

**Gartcosh Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting
Held on Monday November 7, 2005**

In Attendance:

Jim Waddell, Bryan Johnston, David Black, Senga Macaloney, Billy Dewar, Jim Diamond, A Cairns, R Laing, J Wilson, J Miller, T Kerr

Apologies: Pauline Campbell

Chairman's Opening:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

Adoption of Previous Minutes:

David Black Proposed The Minutes
And Senga Macaloney Seconded them.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- (a) Electricity failure May 30, 2004. Jim Waddell committed to making further contact and to seek an explanation with regard to the failure at the beginning of October.
- (b) It was noted that there was no news with regard to the funding of repairs to Community Centre. There were however rumours of a plan to demolish both Gartcosh & Mount Ellen Halls and build a joint facility in Mount Ellen. That being so, it was felt not to be acceptable. The Secretary was instructed to contact Cllr Joe Shaw to ascertain the position.
- (c) Railway Station - copy letter ex Cllr Joe Shaw re Water Ponding on Railway Overbridge
- (d) Foul Drains – The Secretary advised that due to the present incapacity of Elaine Smith he had written to Tom Clarke requesting his assistance in this matter. Angela Dron, Scottish Water Prestwick, had telephoned to confirm Tom Clarke's involvement but had still to advise any further progress. Senga Macaloney presented a diary over the past two months listing the known problem dates. The Secretary was instructed to pass this information to Tom Clarke.
Sept 11 – 10.00 & 16.00
Sept 12 – 07.30 Sept 15 – 18.15
Sept 16 – 17.45 Oct 5 – 08.20
Oct 11 – 13.00 Oct 12 – 07.55
Oct 14 – 18.20 Oct 19 – 08.50
Oct 22 – 09.00 Oct 27 – 09.00
Oct 31 – 07.15 Nov 2 – 16.30
Nov 3 – 08.55 Nov 4 – 08.55 & 12.55
Nov 5 – 17.20 Nov 7 07.30
- (e) The Secretary advised that the Hall Lets for 2006 had now been confirmed.

- (f) Proposed pedestrian crossing from Redrow Development across the A752. David Black confirmed that the options were being considered by NLC.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the Treasurer there was no report.

The Hall Let Invoice for the period to Sept 30 was passed to Jim Diamond for the Treasurer to settle. It was agreed that Senga Macaloney should lay a poppy wreath on behalf of the Community Council.

Police Report: In the absence of the Police there was no report.

Other Business:

Planning

It was noted that Planning Lists for the period to Oct 31 had been received –

None referred to the village.

The Secretary confirmed that he had submitted a letter of objection with regard to the renewal of existing temporary permission for vehicle sales at 12 Old Gartloch Road. Notification of a Site Visit had now been received & copy letter ex Cllr Joe Shaw.

Glasgow & Clyde Valley Draft Finalised Alteration 2005 – further consultation to December 5 – the Secretary advised that he had spoken to the Glasgow Herald in this regard.

Other Matters

- (g) Cumbernauld Crime Prevention Panel – the Secretary advised that he had submitted apologies for the meeting being held on this same night. Further, in conversation with the Secretary, Kenny Foy, it transpires that the future of the Panel may be in doubt due to lack of interest.
- (h) The Secretary advised that the Community Forum had met on Nov 2 and that there would be representation at the next Area Committee Meeting on November 10. Up to 3 Members of GCC would be eligible to attend the Forum Meetings, the next being January 17, 7.30 in the Pivot Centre. Jim Waddell advised that he may possibly be able to attend along with Bryan Johnston.
- (i) Watch Us Grow – information leaflet received - noted
- (j) What can we do to help Community Councils Fulfil their role – discussion paper ex Scottish Executive received –

passed to Jim Waddell & Bryan Johnston for review.

- (k) NLC Tenant Conference November 26 - noted
- (l) Assn of Scottish Community Councils – Annual Report 2005 – noted.
- (m) NHS Lanarkshire – A Picture of Health – Update – passed to Jim Diamond for review. Further, Jim Diamond reported that, according to certain newspaper articles, there was the possibility of an A&E Department closing, either from Monklands, Hairmyres or Wishaw. Given the age of the Monklands facility compared to the other two, this gave cause for concern as to the future of the Monklands. The Secretary was instructed to write to Tom Clarke in an effort to clarify the situation and let our feelings be known.

Date of Next Meeting: December 5, 2005

Agenda

Gartcosh Community Council

Meeting to be held on Monday, December 5, 2005

In Gartcosh Community Centre

- (1) Chairman's Opening**
- (2) Apologies for Absence**
- (3) Adoption of Previous Minutes**
- (4) Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**
- (5) Treasurer's Report**
- (6) Other Business**
 - Planning**
- (7) Date of Next Meeting – January 9, 2006**

**Gartcosh Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting
Held on Monday December 5, 2005**

In Attendance:

Bryan Johnston, David Black, Billy Dewar, Jim Diamond, Pauline Campbell, Cathy Russell, A Radcliffe, J Miller, J Wilson, S Fraser, A Cairns, R Laing, T Kerr

Apologies: Senga Macaloney, Jim Waddell

Chairman's Opening:

