

Notes of meeting Condorrat Community Council, 5th May 2004 in McAuley Centre

Present: Mrs Fiona Main, Sam Mitchell, Ian Pollock, Bobby Johnston, Daniel Mooney, Alan Sneddon, Mrs Ann Sneddon, Thomas Peebles (North Lanarkshire Council), Cllr G McElroy, Cllr B Chadha

Apologies Mrs Jean Johnston, Mrs Helen Mitchell

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Ian Pollock and seconded by Sam Mitchell

Police Report

There was no report as there was no representative of the Police present. It was explained that there was a manpower shortage in the Community Policing department, Cllr McElroy is to follow up the lack of attendance. Cllr Chadha spoke about the Local Youth Strategy by the Police.

Tom Peebles of North Lanarkshire Council brought along proposals regarding Traffic Calming on Main Road which took in the area from the Ring Road along to Mollinsburn. He explained that it would cost in the region of £150,000 to do the work and that what he had on plans were the first draft but would be changed as some of the suggestions would not work properly. The main way of reducing speed would be by narrowing the road and there was hope that it might be done this year and that the final report would be due about September. Mr Peebles was asked back to the September meeting to show what was to happen and thanked for his attendance at the meeting.

Council Business

Cllr McElroy spoke about the telephone masts in Condorrat, the one in the football park is to be enhanced but the one at the Bus Stop on the Ring Road has been continued within the Planning Committee which will allow for further discussion.

He spoke about his contacting Scottish Water about the outfall into the Luggie which backs up and can cause flooding at Barbeth, he was trying to get this sorted.

Cllr Chadha spoke about the Janitors House at Condorrat School in which there has been a delay in the decision to put it into mainstream housing with it being within the school yard and with possible child protection issues.

He also spoke about the ice cream van parked at St Maurice's school. He thanked Cllr McElroy for his backing of his motion at North Lanarkshire Council regarding the A80. He also brought to the Community Council attention the business about "No Football" signs that were being asked about.

Financial Statement

Alan stated that there was £1416 48 in hand, £254 54p had been raised at the Country & Western Evening which was included in this total but was to be used for the A80 campaign so there as £1146 in hand.

A80

Bobby explained that the Public Enquiry was to be held starting on 7th September and that a team had been put together to speak at this, there are to be weekly meetings take place until September to put the case together.

Correspondence

A letter had been received from Craigmarloch Community Council regarding the preservation of the Town Park area which looked to be in danger from North Lanarkshire Council selling it off in bits and pieces, Bobby and Ian Pollock are to attend this meeting which is on our next meeting night.

A response has been received from Condorrat Parish Church regarding the War Memorial which they agree with in many ways. It was decided to hold a meeting in October with representatives of the Church, British Legion, NLVCS, War Memorial Trust (formerly Friends of War Memorials) and the Social Club.

Sam reported that the Hustings meeting had gone fairly well but it was felt that the Chairmanship by the Cumbernauld News Editor left a lot to be desired.

Dan asked it if was possible for Cumbernauld to get out of North Lanarkshire Council, it was explained that a group had been set up some time in the past but didn't continue because it was unable to do this.

Date of next meeting 2nd June at 7.30 in McAuley Hall

Minutes of Condorrat Community Council Meeting 3rd February 2005 held in McAuley Hall

Present: Bobby Johnstone, Ian Pollock, Dan Mooney, Alan Sneddon, Sam Mitchell, John McCarroll, Mrs Ann Sneddon, Mac Traquair, Cclr Gerry McElroy.

Apologies: Mrs Jean Johnstone, Cclr B Chadha, Mrs Helen Cairns, Mrs Helen Mitchell, Mrs Fiona Main.

Also present were Inspector Bob Hope of Strathclyde Police and John Halpern, North Lanarkshire Council both were attending the meeting, after being arranged at the last meeting, to talk about CCTV and other problems in the village.

