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Gartcosh Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting
Held on Monday November 5, 2007

In Attendance:

Billy Dewar, Jim Diamond, Senga Macaloney Bryan Johnston, Pauline Campbell Jim Waddell
PC Eddie Kelly, Cllr Frances McGlinchey, S Alford, J Wilson, B McRae, R Findlay, R Laing, G Greechan

Apologies: Pauline Campbell

Chairman's Opening:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

Adoption of Previous Minutes:

Proposed by Jim Diamond
Seconded by Senga Macaloney

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- (a) It was noted that there was no news with regard to the funding of repairs to the Community Centre.
- (b) Foul smelling drains in Lochend Road. Neither James McMillan (tel 07875 872874) nor his colleague, Malcolm McSporrnan, was able to attend the meeting. But thro Senga Macaloney they advised that they would attend the next meeting by which time they would have more background information available. Regardless of the recent work carried out by Scottish Water it was noted that the foul smell continued thro much of the village. An article recently published in a local paper was presented. The source was not certain but understood to have been Scottish Water. It was stated that the villagers of Gartcosh putting inappropriate materials down the drains solely caused the problem. In response the Secretary had spoken to the paper but as yet not published.
- (c) It was noted that there were no improvements so far as the promised floral decorations on the roundabout and around the village. Previously we had been advised that these works would be completed by the end of October. In the absence of David Black it was agreed to hold this matter over.

Treasurer's Report. On behalf of the Treasurer, Jim Diamond reported that the bank balance was £1435. The Secretary passed a hall let invoice & statement to the Treasurer for the quarter to September 30. Whether or not a deduction had been made for the recent occasion when the Caretaker failed to turn up was not known. It was requested that this be checked. The Secretary requested that we continue to support the school play by funding the provision of a stage, thereby allowing the elderly better and safer viewing. It was agreed that we should contribute £100. It was also agreed that we should fund a poppy wreath for November 11.

Police Report: In the absence of our usual Community Officer, PC Eddie Kelly kindly came along and presented the statistics for the past month. In total there had been 11 reported crimes, 3 vandalism, 6 thefts, 1 assault & 1 RT. Included in vandalism was the particularly mindless destruction of a bus-shelter. There

followed a general discussion on vandalism within the village and there appeared to a number of disgruntled villagers who stated that when they phoned in to report such incidents were told that they were low priority. The general feeling was that the detection & prevention of such mindless vandalism was very much a priority of the villagers. It was suggested that perhaps Supt Bob Hamilton should be invited along and asked to consider re-prioritising policing initiatives.

Other Business:

Planning

It was noted that no Planning List for the period Referred to the village:

It was noted that the Northern Corridor Community Forum had recently held a meeting at which the Local Master Plan was a topic with staff from NLC Planning being in attendance. However due to the short notice neither the Chair nor the Secretary could attend. There appeared to be no further information with regard to the Gartcosh Master plan. In view of this the Secretary was instructed to write to NLC advising that whereas we had no great concerns with the Draft Local Plan, we would reserve our right to comment until the Gartcosh Masterplan was available. Without sight of it we could not take a balanced view of the Draft Local Plan.

Plans for A8 / M8 upgrade were received and passed to Jim Diamond for review. Yet again it was noted that very short notice was being given with regard to consultation meetings.

Other Matters

- (1) The Community Councillor Newsletter – passed to the Chair for review
- (2) North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Newsletter retained by the Secretary for review
- (3) NHS Glasgow Newsletter passed to Jim Diamond for review
- (4) Cumbernauld Citizens Advice notice of AGM Nov 13 - noted
- (5) Scottish Landscapè Forum report – passed to the Chair for review
- (6) Scottish Water – open Board Meeting Nov 27 - noted
- (7) NHS Glasgow – minutes of meeting Sept 7 – passed to Jim Diamond
- (8) NLC Alternate Weekly Refuse Collections summary of proposals as agreed in principle. Cllr McGlinchey spoke on the matter, voiced certain concerns and advised that it had still to be agreed by Members.
- (9) NLC confirmation of Meeting arrangements - noted
- (10) NLVS nomination & election of representative - noted
- (11) Complaints were received with regard to the turning circle across from the school being closed thereby adding to the local traffic problem. The Secretary was asked to investigate.
- (12) Complaints were received with regard to the non-availability of seats being available on the trains during rush hour. It was reported that frequently these trains were apparently restricted to 2 carriages only. The Secretary was asked to write and ask that either 3 or 4 carriages be considered at these times.

(13) Complaints were received about the excessive speeding still taking place both within the village, often en route to the Social Club and around the School, and also along the main A752. It was felt that some form of positive traffic calming was urgently required.

(14) It was noted that heavy commercial traffic continued to come off the main roundabout on the A752 and follow the Local sign into Mowbray Avenue. This was causing many problems. Cllr McGlinchey advised that she had raised the matter and hoped for a resolution. Similarly, comments were made about the state of Lochend Road and Pavement leading past the school and towards the Station. Both were badly patched and repaired and it was felt that an accident may occur because of the poor surface conditions.

Date of next meeting December 3

Agenda

**Gartcosh Community Council
Meeting to be held on Monday, December 3, 2007
In Gartcosh Community Centre**

- (1) Chairman's Opening**
- (2) Apologies for Absence**
- (3) Adoption of Previous Minutes**
- (4) Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**
- (5) Treasurer's Report**
- (6) Other Business**
Planning
- (6) Date of Next Meeting ~January 7, 2008**