

## **KILDRUM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES of Open Meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7pm.**

#### **1. PRESENT**

**Committee Members:-** Bill Dempsey (Chair), John Millar (Vice Chair), Hugh Johnston (Treasurer), Josephine Lewis (Acting Secretary), Mary McArthur, Elizabeth Whitelaw, Joan Findlay, Gerry Docherty, Steven Carlaw, Linda O'Halloran, Adam Smith.

**Police:-** Constable Steven Murray and Constable Mark Fleming.

**Councillor:-** Tom Johnston

**Members of the Public:-** As attendance sheet.

#### **2. Apologies:** None.

#### **3. Minutes of Meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013:**

These were read and agreed. Proposed – Hugh Johnston.

Seconded – Adam Smith

Ongoing matters arising were as noted items following..

#### **4. Welcome:-**

Chair welcomed everybody.

#### **5. Ongoing Concerns: (and Recent Incidents).**

**a) Old Nursery Site:** N.L.C. Officers spoke to Chair today. Site agreed for Housing Development on 15<sup>th</sup> August. Still no definite design, but no high buildings. Road access into site still undecided.

#### **b) 'Nuisance' Play Areas at Clouden/Lochlea Roads.**

(i) Chair spoke to Sanctuary Officers – Letters received seemed favourable for NLC to receive play equipment for use elsewhere, but finance was still a 'stumbling' block, however this arrangement was still a possibility – discussions are ongoing.

(ii) New residents, from the newest houses, will have no say in whether play areas remain or are removed.

(iii) Sanctuary is still committed to the removal of these areas.

(iv) Mr Adrian Waddell of Sanctuary has agreed to attend the next Community Council meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> October, to explain the situation and answer questions. He will write to all concerned residents.

**c) Water Flood and Paving Block** replacement work at Clouden Road should end this week,

Chair had phoned the Water Board.

- d) **Car Ports** at Tarbolton are due to be removed.
- e) **Hub Cap Stealing**; paint spills; drain blockages; holes in road; footpath disturbance at Kildrum Parish Church – all these had been reported and action taken by authorities.
- f) **Red Comyn Pub** applied for licence to admit children to some areas for family parties (e.g. Christmas, Christenings, etc.).  
There were no objections from the meeting.
- g) **Cottage Theatre** hoped to alter the building – to be investigated.
- h) **Lye Brae Bridge** works should be finished next week and road reopened.
- j) **Cumbernauld** had received an award for the most beautiful small town – this was accepted by Committee Member Adam Smith.
- k) **Traffic:**  
Vehicle congestion, speeding, obstructive parking, pedestrian movement restrictions, etc., still cause great concern, especially at LOCHLEA ROAD. There is real fear of accidents. In spite of much correspondence no improvements have been made. Chair agreed to invite N.L.C. Traffic Officers to a future meeting to accept residents concerns 'first hand'.
- l) **Many** other items were discussed including:- cleanliness of the area, holes in ring-roads and footpaths, house numbering, dilapidations, youth disturbances, school amalgamation, 'bedroom' tax.
- m) **Adam Smith** reported on events at Cumbernauld House Park where:-
  - (i) Annual Cross Country Run to take place on October 26<sup>th</sup>. NLC to clean up thereafter. Portaloo toilets to be provided.
  - (ii) Footpaths need upgrading and extending – proposals will be prepared for community perusal.
  - (iii) Community Planting Event will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> October.

6. **Treasurer:-** Hugh Johnston Reported:-  
Balance - £2840.32p - Petty Cash - £190.71p.

To facilitate better communication and administration a laptop computer and tablet are to be purchased. Chair asked for other ideas for expenditure.  
Leaflet distribution to all residents, and especially new residents is to be arranged.

## 7. **Correspondence:-**

Twelve letters have been received which include:-

- (i) From NLC and Sanctuary regarding play areas.
- (ii) From NLC re house numbering and street signs.
- (iii) From Police re opening of Police Office.
- (iv) Apology from NHS regarding obstructive parking at Medical Centre.
- (v) From Friends of the Earth re 'fracking' for oil and gas.
- (vi) Application by Red Comyn Pub to allow child access.

All letters can be consulted at any time and personal replies made by any resident. Committee will reply as appropriate.

**8. Police:- P.C. Steven Murray and P.C. Mark Fleming reported:**

- a) 177 incidents, mainly ongoing issues.
- b) Few Disturbances.
- c) 40 crimes – 26 detected.  
4 drugs, 4 house break-ins, some vandalism, drunken offences and assaults.

Some observations were voiced from the floor.

- Spray paint and graffiti - Abronhill bridges, underpasses, Afton Road.
- Police will always report back on complaints.
- Park at Medical Centre – youths drinking and smoking substances.
- Trees in Palacerigg Park had been set alight.

**Numbers to call – 990 or 101.**

The Police Officers offered advice on cold calling – always verify 'identity' cards, invite neighbours in etc. When going outside always lock your doors; even a few minutes is enough for casual quick thefts.

Chair thanked Police Officers for their continued assistance, advice and protection.

**9. Councillor:- Councillor Tom Johnston reported on some of his activities – including:-**

- a) Parent consultations for emerging schools.
- b) Woodland tidy up.
- c) Sharp bend on Maclehose Road presents danger – further investigation to be given.
- d) Possibility of speed bumps at danger areas still to be fully considered.
- e) Some disturbances and ASBO incidents.

Councillor Johnston advised on many other items of concern.

Chair thanked the Councillor for his valuable advice and service.

**10. A.O.C.B.**

- 1) Adam Smith advised there will be Community consultation regarding demolition of High Rise Blocks.  
Some new houses will be for rent.  
At recent estate walkabout there were 20 complaints regarding the environment at Tarbolton Road.
- 2) The footpath behind 26, clouden Road, was dangerously steep – investigation required.
- 3) Footpaths onto Clouden Road would be safer with the provision of railings – investigate.
- 4) Lights in public areas required survey. Some in Lochlea Road had been fixed.
- 5) Dog poo remains a problem – some had been deposited in the brown food waste bins.

- 6) The steep sloping path at the South of Maclehose Road would benefit from provision of an extension of the recently erected handrail. Developer will be advised.
- 7) Some new flats at Maclehose Road seem to be engulfed by existing trees. NLC will be invited to survey.
- 8) An enquiry had been made regarding 'KYLE COMMUNITY CENTRE'. This was noted.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Chair thank everyone for their contribution to the meeting.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013 @ 7.00pm. (Committee meets at 6.30pm.). (Mr Adrian Waddell of SANCTUARY will attend).