Inspector Hope spoke of the targeting of selling of alcohol to youth and also speeding, which had caught some drivers. It was felt all round that the biggest problem was that parents do not stand up to their children and to instil correct values, this has been a problem for some time and was likely to continue. John McCarroll spoke of the problems in his area and asked about a pilot scheme which had run in Tayside for 6 months. It was felt that CCTV would be best but it was not possible at the moment but would help in the future. John Halpern of North Lanarkshire Council CCTV management said that centralisation was not relevant to monitoring. The Scottish Executive had changed the criteria for installation of CCTV and that centralisation was essential but this made the sustainability of schemes very difficult. He also commented that a disadvantage of CCTV is that people in the area covered by the cameras do not tend to report incidents which bring required statistics down. North Lanarkshire Council is centralising CCTV within their area but cost and resources are the problem as it costs £15,000 - £20,000 per camera. If an individual camera were installed in a location the cost of the camera would decrease but the manpower costs would increase. North Lanarkshire Council is set to run trials of 4 mobile cameras Robert Halpern would liase with Cclr McElroy about the details on this and try to get one into the area.

As far as licensing was concerned the Community Council was able to object to applications and the Crime Prevention Panel would assist with this. Again it was stated about people still needing to report incidents even if a camera is in their area so that the Police can react to them, and that people need to be more motivated on dealing with this.

Inspector Hope and Robert Halpern were thanked for their attendance at the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting the minutes were proposed Ian Pollock and seconded by John McCarroll.

Matters Arising – these were covered by the guest speakers.

Financial Statement it was reported that at the moment there is £1192.96 in the Community Council account.

Council Report

Cclr McElroy explained that the previous recycling scheme had been unreliable so had been changed and the Amenity Tip at Wardpark was being altered and would be much better than before as well as being open 12 hours a day. Brown Bins were to be distributed to households; this would be for garden refuse. Glass would require to be taken to Bottle Banks which would be being installed in many locations.

Area Committee Bobby Johnstone reported on his visit to North Lanarkshire Council Northern Corridor Area Committee. He commented that due to an administration problem there had not been adequate microphones which made it difficult to hear what was being said.

A80 A CD is being prepared which will make the case to the Local Public Enquiry. There was a question about Community Council funding being able to be used for this as it is a matter which very much affects the local people. Cclr McElroy said he would look into this and talk to the legal people on this. Bobby said that he would take responsibility on this matter.

Date, time and place of next meeting - Thursday 3rd March, at 7.30 in McAuley Centre, Rannoch Drive.

Minutes of Condorrat Community Council Meeting 3rd March 2005 held in McAuley Hall

Sedarunt: Bobby Johnstone, Ian Pollock, Mrs Helen Mitchell, Sam Mitchell, Mrs Ann Sneddon, Alan Sneddon, Mrs Fiona Main, Peter Cairns, John McCarrall, Cclr B Chadha

Apologies: Mrs Jean Johnstone, Mrs Helen Cairns, Dan Mooney, Cclr G McElroy, Mrs Alison Smith

Minutes of the previous meeting the minutes were proposed by Sam Mitchell and seconded by Ian Pollock.

Police Report – There was no report as there was no Police representative in attendance.

It was commented that Cclr McElroy had taken Mr Halpern around the village but he had been non committal in fitting cameras. It was also reported that Plain clothes police had apparently been in the Condorrat area.

Finance – it was reported that there is no change in the total from the last meeting.

Council Report

It was said that Community Councils cannot be given money to oppose North Lanarkshire Council decisions as North Lanarkshire Council say it is not viable. A form had been received from the Association of Community Councils giving them the right to speak on our behalf at the Public Enquiry on the A80.

Correspondence

Various items were dealt with including the moving of the Thoracic Surgery department from Hairmyers to the HCL Hospital in Clydebank, which would set up a West of Scotland Centre for Thoracic Surgery. It was decided that we should object to this movement and a letter of objection would be written.

