

# Dullatur Community Council

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**Minutes of Meeting held on 10 September 2012, Dullatur Village Hall at 8.00pm.**

**Present** B Jamieson, M Smillie, M Sweet, J McKerral, Cllr Masterton, P.C Joe Black (Cumbernauld Police)

**Apologies** Cllr McCulloch, Cllr O'Brien, M Harrison, Cllr Chadha, L Leitch, M Kennedy, E Watson.

**Minutes;** The previous months Minutes were circulated and taken as read and approved.

**Matters Arising** **Network Rail....** The Official Opening of the Dullatur Pedestrian Bridge was held on Friday 20 July at 6.30pm. It was attended by over 30 residents, riders from Wester Dullatur Farm, Cllrs, MSP and officials. M Smillie gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the residents and Community Council. Network Rail presented the Community Council with a generous donation to be spent on an environmental project. Plants were purchased to augment the plants gifted by NLC.

**Network Rail –** A meeting will be convened in the near future to discuss the final surface of the station yard plus additional drainage on the land jointly shared by the residents of the Terrace and Network Rail and the new configuration of the Maintenance Yard. Tarmacking the surface at Birchgrove is now complete. It was hoped that Mrs Dunlop could be persuaded to delay the work on her property so that the work could be done as a complete package, but this option was declined by Mrs Dunlop.

### Correspondence

**Cllr Masterton** Re letter submitted regarding the planning application for 300 house in the Westerwood area ( Carrickstone Park)

**Cllr Chadha** Various Road closure reports

**Cllr O'Brien** Request for dates of CC meetings.

**Cllr Chadha** Re replacement of the West Dullatur Footbridge

**NLC** Doors Open Day 8-9 September

**NLC** NLC 2012/13 diary

**Citizen Advise Bureau** AGM to be held on 23 October at 2pm Cumbernauld College.

**Jones Lang La Salle** Ogilvy Homes, Westerwood; Planning permission in Principle for Residential Development with associated works. Site at St Andrews Drive.

**Friends of Kelvin Valley Park** **Copy of letter sent to Network Rail re the proposal to restore access to the new Dullatur Bridge.**

**NLC** Letter from Shirley Linton, Head of Planning re the fourth draft of the NL Local Plan

**NLC** Letter from Shirley Linton, Head of Planning re adoption of the Local Plan. The plan was submitted to the Scottish Ministers on 9 August 2012. The regulations allow the ministers 4 weeks to advise whether the Council can proceed to adopt the plan.

**Cllr Masterton** Re letter regarding litter on footpaths and reply from Ken Wilson.

**Cllr Masterton** Re attached letter from Alex Neil MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment re drainage problems in Dullatur

### Financial Report

The committee were delighted with the redecoration of the Village Hall by Mr Carrigan of Kilsyth. Although the final account was considerably higher than the original quote extra work had been added to the brief.

Cheques were issued for the following amounts.

**Painter            £1400.00**

**Campbell        £271.00        Repairs to the roof damaged in the spring storms.**

**Chubb            £34.00        Annual fire appliance inspection**

A general discussion took place about the maintenance situation. The maintenance work in the premises and the grounds is paid from the Village Hall Maintenance account. The money generated to this account comes from monthly rental from the Toddler / Playgroup, Tennis Club, Ceramics Classes. Up to September 2011 we had a healthy income from private parties but due to the recession instead of two parties per month we have had four since September last year.

**Cllr Chadha's Surgery**        Hello friends/colleagues,

Since my last report of May/June, 2012, despite council summer recess I have been pretty busy in dealing with constituents' complaints/concerns as usual and following accounts will provide information and enlighten you.

1 Wilderness Brae fatal and serious accidents

Following a complaint received from a constituent from Carrick stone, I raised the matter at the North Local Area Partnership meeting held on 2 August, and followed the concern with the convenors of both Local area committee and with the Planning and Transportation committee. I am pleased to confirm that the Council decided to erect central reserve safety fence around the bend with an alternative edge of carriageway (hard strip) treatment in order to reduce the vehicles leaving the carriageway. The work is in progress.

2 Dog Fouling bins

A constituent from Smith stone area complained that lack of dog fouling bins and taking up the complaint The Environment Department advised me that all bins serve now dual purposes(litter/dog bins) and carry logo illustrating this.