In the absence of the Chairman who had intimated his apologies, due to a prior commitment, at the last meeting, the Secretary took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

Adoption of Previous Minutes:

Jim Diamond Proposed The Minutes
And David Black Seconded them.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- (a) Electricity failure May 30, 2004. In the absence of Jim Waddell it was decided to carry this item forward.
- (b) It was noted that there was no news with regard to the funding of repairs to Community Centre. The Secretary confirmed that he had written to Cllr Joe Shaw with regard to the rumoured proposals. Cllr Shaw responded that he no knowledge of plans to demolish the hall and nor did he deal in speculation.
- (c) Foul Drains – The Secretary advised that the Chief Executive of Scottish Water had responded to Tom Clarke. There was now a commitment to install 3 sealed manhole covers in Lochend Road which would most certainly contain the smell. Thereafter the situation would be monitored closely by Scottish Water.
- (d) Proposed pedestrian crossing from Redrow Development across the A752. David Black confirmed that the options were still being considered by NLC.
- (e) What can we do to help Community Councils Fulfil their role – this discussion paper had still to be reviewed by Jim Waddell & Bryan Johnston.
- (f) NHS Lanarkshire – A Picture of Health – Update – Jim Diamond advised that he had reviewed the document but had nothing to report. The Secretary advised that he had contacted Elaine Smith with regard to the possibility of an A&E Department closing, either from Monklands, Hairmyres or Wishaw. She too expressed great concern and confirmed

that she would keep the matter under review.

- (g) The Secretary confirmed that he had written to NLC to request an Update Meeting with regard to the Business Park.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer advised that the sum of £1586 remained in the Bank. Hall Lets to Sept had been paid with subsequent invoices still being awaited.

Police Report: In the absence of the Police there was no report.

Other Business:

Planning

It was noted that Planning Lists for the period to Nov 28 had been received –

Three referred to the village:

- (1) 7 houses at 29 Johnston Road – Jim Diamond presented the plans, which were discussed in detail. In principle there were no objections to a development to this abandoned site. However, it was felt that of the 7 proposed houses, numbers 1, 2 & 3 were most certainly out of character with others in the immediate vicinity, in particular, so far as their height & overall size was concerned. Further there were concerns about a potentially large number of vehicles accessing the development from one point on an already busy road, albeit in a 30mph zone. Johnston Road being the preferred route for a substantial number of heavy lorries accessing the M73. With this in mind, the Secretary was instructed to write to NLC and request that consideration be given to amending houses 1,2, & 3 to a much smaller size, perhaps bungalows and that the developer be requested to provide some form substantial traffic calming along Johnston Road.
- (2) Garage / studio at 3 Beard Crescent – the Secretary presented plans for this proposed development and advised that he understood that he should have been notified as a neighbour, but had not. In the circumstances he asked to take no further part in the discussion and handed the Chair to Jim Diamond. After discussion it was unanimously agreed, other than one who knew the

Applicant on a personal basis, that the proposed development, as submitted, should be voted against.

- (3) Extension to house at 13 Ashton Gardens – there were no objections.

It was also noted that an application had been submitted for a Motorway Service Area at Hornshill Farm, Stepps

It was noted that NLC had refused the renewal of permission for use as a Van sales Centre at 12 Old Gartloch Road. The Secretary advised that the Applicant did have a right of appeal as one possible course of action.

Other Matters

- (a) NLC notification of A80 Auchenkilns Tie In - noted
- (b) NHS Lanarkshire – A Picture of Health update briefing – passed to Jim Diamond for review
- (c) NLC Tenant Conference Nov 26 - noted
- (d) Assn of Scottish Community Councils – Newsletter - noted
- (e) North Lanarkshire Partnership – Community Plan 2004-8 – noted
- (f) John Wilson commented that heavy traffic continued to be confused by the Local Traffic Sign on the Woodneuk Road Roundabout. As a result Beard Crescent frequently suffered from inappropriate vehicles becoming almost stuck.
- (g) David Black reported that the Railway Footbridge had now been treated with special materials. Nonetheless, the water-puddling problem persisted. Trees had been cut back close to the Gartloch Roundabout, which helped the sight line, but traffic was now able to go even faster (than 30mph). The few plants on the Woodneuk Roundabout were promised to be augmented with more in Spring 2006.
- (h) Jim Diamond questioned the state of Old Gartloch and suggested that NLC should request Bett to resurface the whole road and not just that part at the new mini-roundabout.
- (i) Sandy Fraser asked if the Community Council might consider assisting with some form of Christmas Decoration for 2006. It was noted that Muirhead now enjoyed such decorations courtesy of NLC.

Date of Next Meeting: The Secretary wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and announced that the next meeting would be on January 9, 2006

Agenda

**Gartcosh Community Council
Meeting to be held on Monday, January 9, 2006
In Gartcosh Community Centre**

- (1) Chairman's Opening**
- (2) Apologies for Absence**
- (3) Adoption of Previous Minutes**
- (4) Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**
- (5) Treasurer's Report**
- (6) Other Business
 Planning**
- (7) Date of Next Meeting – February 6, 2006**