

Dullatur Community Council

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Minutes of Meeting held on 8 October 2012, Dullatur Village Hall at 8.00pm.

Present B Jamieson, M Smillie, M Sweet, J McKerrall, Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Masterton, P.C Scott Barton (Cumbernauld Police), L Leitch, M Kennedy, John WrightDullatur resident

Apologies Cllr McCulloch, M Harrison, E Watson, Cllr Chadha.

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

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

Correspondence

NLC; **Cllr Masterton** re the sign which I think the CC member was referring to, which was almost entirely covered in roadside vegetation, which I have reported to Land Management who will be starting their pruning programme shortly in advance of winter Numerous E-mails from all councillors re NLC Savings Consultation and Winter gritting preparation.

Winter Preparedness Forum Hosted by Gregg McClymont MP on 2 November.

Cllr Chadha's Surgery and Councillors Report

In one of my previous monthly report I indicated that with the reduction of councils committees structure/ my commitments in a lesser degree appear helping me to give more time, energy and attention to deal with many outstanding community issues and this report would highlight and provide some evidence to support this however let me make it clear that without your ongoing support/information I can not achieve positive results/resolutions and meet with some of your inspirations/concerns satisfactorily. I can only try.

Consultation with public on Budget saving proposals by council officials

1. The Council is nearly completing public consultation exercise and after listening to residents I have submitted my on own proposals to the Budget(Labour) core group's consideration and debate later on these

1 proposals will be debated soon. . Once final conclusions are taken by the group/council I will keep you fully update you

A further meeting for public consultation has been organised by Dullatur Community Council on Monday 12.11.2012 at Dullatur Village Hall and will be addressed by Stephen Penman, The Head of corporate Communication and all are invited to this important meeting. I say do not complain to me later.

2 Cumbernauld Town Centre seminar ; Planning Department organised public consultation on Monday 5.11.12 At one of workshop I attended and participated and proposed radical revamp of the town centre.(Full report will be prepared and I will keep you posted.)

3 A Constituent from Balloch, who is a President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission Scotland, invited me to their AGM Dinner to observe mission's work/belief. "Their mission statement" is "Love to all and hatred to none" and they explained us how they achieve their aims and objectives. "Non Violent organisation." Gavin Whitefield The Chief Executive of N.L.C was a guest speaker

4 Cumbernauld Community Forum asked me to hand over a certificate to a Pupil who was the Gala Queen from St. Maurice's high school in recognition of her work with forum and the work she does with Malawi Project I preformed my duty and seen school project. Great work

5 A constituent from Westerwood sought assistance in getting her visa in emergency to visit ill relative in India and she booked her flight in haste without getting visa permission After contacting Indian Embassy in Edinburgh/London I managed to secure her visa in time and gladly she was able to visit India on the day she booked her flight “ A happy ending”

6 A constituent raised a concern at the Craigmarnock Community Council meeting regarding on going problems with lighting system at St. Andrews School complex, after writing to Roads Department on several occasions before, Roads Department have assured me that they are carrying out further inspection at Eastfield Road . “Wait and see”

7 Remembrance Day

8 Westfield Community Council and Condorrat Welfare society asked me to participate in remembrance ceremony and I will oblige by attending and lay wreaths at Condorrat Parish Church and Condorrat memorial at this week end.

9 Dullatur SuperFast broadband

Dullatur community council has been complaining for some months about this issue and with the help of both MSPs J. Heburn and M. Friffins and one local business man who followed B.T. As result of our efforts B. T moved in the right direction and installed ”the Cap102” at Prospect Road, Dullatur which has enabled high speed reception in the area.”It shows working in partnership together with community work”

10 B.B.C Radio Debate on Sir Jimmy Saville saga/child Protection

As a former Child/adult social worker I was asked to participate in a Radio Debate on BBC “Calling Kay programme. During the debate I supported a suggestion made by a University Professor to set up a “Whistle blowing telephone line” to encourage people to report to the authority in secret in order to protect children from any risk of harm from people in authority such as celebrities or people who hold high position in the country.

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Gregg McClymont M.P. public meeting organised meeting to discuss NLC Winter preparedness. I attended this meeting. We have been given assurances by Council’s officials that they are much more prepared and resourced this year than before learning from past bad experiences. Let us wait and see” Jury is still out”

Finally I had a meeting this week with The Leader of the council and the Chief Executive of the council G. Whitefield to discuss issues on budget cuts proposals and a variety of issues you all have been raising with me. I will update you at appropriate stages in meetings.

B. Chadha

Cllr O’Brien

Re Winter Gritting Policy noted that there would be no change in the pick up point until this was reviewed when the weather deteriorated. The only person who has first call is the bus driver. M Sweet did not agree that 53 children should be the responsibility of the bus driver and suggested that Dullatur is made a test case for winter school bus mobility. Given the location of other pick up points suggested, the roundabout at the roman soldier is impractical as it would block the road to traffic leaving the village. This would give families from the far end on the village more than a half mile walk uphill in adverse weather conditions. There will be further discussions with Education and Leisure to determine this.

Area Crime Report from PC Scott Barton

The crime figures reported 157 incidents for the north side of the M80. However, crime is generally low for the immediate area of Craigmarnock to Dullatur, although high performance cars seem to be targeted with two being stolen from Westerton Road within the time period. Mr J Wright asked PC Barton if the Police had any details of the theft. At that point in time PC Barton did not have any information but promised to contact Mr Wright as soon as he had any information.

The crime report didn't elaborate on any details we already knew. The thieves gained entry at the rear of the premises via a sliding patio door which was thought to have been dislodged or jemmied. They took 2 sets of car keys and two cars were reported stolen.

Mr Wright asked what measures were residents allowed if they found intruders on the premises. PC Barton suggested that the family should be protected by whatever means.

M Smillie reported a trailer left abandoned on Eastfield Road between the Craighalbert Roundabout and Craigmarloch Roundabout. PC Barton was aware of this.

Social Events; St Andrews Night Dinner, 24 November. M Smillie will contact everyone who usually attends this event before applying for a license.

The Playgroup/ Toddlers Group will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1 December.

The Christmas Show rehearsals are underway and the Show will be held on Sunday 16 and Monday 17 December at 6.30pm.

Any Other Business

Omitted from Sept minutes, discussion re rotovator for verge at Dykehead Road. David Young has a contact that may do the work for us.

Sewage

Another breakdown at the pumping station on Antonine Road was reported by Mr Leitch, who also contacted S.E.P.A.

NLC Savings Consultation Booklet. No delivery has been made to any of the residents to date

Leaf Clearing. There is a thick layer of dry leaves lying throughout the old village. Rain is forecast and if the leaves are not lifted soon this will become a slip hazard especially in Victoria Road

Date of next Meeting 12 November 2012, Dullatur Village Hall, 8.00pm.