

Westerwood Community Council

A meeting was held on 15th November 2005 at Cumbernauld Primary School

Present: G.Wright, K. Brunton, J. Brady, M. Sweet, W. Smith, B. Cunningham,
Councillor Murray

Apologies: H. Macindoe, T.Law

1. Chairman's update

GW welcomed everyone to the meeting. He advised those present that Mr. Dufour from NLC had been invited to speak at the meeting, he had sent his apologies and had sent two representatives. Prior to NLC taking to the floor the new community police officer was given the opportunity to introduce himself. He advised those present that he is contactable through Cumbernauld police station and that he would attend most meetings.

2. North Lanarkshire Council - Education

The two Education Officers present introduced themselves, Ellen Docherty and Bill Hope. They are responsible for all schools through North Lanarkshire including Cumbernauld. They gave an update on Cumbernauld Primary School. There are plans to improve the conditions and the environment at the school. They will be building a new stand alone nursery centre at the back of St Andrews School. This will release rooms for St. Andrews P S allowing an increase in number in all years. Cumbernauld PS will also be extended giving 8 classrooms over a double story building. An area will be used as a dining and general purpose space for the two schools.

The car park will have an increased drop off facility with another access road. The time lines for the extensions are:

New nursery	Easter 2006
St Andrews extension	Summer 2006
Cumbernauld PS extra rooms	Summer 2006
Drop off area	Summer 2006

There were a number of questions and points were raised from the floor regarding car parking and drop off issues. It was queried whether the school actually conforms to all regulations. Councillor Murray accused the Council of "penny pinching" and suggested that the whole site had not been properly planned, as when the schools were being built no provision was made for an access route to the town park. A further meeting between the WCC and NLC Education was suggested.

3. Eastfield Road Safety Barriers

A letter had been sent to NLC to ask for barriers at the bus stop to be re-erected. It was confirmed by NLC that an order has been issued for this to happen in approximately five weeks.

4. Dullatur Exit A80

After a letter was sent to the Scottish Executive, Amey were instructed to carry out an investigation into safety at the exit. They have recommended that additional signing, marker posts and anti-skid surface be fitted to the site. Work to commence December.

5. Muirfield/Turnbury Roundabout

GW advised that this has been replanted.

6. Public Service Announcements

The Chairman reminded everyone that flu injections are available. He also advised of a new idea for the elderly, living alone. A tube, available free from the doctor, should be placed in the fridge with a completed form inside giving all relevant medical information. One sticker should then be placed on the back door and one on the fridge to advise of the presence of the tube. The police are also involved in this project.

7. Abronhill Telephone Mast Petition

Those present were asked to sign a petition fighting the siting of these masts in Abronhill.

The meeting was closed and the next meeting will be held in January.