordon Murray has also been invited along to tonight's meeting.

Thank You For Attending Our Meeting
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