

Minutes of Condorrat Community Council Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February 2004 held in McAuley Hall

Sedarunt: Cclr B Chadha, Bobby Johnstone, Ian Pollock, Dan Mooney, Alan Sneddon, Mrs Helen Cairns, Sam Mitchell, PC K Foy, Sam Mitchell, Mrs Helen Mitchell, John Carroll

Apologies: Mrs Jean Johnstone, Mrs Barbra Bell, Mrs Ann Sneddon, Mac Traquair

Minutes of the previous meeting the minutes were proposed by Sam Mitchell and seconded by Bobby Johnstone.

Matters Arising – there were none

Police Report – PC Foy gave the statistics for the past 2 months, there had been 36 crimes 18 of which had been solved. North Lanarkshire Council is looking at Traffic Calming measures on Main Road. It was noted that the car parking at the Bookies is still as bad as ever as is the parking at St Maurice's. PC Kay Forsyth is the contact person for assistance for elderly at home, contact no 01236 503900.

#### Council Report

Cclr Chadha reported that the Janitors House is to be put into housing stock, detached house as a Council house, spending £7500 on refurbishment.

Cclr Chadha is working on getting a crossing installed in the centre of the village near the new Post Office in Wales' shop.

Roundabouts on Main Road are under consideration.

Council funding for a Skateboard Park are under consideration by the Council.

Cclr Chadha's championing of the A80 problems was congratulated.

#### Gala Day

A general discussion took place on this matter including lack of support from public and schools, suggestions on cutting costs and the possibility of no Gala Day for this year but trying again next year. No decision was made on this matter and so will be carried on to the next meeting.

#### JAG

A report was made on this matter.

#### AOCB

The Community Council has been asked to send in comments on the new Local Plan, Bobby Johnstone and Ian Pollock are to deal with this.

The Community Council is to invite Martin McMahon to a meeting to discuss finance for sports facilities in Cumbernauld. John Carroll commented about money being spent on the Tryst which is coming from Lottery money and that the Rugby club has a lot of development potential but is getting no support.

Planning applications had been received for housing developments on Main Road which would mean 7 new houses with access in close proximity to the Filling Station and mini roundabout. It was felt that this should be left to North Lanarkshire Council Planning who had been on site recently.

John Carroll spoke about the end of the Condorrat Homing Pigeon Society which has now disbanded. We must ensure that they are kept within Condorrat as Croy are demanding them. The Community Council is to write to the Library and the Social Club about displaying them there.

Date, time and place of next meeting - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30 in McAuley Centre, Rannoch Drive.

Minutes of Condorrat Community Council Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> March 2004 held in McAuley Hall

Sedarunt: Bobby Johnstone, Ian Pollock, Alan Sneddon, PC D Foster, Mrs Helen Mitchell, Mrs Ann Sneddon, Peter Cairns

Apologies: Mrs Jean Johnstone, Mrs Barbra Bell, Sam Mitchell, Mrs Helen Cairns, Cclr B Chadha, Dan Mooney

Minutes of the previous meeting the minutes were proposed by Bobby Johnstone and seconded by Ian Pollock.

Matters Arising – it was noted that a change had to be made to the minutes in that it had been decided that North Lanarkshire Council Planners were to deal with the objections to the housing on Main Road not the Community Council.

Police Report –

Traffic Calming – a report has been made to Cclr Chadha. Two problem speeding vehicles were reported regularly using Main Road and at high speed, more information is required as to the times of day in question so that action can be taken.

It was reported that PC Foy was being taken away from Community duties. D Dillon (ex-Traffic) is taking over from Superintendent McKenzie. It was suggested that he be invited to a future Community Council meeting.

There had been 35 offences, 28 of which had been detected.

It was suggested that a letter be written to North Lanarkshire Council regarding alcohol being sold to under 18 year olds by incoming licencees at functions.

Gala Day

A discussion took place and it was decided that the Community Council would not run the Gala Day this year as there were not enough people to be able to organise and/or run the event. It was decided to contact the Rugby Club to ask them if they were willing to run the event this year.

JAG

A committee had been set up of Condorrat and Westfield Community Councils as this was the best way to work regarding the public enquiry. Some research had been done from CDC papers held in archive but it was noted that all of one group of papers were held there but that the necessary years were missing, North Lanarkshire Council is to be contacted regarding this.

AOCB

The speaker from North Lanarkshire Council who had been invited to speak on finance for sporting facilities in Cumbernauld had not responded, an invitation is to go out for the next meeting.

