

Monkland Glen Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 31 January 2013 at 8pm

Attendance Betty McEwan, Robert Black, Alastair Miller, Robert McCombe, Alex Forsyth, Dr Ann Glen (Chair)

Apologies from Alison Dalziel

Matters arising:-

1. Planning Applications – Letter re-The Stables

Concerns were expressed about the removal of conditions pertaining to this property where accommodation ostensibly for agricultural workers was built. Possible further erosion of the green belt with the construction of a 'millionaire's row' on the site was discussed. Hugh Lucas is seeking a meeting with the Director of Planning.

There is nothing to report on the ASDA supermarket proposal.

2. The Right of Way Path makes good progress as weather permits. There has also been bulb planting courtesy of ground maintenance and the 'pay back' team. Balfour Beatty have to complete re-seeding in the spring.

3. Brownsburn Community Park - Local Nature Reserve

Improvements are ongoing with path repairs completed.

There have been meetings with Pardeep Chand, Biodiversity Project Officer.

4. Making Airdrie a 'cycle friendly town'

A meeting has been arranged to take forward this proposal that is long overdue.

It should be noted the National Cycle Route 75 Clyde-Forth crosses the north margin of the Brownsburn Community Park

5. SAGES – new name for group, 'Friends of Brownsburn Community Park'.

To widen its appeal and focus, this name will now be used and OSCR has agreed.

6. Monkland Glen:- A grid to trap debris is to be installed on the burn. There were comments about the saturated condition of ground in the local area.

AOCB The problem of dog walking as a business is causing problems in the Community Park. 'Professional' dog walkers are turning up with six or more animals, many of which are out of control and threaten other park users. There is the problem of the 'wire path' between the primary school and Stark's yard -it is in a disgraceful condition. Waste bins and 'no dog fouling' notices are badly required there. The Dog Warden and Environmental Services are to be contacted about this health and safety problem.