A letter had been received regarding the siting of a Telephone Mast at the Electric Sub-station on Main Road, this had been responded to already with the Community Council against this however the Community Council would again object once the Planning Application had been notified.

AOCB

The accident to Alan Devlin on Main Road showed the need for a crossing in that area, this is possibly about to be placed on Main Road. Jim Watson is to be invited to attend the May meeting to discuss traffic calming.

Parking on Main Road and North Road is continuing to be a problem it was suggested that this be taken up with the Police at the next meeting.

Ian Pollock spoke of a presentation on youth effects on graffiti, chewing gum which had been excellent and asked for help with supporting this, this was agreed.

Date, time and place of next meeting - Thursday 7th April, at 7.30 in McAuley Centre, Rannoch Drive.

Minutes of Condorrat Community Council Meeting 7th April 2005 held in McAuley Hall

Sederunt: Sam Mitchell, Mrs Helen Mitchell, Peter Cairns, Mrs Helen Cairns, Ian Pollock, Dan Mooney, Mac Traquair, Mrs Alison Smith, Mrs Fiona Main

Apologies: Bobby Johnstone, Mrs Jean Johnstone, Mrs Ann Sneddon, Alan Sneddon, Cclr B Chadha, Cclr G McElroy

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were proposed by Ian Pollock and seconded by Peter Cairns

Matters arising from the previous minutes

Mac asked whether there had been any further action regarding cameras in the village. Sam reported that neither he nor Alan had heard anything further.

There was some discussion regarding the new road crossing in Condorrat Village and it's proximity to corners in the road and the bus stop. Alison informed the meeting that these had been reasons given by North Lanarkshire Council for not building a similar crossing further along Main Road. This had been requested by the boards of St Helens and other schools to help children trying to cross the road from the school bus.

Sam reported that the subject of telephone masts had been discussed at the recent Forum and objections raised. Westminster's position on these seems to be that they do not pose a health risk and therefore at present cannot be objected to on these grounds.

Police Report

There was no police report due to no police representatives being in attendance. Ian reported, however, that we had been down to four community police officers from a normal 6/8 due to other commitments. 137 youths have so far been charged under the new disturbance regulations, a lot of these being in Condorrat. It was also noted that the church had recently been vandalised.

Ian also reported that Safer Homes initiatives will involve community councils in providing information relating to home security measures. Bob Hope plans to set up a "crime forecast" for the area by issuing a map of North Lanarkshire showing crime hotspots and comparing statistics for homes with security measures compared to those without.

Council Report

There was no council report as there were no councillors present, however, Dan asked about the work being done on the path between Condorrat and St Maurice's school. It was noted that, as reported in a previous meeting, the entrance to the school will be moved as it is currently too close to the roundabout.

AOCB

Sam circulated a poster and accompanying letter prepared by Alan which extends an invitation from the Community Council to prospective parliamentary candidates for this seat to attend an open meeting on the subject "Why should I vote for you?" This meeting will be held in Condorrat Social Club on the 26th April at 7:30pm.

Sam reported on the Community Planning Conference he had attended recently. This had comprised of a number of workshops on topics such as industry, business, housing etc. Each topic was discussed at the respective workshop and a report

prepared with the help of a facilitator. Sam had raised the issue of the requirement for more rented housing and had learned of various up-coming schemes including split ownership.

Peter asked that a letter of thanks be written to various local businesses, including Cheers and the Masonic Arms, which had made donations to the recent fundraising dance for the Central Co-ordinating Committee.

It was noted that the planned date of the next meeting would coincide with the general election therefore the meeting will be moved back one week. It was also noted that this might require an amendment to be made to the invitation to Jim Watson to attend the next meeting.

Date, time and place of next meeting – Thursday 12th May at 7:30pm in the McAuley Hall, Rannoch Drive.