Date, time and place of next meeting - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, at 7.30 in McAuley Centre, Rannoch Drive.

Minutes of meeting Condorrat Community Council, 1st April 2004 in McAuley Centre

Present: Barbra Bell, Alan Sneddon, Ian Pollock, Bobby Johnston, Dan Mooney, Mac Traquair, Sam Mitchell, Dave Foster, Cclr Gerry McElroy, Cclr Bob Chadha, Ken Walker

Apologies Ann Sneddon, Jean Johnston, Helen Mitchell.

#### Police Report

Dave Foster reported that there had been 28 offences with 21 detections of these there had only been 1 report of vandalism. He advised that if there were more reports of vandalism then the Anti social task force could become involved and if they did become involved then the people reporting the crimes would not need to be called to give evidence as the task force would gather evidence.

Councillor Chadha passed round copies of a motion he proposed would be used at the public meeting. Councillor McElroy advised that there was a bill on its way through the Scottish executive that would cover a lot of what was mentioned in this motion.

Ian Pollock advised that a crime prevention forum had been set up within North Lanarkshire and that all the other areas on this forum were suffering similar problems. Dan Mooney commented that it may be caused by the fact that children have nothing to do. Bobby Johnston commented that too many decisions were based on the cheapness of the solutions. Councillor Chadha advised that Westfield had an alternative place for the youth shelter and St Maurice's was considered to be problematic for clash of gangs between Condorrat and Westfield.

#### Sporting Facilities

Ken Walker Facilities manager for Cumbernauld area within North Lanarkshire council had been invited to the meeting. He advised of a number of ongoing and new projects that affect the Cumbernauld area.

The grass sports pitch at Lomond was having the drainage improved. In the Tryst there had been 2 new squash courts and they were trying to develop a club to teach children racket ball games. There was also now a junior Gym for 7-15 yr olds which was being used by the local schools. The free swimming during school holidays would also be continuing.

The Tryst had also received lottery funding to upgrade the swimming pool which would include disabled access, improved filtration. Ravenswood synthetic pitch would also be having the pitch replaced and mini kickers was trying to be set up there to teach football skills.

Cclr Chadha asked if there was help available to set up sports groups. Ken Walker advised that his colleague Tom Mooney was the best person to speak to about that. Councillor McElroy advised that a sports academy was being set up at St Maurice's. Ian Pollock also advised that a lot of after school clubs do sports. Mac Traquair asked about the possibility of the blaize pitches beside the Pollock hall being converted to tarmac and therefore being able to be used in all weathers.

#### Minutes of previous meeting

These were proposed by Bobby Johnston and seconded by Ian Pollock.

#### Matters arising

Cclr Chadha advised that the planning department were trying to seek more funding for further traffic calming in Condorrat. He also advised that as part of the Auchenkilns improvements North Bridge would need to be removed and there would be a gap in time before a new bridge was provided. There should be a temporary bridge being put in place. Bobby Johnston commented that if there were any changes to the original plans then we should have been made aware of these.

#### Council report

Councillor McElroy reported that there were planned improvements to the recycling scheme and a bid was being made for Scottish executive money for this. He also advised that the amenity tips were being upgraded. Councillor Chadha commented on the fact that minutes had not been sent to the area committee.

Date of next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 in McAuley Hall

Notes of meeting Condorrat Community Council, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2004 in McAuley Centre

Present: Ann Sneddon, Alan Sneddon, Ian Pollock, Mac Traquair, Kenny Foy, Cclr Bob Chadha, Bob Maxwell of Condorrat Primary School Board, Fiona Main.

Apologies Jean Johnston, Helen Mitchell, Barbra Bell, Bobby Johnston, Sam Mitchell, Cclr Gerry McElroy, Dan Mooney.

Although the meeting was inquorate a discussion took place about the Janitor's house at Condorrat Primary School and the continual parking problems caused by the "school run". It was decided to write to North Lanarkshire Council Housing Department regarding the demolition of the house and replacing it with a circular drop off point as it was felt that this would help the present daily situation at the school.

#### Police Report

Kenny Foy gave the statistics for the last month with 41 crimes, 21 of which had been detected. Mac asked about how graffiti was handled and it was explained that the main aid in this is photography but they need to be caught in action before anything can be done. The availability of CCTV cameras was questioned with the response that finance was the main problem but there was also the question of who runs it and where the central office would be located.

A Presentation by AWG the company involved in the Auchenkilns Junction Improvement was made. They explained what was happening regarding the construction of the Junction in the various stages the road would be completed in. Explanations were made about the road being kept open over the 21 months of the contract and that the contract was a design and build with quite stringent timescale.

