

Dullatur Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 15 January 2007, Dullatur Village Hall, 8pm.

Present M Smillie, M Kennedy, P Chard, E Watson,
Apologies Carol Devlin and J McLean,
Minutes Previously circulated, taken as read and approved by M Kennedy and E Watson.

Matters arising from Minutes; The Christmas Show was a great success and the Community Council received several letters and e-mails congratulating the kids for their performance. The charity Unique benefited by £288.31.00.00 raised at both shows and some of the cast added another £130.00 by singing carols around nearby homes on Christmas Eve raising the total to £418.31. On Christmas Eve Mr Doogan presented M Smillie with a DVD he made of the show. He suggested that it could be sold for a nominal sum to add to the charity. On Christmas Eve the Community Council and the biggest gathering of residents and children ended the year with mulled wine and Christmas pies. Our thanks again to Lorne Brown for doing his Santa duty on Christmas Eve to his excellent standard.

Correspondence;

- NLC: Private Housing Strategy 2006/07
- NLC: North Lanarkshire Council Tenant Participation Strategy.
- NLC: Preparation of the Council Budget and Setting of Council Tax Meeting of the North Local Area Partnership and Area Committee
- NLC: Information Procedures – Community Council Minutes.
- NHS: Evidence Base for Lifestyle Interventions for Health Improvements 2006
- Countryside Alliance, news sheet re Save our Post Offices.
- Land Use Consultants – North Lanarkshire Core Path Consultation.
- Scottish Water – Winter Warmer campaign 2006 – 07
- Ofcom: Re relay Service.

Financial Report; Accounts are healthy. The new storage hut will be built and erected by Henderson’s of Greengairs on 25th January; the hut will cost £945.87 and will be paid from the Community Council Account. The Community Council will apply for a NLC Grant. The direct debit for electricity for the Hall has risen to £160.00 per month. The main users are the Mother & Toddler Groups and we have found them to have left heaters on full power overnight on several occasions. It was agreed that an increase in Hall rates should be made to all groups starting from March. We have not had a rent raise in three years. A decision will be made at next months meeting as to the rate of increase.

Group Reports All the groups have resumed for the Spring Session. The Care Commission’s inspection of the Mother & Toddlers and Playgroup will be held some time in January.

Social events The Dullatur Old Village Residents Assoc. plan to hold a St Valentines Supper on Saturday 17th February at 7.30pm. Tickets £12.50. This is a private dinner and not advertised in the Newsletter. An estimated 26 residents are expected to attend.

Any Other business

Storm Damage & Flooding; The village suffered from damage from several fallen trees & the Glen Road in particular suffered badly the emergency services were called out to remove fallen trees. The Glen Road was closed for several hours while the services replaced electricity and telephone poles. Power was cut in the Lane, Prospect Road and the Terrace. Elderly residents were taken to Community Councillors homes. Dead trees in the Glen Road area have been an issue with DCC and NLC for many years. The condition of many of the trees in the wood is now poor with several rotting

trees near the road. This area was planted up and maintained by CDC prior to the windup in 1996, this is yet another area of NLC responsibility now denied. The question was raised by the committee re police presence adjacent to school from mid December. They advised that this was not a local operation and they were unable to give any information on this. They did confirm that no Cumbernauld police personnel were being used or taken off normal duties for this operation. This may be the case but the incidents of targeted car thefts is still in the increase with two high profile cars between stolen from drives in one night from Westerton Road and Tintock Place.

M Smillie received a phone call from Anne Harding, Conservative candidate asking to visit February's meeting. This was agreed by the committee members. She asked if we wish her to speak on anything specific. It was agreed that the topics discussed should be the closure of Monklands A& E and Stobhill Hospital, Cumbernauld Town Centre and Cumbernauld in general and finally local issues.

M Smillie received a telephone call from Julie McInulty of North Lanarkshire Tenants and Residents Special Uplifts steering committee; re new uplift quota recommendations. NLC from 2006 ordered that only one free uplift in the year per household. Additional uplifts would be £14.00 and large clearances would be £40.00. It was found by canvassing communities throughout North Lanarkshire that one uplift was not enough, making an example that at Christmas and New Year this could be classed as two uplifts depending on the size of the family or if a real xmas was left for uplift. The general agreement was that 4 over the year could be fair. A recommendation by NLC that this service is raised to two uplifts, the report will be ratified at a meeting of the Community Services committee on Wednesday 17th January. Fly tipping; the efficiency of Ward Park Recycling Centre and the bin size per household was also discussed. M Smillie e-mailed the Environmental Dept. to pick up tipped around 20 plastic bread trays.

The Community Council were updating their policy from Zurich Municipal we discovered that the Z M does not now cover the tennis courts or members and we will have to find a specialist company. We found Keegan & Pennykid an Edinburgh company, who specialises in tennis clubs, they also insure Community owned premises; we will ask for a quote and compare prices and cover.

The Forth & Clyde Society – The Gypsy Princess. A NLC grant of £1500.00 was awarded for the maintenance and upkeep of the canal passenger boat based at Auchenstarry Basin for 2006/07. This will provide opportunities for residents, school children and local organisations to cruise along the stretch of canal within the N Lanarkshire boundaries

T.V Mast: The Dullatur Community Scheme License No 246 for replayed television will expire as from 9 December 2006. As analogue television is phasing out as from 2007 we will not be applying for a digital license as only one resident is left using the relay. The equipment at the farm will be decommissioned when we have notified the residents in the New Year Newsletter.

Date of next meeting Monday 12 February 2007, Dullatur Village Hall, 8pm.

Apologies for February meeting are: E Watson, C Devlin.