Minutes of Meeting of Condorrat Community Council, 2nd June 2005, in McAuley Halls

Present: Sam Mitchell, Mrs Helen Cairns, Peter Cairns, Daniel Mooney, James Elrick, Henry Reilly, Cllr G. McElroy, Daniel Traquair, Cllr B. Chadha, Mrs Fiona Main

Apologies: Bobby Johnstone, Mrs Jean Johnstone, Mrs Helen Mitchell, Mrs Ann Sneddon, Alan Sneddon

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Dan Mooney and seconded by Sam Mitchell.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Cllr McElroy had spoken to Inspector Hope regarding the lack of police attendance at Council meetings recently. Inspector Hope apologised for this. Constables McCulloch and Cook will be resuming their Tuesday night surgery in due course.

Cllr Chadha had spoken to Mr Dillon at a Youth Alcohol Strategy meeting regarding police attendance at the Forum and similar meetings. He pointed out that police presence is important in order to get community reaction to events. Cllr Chadha awaits a reply to a letter to Mr Dillon. The Youth Alcohol Strategy was launched recently in St Maurice's High School. Alcoholics Anonymous are involved as well as other schools. Peter asked who had been responsible for this Strategy – was it a group effort between different bodies? Cllr Chadha will find out about this.

Police Report

There was no police report due to lack of police representation (see above).

Telephone Masts

James Elrick and Henry Reilly attended the meeting to raise the issue of the telephone masts being erected in Condorrat, in particular the ones at the bus stop near Avonhead Gardens and the electricity sub-station on Condorrat Ring Road. The planning department have already passed these. The point was made that the top of one of these masts would be at head height for people using the footbridge at the bus stop near Avonhead. It is also very near to playing fields.

Cllr McElroy informed the meeting that he has written to the planning department and will be able to speak about these masts at the planning committee. Mr Elrick and Mr Reilly had collected signatures on a petition which Cllr McElroy suggested they lodge with The Director of Planning as soon as possible. He will find out from the planning committee what else might be done with this petition.

It was noted that the original mast at Lomond Grove will be enhanced without the need for planning permission. Cllr McElroy has already commented on health issues relating to these masts. Sam circulated some information on this subject as well as a copy of a letter written to the Cumbernauld News by Carrickstone Community Council.

There was some discussion regarding what other action might be taken at this point and it was agreed that Mr Elrick and Mr Reilly would contact Bobby in his capacity as Press Officer and ask him to make a statement to the Cumbernauld News. Sam also suggested contacting Rosemary McKenna.

Cllr Chadha pointed out that whenever situations such as these arise, both he and Cllr McElroy follow available procedures which allow them to act in the interests of local people.

Council Business

Cllr McElroy gave an update on the outfall into the Luggie at Barbeth. Scottish Water have removed the grille at the front of this to allow the water to flow. They may install a hinged grille for safety reasons.

The Community Education facility at Baird Memorial Primary School should be available in the new school term. This will provide facilities such as meeting rooms, a café and a soundproof music room. Cllr McElroy will get more information on exactly what will be provided.

Approval had been given to buy mobile CCTV units and these have been purchased. These may now be implemented for a trial period.

Consultants have been appointed to carry out improvements at Condorrat Library. Cllr McElroy will ask Ann to write to them and make sure we get to see what they are planning. Sam pointed out that the Community Council have begun to get involved with various groups with regard to siting the War Memorial outside the library.

The Breakout publication was circulated which contains details of summer activities for children in the area.

A series of meetings will be held on the 15th June in the Town Hall on three different consultations. Details of these will be in next weeks' Cumbernauld News.

Financial Statement

There was no financial statement due to the Treasurer not being present.