#### Minutes of previous meeting

The meeting being inquorate these were not dealt with.

Fiona Main had come to the meeting to ask about the speed of vehicles on Main Road. This is to be brought up at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30 in McAuley Hall

**Condorrat Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2004**

Present Bobby Johnston, Dan Mooney, Mac Traquair, Sam Mitchell, Kenny Loan, Fiona Main, Alan Sneddon, Councillor Bob Chadha, P.C. Dave Foster, P.C. Paul Dixon.

Apologies Jean Johnston, Ann Sneddon, Barbra Bell, Councillor Gerry McElroy.

Minutes Minutes of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004 were approved, subject to the correction that the removal of North Bridge was not part of the Auchenkilns Junction Improvement contract, but would be involved in the M80 first phase contract. Approval was proposed by Mac Traquair and seconded by Bobby Johnston. Minutes of the inquorate meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> May 2004 were noted.

Police Report Since the previous meeting there had been 42 crimes reported, of which 23 had been detected. This figure comprised 9 assaults, 1 serious assault, 7 vandalism, 4 thefts, 1 robbery and 1 breach of an ASBO.

Bobby Johnston asked what police numbers operated in the area but was told that this was dependent on shifts etc. He referred to the letter to the Chief Constable 2 ½ years ago, and stated that we had never had a satisfactory response to this. Alan Sneddon said that he would raise this matter at the Crime Prevention Panel.

Mac Traquair said that he would contact a private firm regarding a survey re CCTV (at no expense to the Community Council)

Other matter raised were the use of quad bikes and scramble bikes on the BMX track, and speeding on Condorrat Main Road. P.C. Foster said that he would raise these matters with the Traffic Police.

Council Report Copies of a letter from the Chief Executive in reply to one from Councillor Chadha were circulated to members. Councillor Chadha reported that he had attended the official opening of Baird Memorial Primary School, which had been rebuilt at a cost of £ 2.8M. He also reported on Sports Comprehensive funding from the Scottish Executive, from which St. Maurice's High School would receive a one third share of £ 3.7M, which would provide facilities which would also be used by the community. Councillor Chadha also reported that investigations into the future of the Janitor's house at Condorrat Primary were still ongoing.

Any Other Business Dan Mooney and Kenny Loan had had a meeting with a representative of NLC regarding the provision of sports facilities in the Pollock Hall and BMX track areas. NLC were preparing a report in this matter. Councillor Chadha was asked to put an item on the agenda for the North Area Committee regarding the possibility of an area of ground adjacent to the BMX track being leased for a multi-sports centre.

Bobby Johnston had had a meeting with Jim Watson of NLC regarding further traffic calming in Condorrat, and had been informed that a bid had been submitted for funding for this from the Scottish Executive in the event of the upgrade of the A80 going ahead. A further meeting with Jim Watson would be arranged by Bobby Johnston to pursue this further, this meeting to also be attended by Fiona Main.

Date and Place of Next Meeting Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2004 at 7.30 in McAuley Hall.

**Condorrat Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd September 2004**

Present Bobby Johnston, Jean Johnston, Dan Mooney, Kenny Loan, Fiona Main, Alison Smith, Alan Sneddon, Sam Mitchell, Helen Mitchell, Helen Cairns, Councillor Bob Chadha, Councillor Gerard McElroy, P.C. Dave Foster, P.C. Ken McCulloch.

Apologies Ann Sneddon, Barbra Bell Ian Pollock, Eamon Monaghan

Minutes Minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2004 were approved. Approval was proposed by Bobby Johnston and seconded by Sam Mitchell.

Police Report P C Foster introduced his new colleague, P C Ken McCulloch. Since the previous meeting there had been 130 Crimes had been reported, 81 of which had been detected. (There had been one housebreaking, which had been detected). The apparently higher figure were in fact due to new reporting procedures. Councillor McElroy commented that things were quieter at present due to two of the 'usual suspects' being out of circulation. P C Foster commented that ASBOs were now beginning to show results. Quad and scramble bikes being used on the BMX track were still an issue. Sam Mitchell proposed that we should write to the Council, urging them to find money for CCTV as a matter of urgency – this was seconded by Bobby Johnston.

Bobby Johnston suggested that the Community Council should sponsor an award for a youngster who had done something meriting recognition, as the vast majority of youngsters are good kids, while the few bad ones get all the publicity. This suggestion was approved unanimously, and a figure of £ 40-£50 was suggested. Bobby Johnston said that he would progress this matter, and asked that letters be sent to all head teachers asking for nominations.

