

Attendees

Dr Ann Glen, Mr Robert McCombe, Mrs Betty McEwan, Mr Robert Black, Mrs Lesley Watt, Mr Harry Harper, Mr John Peter, Mr Tom Pollock

Apologies

Mr Alistair Miller, Mr Alex Davidson, Mrs Alison Dalziel.

Dr Ann Glen welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported that, Mr Robert Black has been elected Deputy Chairman of the council. Two new members have joined – Mrs Alison Dalziel and Mrs Lesley Watt.

She thanked everyone for their involvement in the Community Council.

Matters considered by MGCC

Planning permissions

Mr Robert Black reported on his involvement with the planning permission application from Asda. He had attended a meeting with Asda representatives and the proposal was discussed. If permission is to be granted then there will be provision to widen the road at the top of Brownsburn Road and install traffic lights. This will also apply at Petersburn Road and at the proposed site. Asda are still keen to build in Airdrie and proceed with their application.

Subsidies are available from Scottish government for wind turbines. This has resulted in frequent planning applications for sites. Mr John Peter advised that there may be a possibility of a rise in electricity bills to help pay for the subsidy provided.

Zero Waste Policy/Recycling

Recycling – Residents are encouraged to use the blue bin facility. Discussion arose over why some residents don't use the bin. Clarification has to be sought by Mr Robert McCombe on what can be placed in this bin for recycling

The zero waste policy formed by Scottish government will introduce the **"Two Caddy"** system for food waste. It will involve two bins - one for indoors and one for outdoors. It is anticipated the bin will be emptied fortnightly. An information leaflet was circulated.

Shore energy – pyrolysis plant at Carnbroe - NLC lost its appeal against the installation of an incinerator at the site. They hope to appeal to the Inner House

of the Court of Session. If this fails they will appeal to the House of Lords, then the European Commission.

The installation at this site, is considered undemocratic as the local residents, MSP, MP and NLC are all against it being sited in here.

Covanta- incinerator will be based at Drumshangie opencast.

"EFW"- Energy from Waste. It will reduce landfill waste for disposal and contributes to the Zero Waste Policy. The company held consultations, throughout the summer, for its Green Hills Combined Heat and Power facility.

Provision has been made by North Lanarkshire Council, for the installation of a high tech incinerator, claimed to be an efficient and reliable way to divert residual waste from landfill.

Brownsburn Community Park

The park has been declared a local Nature Reserve. It has an interesting and diverse range of creatures living in it.

There was a bulb planting event on 11/11/12. It was a disappointing turnout, as only five people attended the event. However all of the bulbs, donated from the Woodland Trust, were planted. The "Royal Oak" has still to be planted once a position has been agreed.

Local children from St Margaret's High School have been getting involved with planting, in their own successful project, at the pond, within the Community Nature Park.

Dr Ann Glen again appealed for people to "get involved" in the park and become a "friend" of the park.

Right of Way 25

Considerable progress has been made in re-establishing this right of way, which was damaged in the building of the new Rochsolloch Primary School. NLC agree, they should provide an alternative path, but have no available funds.

Balfour Beatty will do the earthworks, as they were originally involved in the build of the school. Restorative justice will build the path. The materials required will amount to approximately £10,000.00. MGCC have raised the money for the project, through fundraising efforts, and work will begin in the next few weeks. It is expected to last about eight weeks and it is hoped it will be completed by Christmas- weather permitting.

Beautiful Airdrie – Silver Quaich has been awarded to Airdrie.

Responsibility for local woodlands

Discussion arose on who is responsible for local woodlands. It is unclear who is responsible for their maintenance - Residents, Taylor Wimpey, Crown Estates? The matter is to be clarified. Mr Robert McCombe will investigate and report back.

Accounts for SAGES and MGCC- Accounts examined, approved by OSCAR and tabled.

Dr Ann Glen asked how the money would be best spent and invited ideas. She suggested that more paths be built with the help of Restorative Justice. She said they are very keen to build benches / paths for the park.

Mr Robert McCombe suggested that daffodil bulbs be planted in the Monks Glen Estate. He will investigate the cost and report back.

SAGES - proposal presented and seconded, for changing the name South Airdrie Group for Environment and Sport (SAGES), to "**Friends of Brownsburn Community Park**".

Dr Ann Glen thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.