AOCB

A80 – Sam informed the meeting of the formation of the CCC, an umbrella group representing several Cumbernauld Community Councils at the Public Local Inquiry into the A80 upgrade to M80. Some group members are ex-CDC officials, including senior road engineers. Sam also gave an outline of the inquiry process.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 4th August in the McAuley Halls

Minutes of Meeting of Condorrat Community Council, 1st September 2005, in McAuley Halls

Present: Sam Mitchell, Mrs Helen Mitchell, Daniel Mooney, Mac Traquair, Mrs Fiona Main, Gordon Irvine, Alan Sneddon, Mrs Ann Sneddon, John McCarrol, Ian Pollock

Apologies: Bobby Johnstone, Mrs Jean Johnstone, Cclr B Chadha

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Sam Mitchell and seconded by Mac Traquair.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Telephone Mast, it was reported that North Lanarkshire Council had refused this Planning Application but it was to be taken on to the Scottish Executive.

Police Report

There was no police report due to lack of police representation but it was noted that a set of minutes are to be sent to the Police Station in Cumbernauld in order that they can respond.

A80

Sam reported that meetings were continuing in preparation for the Public Enquiry.

Local Problems Gordon Irvine spoke about Community Wardens which are used in the East end of Glasgow, to some success. It was wondered if this was likely to take place in Cumbernauld. It was hoped that this was a project that the Police would take on in Condorrat. It was commented that during the time that Sami Bros had lost their licence it was much quieter in the area but unfortunately this seems to be going back to the old way now the shop had had its licence renewed.

Council Business

Cclr Chadha reported via a call to Alan that the planning application for the houses in the field beyond Craigend Road had been given the go ahead.

Housing in Auchenkilns Nursery

It was reported that an objection had been sent in for this. This application was for 126 houses which would have access from the A73 via a roundabout, it was felt however that the minor road leading towards Condorrat would be used and that this road, and the Myvot Bridge, was not suitable for the amount of traffic that could use it.

Gordon Irvine talked of the possibility of keeping part of the area for a park and public amenity, leaving 10% of the area for public amenity.

Traffic Calming

Tom Peebles had advised that there would be some traffic calming taking place in this year costing £30,000 and that there would be other work, costing £100,000 next year. (This to include road narrowing and chicanes). Tom Peebles is to attend the next meeting.

Financial Statement

Alan reported that there was £1316.40 in hand with bills for £90 still to be paid.

AOCB

War Memorial. Ann reported on contacts made regarding this and that a sub-committee meeting would be held on 20th October.

The new speed limits on the A73 and B8048 were advised.

Kilsyth Cemetery – Dan advised that some of the headstones were removed for safety but the descendants were being asked to pay for their re-instatement. It was hoped that Cclrs Chadha and McElroy would look into this.

Gordon Irvine asked that he could talk to a meeting on behalf of his area; he would notify the meeting of this.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 6th October in the McAuley Halls

Minutes of meeting Condorrat Community Council, 6th October 2005 in McAuley Centre

Present: Bobby Johnstone, Mrs Jean Johnstone, Sam Mitchell, Mrs Helen Mitchell, Dan Mooney, Gordon Irvine, Ian Pollock, Gordon Main, CcIr B Chadha, Constable Jim McDonald Police.

Apologies Alan Sneddon & Mrs Ann Sneddon

Minutes of previous meeting

Gordon Irvine queried the fact that his comments in the last meeting had not been recorded, some discussion followed this. It was proposed by Bobby Johnstone that a sub-committee be set up to look into matters in the Drumpellier "area" and to discuss Community Council policy in this regard, this was agreed. The sub-committee members are Gordon Irvine, Dan Mooney and Ian Pollock, the sub-committee will look at the application by Stewart Milne to build houses at the Auchenkilns Nursery area.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to the above corrections proposed by Sam Mitchell and seconded by Ian Pollock.

North Lanarkshire Council Traffic Calming – Mr T Peebles did not attend the meeting

Police Report

Constable Jim McDonald introduced himself; he is the new Community Policemen along with Constable Paul Cooper. He apologised for his non attendance at the last meeting however he and Constable Cooper had been in civilian clothing part of the time, so had not been so visible; uniformed police had been active in the are as well, plus Constables McDonald and Cooper had been out and about on their bikes. Youth crime was the main problem eg fire raising, and vandalism/

Thirty one crimes had been recorded in the last month in our area of which 10 had been detected and dealt with, this included 6 crimes of vandalism.

