

Monkland Glen Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 19 June 2013.

Attendance: Betty McEwan, Alistair Miller, Robert Black, Robert McCombe, Dr Glen (chair).

Apologies: Harry Harper and Lesley Watt.

Matters arising:

1. Planning Applications:

A request for an 'Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion' has been made for a single wind turbine at Budshaw Farm, Bellside Road, Chapelhall.

Another unusual application has concerned the adaptation of a portacabin into a 'Sensory Room' at 158 Cairnhill Road, Airdrie.

2. Right of Way Path: A meeting to review progress was held on 18 June in Rochsolloch Primary School. The path is now 80 per cent complete. Further work will be done by Balfour Beatty as part of the site remediation. Some retention may be required on a portion of the path's east side.

3. Brownsburn Community Park: Although the park event was cancelled on 24 March due to inclement weather, a 'round robin' call for volunteers saw bulbs put in near the steps at the rear of Monks Road.

OSCR has been sent the revised SAGES constitution that gives the new name of the group as 'Friends of Brownsburn Community Park (SAGES)' plus an excerpt from Minutes showing approval.

4. Land Ownership in Monkland Glen: The Chairman had received a letter from Taylor Wimpey stating that the company does own the land but made over the maintenance of the area to the adjoining proprietors of Wimpey houses. A sample title was circulated. Enquiry will now be made as to the status of land and trees on the Etive Drive side of the valley where a housing estate was built at an earlier date.

Subsequent to the meeting, a message was received by Mrs Frances Dickson from Alex Neil MSP. This contained the disturbing advice that the proprietors should have the trees in the valley felled and sell the logs – hardly an appropriate solution in the 'Year of Natural Scotland'. The Chairman has contacted the Central Scotland Forest Trust and the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland about the matter and potential loss of biodiversity.

5. Airdrie cycle friendly: A cycle routes' study has been commissioned and a 'Stakeholder Consultation' will be held on Tuesday 25 June at 2pm in Gartlea Community Centre. The aim is to identify potential commuter routes along a corridor between Airdrie Town Centre and Eurocentral, Biocity, Newhouse Industrial Estate and Strathclyde Business Park., all large employment areas. The study will also consider how to increase cycling generally and for recreational purposes.

6. Information received: BTCV 'Network Bulletin'; the Stroke Association 'Speak out for Stroke' Ambassador appointed; www.tellmesotland.gov.uk, Scotland's online portal for Public Information Notices – useful tool for Community Councils. Meetings, consultations and events' notices may also be published on it. The accounts went for audit and subscriptions were paid to APRS and Scotways.