

**Minutes of the meeting of Croy Community Council held in Croy Clinic on
Wednesday the 27th of October at 7pm.**

Present: John McColl, James Hunt, Marion McColl, Patrick Hunt, Hugh McDade,
Lara Hutt.

Apologies: Mark Kerr, Hugh Armstrong, Margaret Armstrong, May McBride,
Josephine McGuire.

The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the new treasurer Lara Hutt and
promised her full support from the rest of the committee in her new post.

Minutes of last meeting.

Proposed: Marion McColl.

Seconded: Patrick Hunt.

Matters Arising: None

Reports: Croy Village Park up-date a full report in the villager, November issue
The officer bearers completed a new bank mandate for the account to include the new
treasurer.

Kilsyth & Villages Forum sub group have distributed a vision document regarding
the Kelvin Valley Country Park throughout the northern corridor. Copies have been
sent out to all Councillors, MSPs, and interest groups within the area and beyond.

Police report to be forwarded.

Financial report: Balance £772,24p no payments made, outstanding account two
editions of newsletter. Phone bill arrangements for officer bearers to be continued

Proposed: Hugh McDade.

Seconded: Patrick Hunt.

Correspondence: Letter from Graeme Lee planning, regarding application from
Aggregates Industries, Kings Quarry, Constarry Road Croy and amendments to the
same **Ref No:** N/02/01449/MIN the community council negotiation sub group
consisting of John McColl, James Hunt, Patrick Hunt assisted by councillor Griffin
have had meetings with Aggregate Industries and discussed their concerns in the past
and have no reason to object to these amendments, a report will be included in the
villager November issue, and we ask the community council to continue with this
process.

Proposed: Hugh McDade.

Seconded: Lara Hutt.

Correspondence continued.

NHS Lanarkshire: New out-of-hours Service a full summary will be included in the Villager, November issue

NLC: North Lanarkshire open space strategy.

NLNCVs: Funding Seminar, John Wilson Town Hall, Airdrie.

NLNCVs: North Lanarkshire voluntary sector health network Seminar "A Picture of Health" Bellshill Culture Centre.

NLC: Planning Applications.

PPS: Planning Workshops St Joseph's School Stepps

NLC: Council Tenant Conference 2004: Taking Positive Steps a Community Councillor will attend.

AOB: Secretary to write to Aggregates Industries and NLC departments regarding the Croy Village Park project concerning the up-grade of the football field and the process ahead.

Date of next Meeting: to be arranged

**Minutes of the Meeting of Croy Community Council held in Croy Clinic on
Monday 22nd November 2004 at 7pm.**

Present: James hunt, John McColl, Mark Kerr, Hugh Armstrong, Patrick Hunt, May McBride.

Apologies: Lara Hutt, Margaret Armstrong, Josephine McGuire, Hugh McDade, Marion McColl.

In Attendance: P.C Cormack

Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm.

Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed: Patrick, Seconded: James Hunt.

Matters Arising: Hugh Armstrong requested a copy of the Kilsyth & Villages Forum's Kelvin Valley Mission Statement and that "as before" be added to the end of the financial report, this was agreed.

Correspondence:

Letter from Glyn Jones of Aggregates Industries confirming the final stages of the legal agreement negotiations, including the signing are nearly completed regarding the Croy Village Park Project. The Community Council are keen to get this project started

NLC: planning Applications (Noted)

Scottish Water: Launch of Scottish water's winter warmer campaign, details delivered to community centre.

Bus tour recommendations and Conclusions.

Proposal: The footpath at the bottom of Taggart road Barbegs, the community council has had several requests for this to be upgraded as the hill is a severe obstacle to some older residents

Conclusion: the cost of the construction of this significant length of this remote footpath could not be justified because of the small number of people it would serve and the fact that there is a convenient alternative route. Further more, experience has shown that such routes are likely to generate anti-social behaviour.

Comments: The convenient alternative route is the hill and the path is far from being remote considering it starts at the end of the Taggart road and ends near the spar shop on Constarry road.

Proposal: Smithstone Crescent play area has been cleaned up and the trees cut back, NLC has done an excellent job in cleaning up this area to maximise the vacant ground the Community Council would like to see vehicle access to be provided to elevate parking in the crescent and to allow easy access the area to be maintained by NLC.

Conclusion: Planning and environment has no budget for constructing off street parking, and monies have to be taken from the road maintenance budget to provide such arrangements, as a consequence off street parking are only provided where the incidence of on street parking is likely to impact on traffic safety and therefore no other action is proposed, however if the forum wishes to continue with this proposal it could be included in the list of small communities projects being prepared for consideration by the area committee.

Comments: Secretary to find out the procedure regarding small communities projects.

Proposal: Level crossing, the community council has been campaigning for this for some time.

Conclusion: The practicality of providing a Zebra crossing adjacent to the shop has been closely examined and there are difficulties because of the adjacent school patrol. Discussions have taken place into re-siting the school crossing to the proposed Zebra but this has been discounted because it does not adequately serve the needs of the school children in the area. Under the circumstances the department cannot proceed with the proposals for a Zebra crossing at this location.

Comments: The general feeling from the council, if discussions with other parties have taken place regarding the practicality of a crossing and they are in agreement about the service being provided for the whole village, the community council must abide but not necessary agree with their findings.

One Stop Shop: this new facility was built for the use of the Kilsyth & Villages indeed the whole of the northern corridor area to accommodate the various community groups who wish to use the facility: this is a major asset for the village of Croy.

Comments: This was unanimously agreed.

Proposal: Litter at shop bus stop. This area is a magnet for litter we would like to see prominent litter bins in place to try and encourage people to use them.

Conclusion: Community Serves are reviewing the type of litter bins used at this location.

Comments: Everyone agreed a different approach is needed to tackle the ongoing problem with litter in general.

The Community Council agreed that the bus tour concept was a good vehicle for communities to identify issues and to highlight the good news and practises where it is recognised, along with community concerns and gives a direct link to council officers for them to see what's happening on the ground.

Reports

Police: A second Community police officer is now in place and a new initiative will be rolled out, Safer Streets Projects will be put in place throughout Lanarkshire and Scotland concerning issues such as vandalism, drinking in public, and knife crime a high profile police presents will also be put in place.

Picture of Health Consultation

As publicised in November issue of the community Council Newsletter a Public Meeting will be held in Kilsyth old Library in the Burngreen on the 6th December 2004 at 7pm. This is an opportunity for the general public to give their views on the proposals laid in the consultation document produced by Lanarkshire Health Board as the way forward. The meeting will be facilitated by Martin Oliver the health promotion worker from North Lanarkshire North Council for Voluntary services, members of the Lanarkshire health board will be in attendance to give an overview of the future shape of the health Service.

Financial: There were two items of expense, publication of villager £70 (two editions), wreath from Community Council for Remembrance Day service £20.

Balance: £682.24

AOB. None.

Date of next meeting: To be arranged