Council Report Councillor McElroy reported on flooding at Barbeth Road and at the Maree bus stop, which were due to an inadequate storm water outfall and a collapsed main drain respectively. He said that the Community Education facilities at the new Baird Memorial School should have been up and running by now, but had been delayed by some minor glitches. He reported on capital works amounting to £500-£600K, re-roofing 89 houses and new kitchen units in 26 houses. Councillor Chadha said that £ 1.6M capital spend at Broadwood Stadium providing community facilities, modernising pitches etc. It was likely that a second phase would include facilities for skateboarding, roller bladeing, a climbing wall etc. He pointed out that items for the Area Committee agenda should come via the Community Forum. He also asked that an item should be included in the agenda for correspondence received. Councillor Chadha also mentioned that the Community Forum was arranging a bus tour for councillors in order that Community Councils and other interested parties could point out matters in their areas which they considered needed attention, and also matters which they considered had been successfully addressed. The Area Committee now had access to funds for small community initiatives.

Any Other Business

Bobby Johnston reported that the display facility at the Social Club for the trophies of the former Condorrat and District Homing Pigeon Society had been organised, and that representatives of the Community Council would be invited to attend the unveiling

Date and Place of Next Meting Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2004 at 7.30 in McAuley Hall.

Minutes of meeting Condorrat Community Council, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2004 in McAuley Centre

Present: Sam Mitchell, Helen Mitchell, Ian Pollock, Robert Johnstone, Jean Johnstone, Dan Mooney, Helen Cairns, Peter Cairns, Mac Traquair, James Muir, John McCarroll, Fiona Main, Shona Cunningham

Apologies Ann Sneddon and Alan Sneddon.

CcIr G McElroy took over as chairperson until the election of office bearers.

Elected were -           Mr R Johnstone, Chairperson  
                                  Mrs A Sneddon, Secretary  
                                  Mr A Sneddon, Treasurer

It was agreed that the Community Council meetings would be held on the first Thursday of every month (excluding holiday period) at 7.30pm in the McAuley Centre, Condorrat.

The following people were co-opted as members of the Community Council: -

Mr P Cairns proposed by R Johnstone, seconded by I Pollock  
Mrs H Cairns proposed by I Pollock, seconded by S Mitchell  
Mr D Mooney proposed by S Mitchell, seconded by R Johnstone  
Mrs S Cunningham proposed by J Johnstone, seconded by D Mooney  
Mr J Muir proposed by M Traquair, seconded by H Mitchell  
Mr J McCarroll proposed by R Johnstone, seconded by J Johnstone

CcIr B Chadha gave a brief report on the traffic calming measures on Main Road in Condorrat, CcIr G McElroy informed the committee on the part closure of Condorrat Ring Road as from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. The report was noted.

It was agreed that the committee would write to the Chief Constable asking him to attend a meeting of our Council at his earliest convenience.

Television Security cameras should be pursued by the Community Council through our Councillors for the village of Condorrat as a matter of urgency.

The meeting closed at 8.45

Minutes of Condorrat Community Council held 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2004 in McAuley Hall

Present Bobby Johnston, Mrs Fiona Main, Ian Pollock, Peter Cairns, Mrs Helen Cairns, Sam Mitchell, Alan Sneddon, Mrs Ann Sneddon, Cclr G McElroy, Cclr B Chadha.

Apologies Mrs Jean Johnston, Mrs Helen Mitchell, Mrs A Smith, Dan Mooney

Superintendent Dillon of Strathclyde was also present.

Superintendent Dillon spoke about the Policing of Condorrat with reference to the youth and alcohol problems. The meeting felt that CCTV cameras would be of use in the centre of the Village, it was explained about the difficulties that this has at present regarding a Central Control Room because of finances.

Regarding licensing of shop premises, it was explained that licences are not given to premises but to people and that if the licence of one person in a shop was revoked it would be fairly easy for another person to re-apply and gain a new licence. It was acknowledged that there were too many licensed premises in Condorrat but all the Community Council could do, would be to object to any applications.

Superintendent Dillon stated that the Community Police did a good job in Condorrat but that in law all they can do is move the youths along into another location which just moves the trouble spots from one area to another.

In many cases nowadays the problem in covering areas adequately is manpower as there are so many departments now within the Police Service, this is also why there cannot be a constant speed check on Main Road, but checks would continue to be carried out at random in the area. According to North Lanarkshire Council any traffic calming measures would be implemented as part of the M80 upgrade, when the traffic patterns would change.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January.