

AGENDA ITEM No. 3(b)

NEWARTHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING OF 19 JANUARY 2005

HELD IN NEWARTHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT

Mrs. C. Kennedy (Chairperson)
Mr. G. Kennedy (Treasurer)
Mrs. B. Watson
Mrs. J Wood (Vice Chairperson)

APOLOGIES

Mr. Tom Skelton (Secretary)
Mr. J Lafferty
Mrs A. Tierney

Mrs. Kennedy welcomed the members present and was pleased to inform everyone that our secretary Mr. Skelton was recovering well and hoped to be present at our February meeting The minute of the meeting of 17 November was read and approved by Mrs. B Watson and seconded by Mr G. Kennedy.

It was agreed that Mr. G. Kennedy would continue to carry out the duties of Secretary until the return of Mr. Skelton It was also agreed that Mrs. Kennedy would continue to carry out the duties of Minute Secretary since Mrs. L Jack, (the appointed Minute Secretary) has not attended a meeting Since February 2004 .Mrs Kennedy has carried out these duties since then.

Secretary's Report

Correspondence 12 items received

1. N.L.C. Minutes for September, October, November 2004
2. Scottish Executive Development Dept. (Planning "Rights of Appeal in Planning")
3. Margaret Mitchell M.S.P. Parliamentary News Letter
4. Frank Roy M.P. Motherwell & Wishaw "Stand up for Africa Campaign"
5. North Lanarkshire Common Housing Register.
6. N.L.C. Dept of Housing& Property Services Disc information not available on playback
7. Scottish Water's Winter Warmer Campaign "General Information on Burst & Freezing Pipes".
8. Wickstead Leisure Equipment & Safety Grass
9. Strathclyde & Central Energy Efficiency Advice Centres
10. Planning Applications—7 re Newarthill
11. Scottish water-Letter advising of "Infrastructure Maintenance in North Lanarkshire."
12. S.E.P.A-VIEW January 2005 Magazine

Items 4,5,7,10 were discussed All other items noted

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income from 17.11.04 to 19.1.05

Community Council Grant £918.00

Expenditure from 17.11.04 to 19.1.05 £150

Expenditure was for Honorarium Payment to Mr.T. Skelton (Secretary)

Bank Balance as at 19.1.05 (19 January 05) £894.49

Mini Bus Report

It was reported to the members that Mr. Skelton had written to Mr. T Gaffney, N.L.C. Administration Department (letter dated 29 November 04) informing him that Newarthill Community Council had decided by majority vote to wind up the Mini Bus and that the Bank account be closed, the Accounts be brought up to date and the books prepared for Audit. It was further agreed that the Sponsors, Wm. Forrest and Son, be notified of same, and all user groups to be notified of the winding up of the Mini Bus. To allow the Community Council to meet commitments for hires already booked for December and January it was decided that the 31 January 2005 be the last date of use. This should allow the user groups to seek alternative transport after this date. It was also reported that Mr. Skelton was in the process of going over these accounts and to date had found a number of omissions from the Debit Column These if verified should alter the final Accounts of the Mini Bus. Mr. Skelton will forward a copy of these Accounts when completed As yet no reply has been received from N.L.C.

It was also reported that a letter has been sent to Wm. Forrest informing them of our decision regarding the Mini Bus. Thanks was expressed for the generosity of the company in sponsoring the Mini Bus for the past four years The Mini Bus will be returned to Forrest on Tuesday 1 February

Mrs. Wood will take £9 of Mini Bus hire cash to Mr. Skelton.

A.O.C.B.

It was confirmed that the list of the Office Bearers for 2004-2005 has been sent to N.L.C. and the Constitution signed and returned

Mrs. Wood asked why the Community Council could not give donations to other groups The Council referred to the letter from N.L.C. dated 15 April 2003 which gives

permission to continue to host the Citizen of the Year Award This was the only event we were allowed to sponsor. No other grants could be donated by the Community Council because N.L.C. already have a system to donate to groups so any group wishing a grant should apply to N.L.C. for information.

All business having been completed the meeting was closed with thanks to those present.
Next meeting Wednesday 16 February 05.