3 Obesity rates in Cumbernauld

A constituent from Cumbernauld Fitness Project wanted to help people with obesity problem and require data

Following receipt of this query I wrote to the Chief executive office and managed to obtain all information required by the Constituent

.Any body wish to seek help with their obesity problems please contact me I could get you help. or re-direct you to the project organiser

4 Proposed Retail Development incorporating food store, retail units, petrol station and car park. Westfield Road , Westfield.

Pre-application meetings with developer(Optimisation Development Ltd, acting on behalf of Wm. Morrison supermarket have been held with planning officials, I have been advised by one of the council officer that developers have been asked to submit an EIA Screening opinion to seek views on the environmental impact

5.St Maurice's high School

Mr Laurie Byrne the head teacher of St. Maurice 's High School has left following his transfer to another school in August and Acting Head Teacher Dominic Sutherland is currently acting up with several changes in the school staff structure. At the School Parents council meeting held on 27th August which I attended details of new appointments were circulated. It was also reported the school had a very successful trip to Malawi with a party of 13 including the former head teacher MR. Byrne 58 pupils are currently involved in raising monies for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

6 New House build Programme

The Council has appointed Wates Living spaces builders to develop the site which became vacant following the demolition of St. Francis of Assisi Primary School . The proposed mix of houses will be as follows 8x3 4 apartment houses; 12x3 4 apartment cottage flats; 7x4 apartment six persons house; 2x5 seven person house; 1x wheel/chair bungalow. Work is in progress.

7 Carrickstone Swing Park: A constituent from Carrickstone area enquired about the conditions of Swing Park in Carrick stone which sits close to the Carrickstone farm shop. Following making enquiries it has been established that it is not owned by the council and therefore council has no responsibility to maintain this although in the past council has been generous in repairing and

maintaining in good condition. Given financial constraints it is not possible to continue maintaining it.

My next surgery will be only on Saturday 29.9.2012 at 10.30.am in Forge Community Hall and 11.15.am to 12.30.pm.in Dullatur Village hall

B. Chadha

### **Area Crime Report from Sgt Joe Black**

Sgt Black reported that the crime reports for the immediate area was low but due to the thefts in Dullatur during the summer break extra foot and car patrols were being stepped up in Wards 2 and 4. Several houses were targeted by car thieves, reported to police. Mr Stewart of Westerton Road was given a van number when a gardener working in a neighbours garden saw three men entering the rear of the property when the Stewart's were on holiday. The gardener challenged them and they left.

High performance cars were being targeted in Craigmarnloch and Westerwood. Kilsyth had a hot spot that was being closely monitored. Sgt Black agreed that M Smillie continued to send e-mail alerts to the residents on the village data base.

Members of the committee asked for advice on several subjects.

1. Noise; habitual noise should be reported to the NCL Anti Social Task Force. One warning will be given further called outs could mean the confiscation of the offending item e.g. TV, sound systems and musical instruments. One off parties were acceptable.
2. Trail bikes; It is an offence for these vehicles to be on public roads and footpaths.
3. Litter from cars; where possible take the registration of vehicle and report to police.
4. Fly tipping; same advice as above.

### **Report from Councillor Masterton**

Cllr Masterton forwarded a letter from Scottish Water regarding drainage and sewage issues in association with the proposed development on Eastfield and Dullatur Road. He has continued with his enquiries but to date no further information is available.

The winter service policy was discussed. The document should be ready for the next meeting. There seems to be no shortage of grit at the depots; this was due to the mild winter of 2011/12. Cllr Masterton added that higher areas should be taken into consideration when gritting.

M Sweet reported that a yellow diversion sign lying of the footpath near the mini roundabout at Dobbies is a potential hazard to pedestrians. The sign is now overgrown by shrubbery and has been lying for a considerable time. The sign is in fact the directional sign for the collapsed road at Wyndford.

**Social Events;** This will be discussed at the next meeting

### **Any Other Business**

Bill Jamieson reported the amount of rubbish thrown from cars is becoming an eyesore. Cllr Masterton said he will bring this to the attention of John Whittaker.

**The AGM of the Community Council** will be held on Thursday 25 October at 8.00pm.

**Date of next Meeting 8 October 2012, Dullatur Village Hall, 8.00pm.**