Also every Friday and Saturday a high visibility policy is operated eg more cars and uniformed Police presence, undercover "Intelligence gathering", trying to identify who and what is causing problems, is going on.

A "Community Safety Audit" has been carried out at some areas eg Rannoch Court, where some private CCTV cameras (at house doors) had been stolen. Police had reported to North Lanarkshire Council and requested that perimeter "area" fences be repaired.

North Lanarkshire Council and the Police have introduced a "Youth Alcohol Strategy" with a 3 part strategy, ie Education/Diversion/Enforcement being taken into schools. Hopefully this will include better leisure facilities for kids, education in behaviour and civic responsibilities and in last resort Enforcement of Law, use of ASBOs etc: this is a three year programme.

A check on licensees (off licences etc) will continue and "fast tracking" of any prosecutions is being introduced. Apex and SACRO facilities are available to Police to assist them.

CcIr Chadha said the he had helped get the Youth Strategy at St Maurices School; he also reported on new Police Telephone Contact System with a Call Centre in Govan and another in Motherwell.

Constable McDonald explained the "new" system – the calls would utilise Police resources better and one operator would deal with specific areas.

Sam Mitchell asked if this had not been operating for some time as that there had been many complaints about the response time and the terrible lack of local knowledge form the operators. Constable McDonald acknowledged that there had been some problems, but those were being solved.

Gordon Irvine asked if it were possible to "buy" police time as had been done in Dennistoun. The majority of those present thought this was not a good idea as (a) we already paid for Police services and (b) the public would not agree to the costs. Constable McDonald explained that costs at Dennistoun had come from a variety of funding and was not paid for by the community. Gordon Irvine also raised the question of Community Wardens (as per last minutes); it was thought that this was a possibility but North Lanarkshire Council would have to be involved.

Ian Pollock who was in the Crime Prevention Panel for many years, until recently, said that Cumbernauld Councillors did not attend the Panel – with the exception of Ccirs Gemmell and Chadha – 2 out of 11 councillors. Ina also reported that Inspector Hope was preparing a “Crime Map” of the area which will be published in the local paper soon. The telephone numbers for the Police are 503919 (**not for emergencies**), Emergency Call Centre 01698 483000, or 999.

Council Business

Cclr Chadha reported that a lot more money had been allocated to Fire Services for new systems/communications etc in order to help/deal with possible terrorist events. A new Community Regeneration Manager, Mr Martin Dickson, has been appointed.

The new St Maurice’s Sports Centre will be opening in December 2005 and will be for the use of the young and old. The Broadwood Stadium is also being upgraded.

Dan Mooney complained that he still had not been granted the ground for a football pitch as promised by North Lanarkshire Council some months ago, he has been asking for this for years. North Lanarkshire Council has promised a sports facility will be added at Pollock Halls. Cclr Chadha will look into these matters. He also said that a Committee had been set up for St Maurices facility, he will see if Community Councils can be represented on the Committee. He will also check with Tom Peebles about Traffic Calming.

AOCB

Bobby reported that the Community Councils Group were doing well in questioning the official experts and hoped to do better next week. He also said that a vote of thanks had to be paid to Sam Mitchell for all the hard work prior to the Enquiry, and on his ongoing participation there. Sam thanked Bobby, and said a similar vote of thanks must go to Bobby for all his hard work on the A80 over the past few years and his peroration and presentation of evidence to the enquiry, plus his great contribution in organising the expert witnesses and ex CDC senior staff to act on our behalf.

Both votes of thanks were agreed by the Community Council.

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Thursday 3rd November, at 7.30 in McAuley Hall.

A special meeting will be held on Thursday 20th October in McAuley Hall, in relation to the possibility of a new War Memorial in Condorrat.