

Craigmarloch Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held at Auchinbee Nursery
Thursday 21st June 2007

Attendees: Barney Kinsler (BK) Chair
Mike Ogden (MO) Vice-Chair
Jo Brown (JB)
Jean Thomson (JT) Treasurer
Iain Morrison (IM)

Invited Guests: Cllr Bob Chadha, Cllr Gordon Murray, Cllr Alan O'Brien and Cllr Barry McCulloch.

1) Introduction:

The sixth meeting of 2007 was opened promptly at 7.30pm by our chair Mr Barney Kinsler and a warm welcome extended to all attendees.

2) Apologies:

Ailsa Clunie, Chris Kay, Laura Falconer, Paul Foulds, Marion Young, Barry McCulloch, Community Police.

3) Approval of Minutes of May 07 meeting

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting held on 17th May 2007 were made available to all meeting attendees; time was given to be able read and digest. Minutes were accepted as being an accurate account of the meeting and were proposed by IM and seconded by BK.

4) Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

See Agenda item 7)

5) Community Police Report.

No report.

6) AOCB

The subject of the annual Community Council admin grant was raised by BK. In view of the possibility of any remaining portion of the annual grant being taken back by NLC at the end of each year. A discussion on this item followed. It was generally felt that this was not in our control. Any member of the committee spending any money on administration on the Community Council's behalf, should ensure that any expenses incurred should be recouped ASAP and within that financial year.

The subject of factoring within the Craigmarloch area was raised and a discussion took place on the various issues on this subject. Different arrangements had been made with various developers; some areas, through one reason or another no longer had factors. It was decided that a note would be put in the next newsletter so that all residents would be aware of the problem and a strategy formulated to try and resolve issues raised.

7) Planning/Community Development/Broadband

Broadband: Continuing from the Broadband debate at the May meeting, the two representatives from our area Philip and Andy were able to give out further information on the Broadband 'notspot' in Craigmarloch. A meeting had been held by the Scottish Parliament (formerly Scottish Executive) had proposed that a pot of some £3.5m be set aside for areas that were unable to receive broadband. A debate was being held to decide exactly what the best method of achieving full broadband coverage in the whole of Scotland was. It was possible that, depending on the availability and the current technology being used in each area, different solutions could be found for different areas.

The best solution for areas in Craigmarloch that were unable to get broadband via the conventional system i.e. BT phone line would be to use Wireless Technology. Apparently a provider possibly using Fleming House for transmitting/receiving purposes could give 8mb download speeds with this technology. It is likely that the Scottish Parliament would provide the initial investment to make this service available but they would not pay for each individual's house installation. NLC have been approached for assistance with the cost of this but at the time of the meeting had not come back with a firm answer. Request for information to be provided via the next newsletter.

8) Treasurers Report

Bank Account

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| Opening Balance | 1063.88 |
| 18 May Chq No 059 – NLC Rent of School | <u>24.74</u> |
| Closing Balance | 928.84 |

No 2 Account

Opening/Closing Balance
2010.31

Petty Cash

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| Opening Balance | 75.36 |
| 18 Apr Ink/Paper | <u>22.80</u> |
| Closing Balance | 52.56 |

(Administrative Funds £180.78 + Community Funds £233.34)

Community Funds

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| <i>In Bank</i> | <i>2010.31</i> | |
| <i>In Cash</i> | <u><i>233.34</i></u> | |
| <i>Total</i> | | <i>2243</i> |

9) Secretary's Report

Letter from Margaret Mitchell, Conservative list MSP for Central Scotland.
Letter available for any member of the community to read.

10) Feedback from Community Councillors.

Crime prevention panel not to meet until September 2007 (JB)

Community Park, (BK) Meeting set up between Friends organisation, Martin Dickson (NLC North Area Regeneration Officer) and David Jones (NLC Local Plan Coordinator) for 28th June to discuss how the Park area fits into the Local Plan. Designation of land as shown in new local plan draft says that it 'Protected for Community Use' NLC insists that the status has not changed from the 1993 local plan. BK gave notice of FoCCP AGM on 4th July at Spina Bifida HQ.

A general discussion ensued on park areas, focussing on the situation with Cumbernauld House. It was felt that NLC should purchase the property it could then be put to good use housing possibly a craft centre, civic amenities or a community centre.

Output from the recent hustings meeting showed that all the communities to the North side of the A80 re-enforced the drive for the provision of community amenities in the area.

Date & Venue of next Meeting Thursday September 20th 2007 @ Auchinbee Nursery.