

Monkland Glen Community Council

Minutes for the meeting dated 26th June 2012

Time 7.45 pm

Attendees

Dr Ann Glen Chair, Mr Robert McCombe, Mrs Betty McEwan, Mrs Alison Dalziel, Mrs Lesley Watt

Apologies Robert Black

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Alison Dalziel was introduced to the council members.

- **Public Liability Insurance**

As ASCC no longer exists, North Lanarkshire Council advised that Zurich Municipal will offer cover for MGCC. The cost from Zurich is £79.00 and has been paid.

- **Planning Applications**

The application for the ASDA site has been submitted; however there is no update to report. Some members stated a positive preference for the development. Any views should be expressed to North Lanarkshire Council.

The development at "The Stables" was discussed and remains a point of concern. **The "green belt" should and must be protected.**

Cycle tracks were discussed and in general the provision was thought good in North Lanarkshire although poor by continental standards. There is a lack of places to "park" a bike in the town centre of Airdrie.

- **Right of way RM25**

Part of the Right of Way has been blocked by the building of the joint campus school on the NW area of the Brownsburn Community Park. Negotiations are continuing with NLC over the formation of a footpath east of the school playing field. ScotWays has taken the matter up with NLC. A Heritage Lottery Funding event in Motherwell took place, with Stuart Irving from Roads NLC and the Chairman in attendance. NLC have surveyed a route and have prepared costing.

A suggestion was made that Restorative Justice might be a source of labour.

- **Brownsburn Community Park**

The establishment of the park as a "Local Nature Reserve" is subject to discussion as protected species such as Water Vole and Crested Newt have been spotted and there have been sightings of Roe Deer and Hedgehogs.

A meeting about the 'LNR' will take place in Gartlea Community Centre on Friday 29 June to which Community Councillors are invited.

- **Celebrating Lanarkshire 2012**

Supercounty/Scottish Enterprise held a meeting on 20 June 2012 to launch events in North and South Lanarkshire for 2013, to celebrate the county, its people and achievements. The Chairman appealed for ideas on how the Community Council could become involved in the event. Topics of interest suggested were the Environment, Art and Culture, Heritage, Business, Lifestyle, local charities and inspirational people.

Wild Flower Meadow

To enhance biodiversity, it is proposed that a wild flower meadow is created off St David's Drive for pollination and colour. It is currently an area of grass. William Thomson from NLC met to discuss the idea. It is too late now to plant for summer but areas are to be prepared this autumn and sown in spring 2013. The suggestion to replant bulbs at the Monks Road entrance and elsewhere is being considered.

Japanese Knotweed NLC is taking steps to eradicate this very invasive species that is damaging to property, paths etc. if left unattended. Robert McCombe that "Roundup" can be an effective deterrent, if used a few times.

- **MGCC accounts**

MGCC books have been returned from audit as satisfactory.

- **Transport**

The road bridge on Cairnhill Road is closed pending repairs.

- **Blockage of Brownsburn in Monkland Glen.**

Robert McCombe reported continuing problems after heavy rain with consequential flood risk. It is worst in the months of July and August. **The installation of a headwall and screen has been proposed.**

- **AOCB**

Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire (VANL) subscription has been paid. Scotways subscription is due to be paid. There will be no meeting in July, the next meeting will be held in August and a location choice for the AGM are invited September.

The Chairman thanked the group for attending and closed the meeting.