



PLAINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minute of Meeting held Tuesday 14th April 2009,
Plains Community Centre

Present: Elspeth Wright, Lillian Guerts, Anne Dick, Bob Summerhill, Margaret Waddell

In attendance: John Rogers, Elaine Riley, John Riley

1. Apologies: Fay Kerr

2. Minute of Previous Meeting

March 09 - Draft minute to be approved by Community Councillors.

3. Matters Arising

- First Bus - Access issue.

It was noted the type of bus has been changed to improve access, although no reply has been received from First Bus. Anne Dick to contact First Bus again for a response.

4. Police Report

Community Officers are now Joe Kerr and Derek Harris. No statistics available, and brief outline of recent crimes within Plains area given included, Quad Bikes/vandalism and disorder at the Ballochney Road shop area/bullying outwith school/Affric Avenue £2000 of damage.

5. North Airdrie Limited Planning Application

Incinerator Proposal submitted Summer, 2008. 936 letters of representation sent, of these 372 from Plains (pm note: a further 51 submitted from the village).

NLC acknowledged receipt of letters of objection within the Airdrie & Coatbridge Advertiser, 25th March, 2009. This has been placed on the Community Centre noticeboard.

Meeting of Planning and Transportation Committee, 15th April, 2009, site visit to be held beforehand at 9.30 a.m.

Elsbeth Wright will attend meeting 15th April, 2009 request to be made that meeting be deferred and Hearing granted.

Joint Group has written to Scottish Ministers (as of 1st April 2009 Scottish Ministers do not need to 'call in' application of this size, therefore denied opportunity to challenge).

Letter received from Derek Grant, Scottish Minister.

Scottish ministers do not judge Council's decision only that proper procedures have been followed.

Health matters not a Planning issue. S.E.P.A. responsible for monitoring site.

6. WREN Application

An application for Landfill tax funding for play area, Bruce Street is being prepared.

An NLC Funding Officer is assisting with the work on this project.

Community Learning and Development will seek views of young people in area.

NLC Play Advisor advising on suitable equipment.

The application will be submitted June 2009.

WREN Panel meet September 2009, and a recommendation is then forwarded to the WREN Board which meets in October.

7. Community Centre Consultation

The lets from Youth Centre are transferring to the Community Centre and School Campus.

NLC Facilities Manager has agreed to the Community Council writing to different groups asking for their input on what improvements would be useful.

8. Plains Ballochney Residents Association

Attendance at inaugural meeting very good, 80/90 attendees.

Elsbeth Wright and Anne Dick attended on behalf of Community Council.

Main issue: incomplete work by the developer Gateway Homes.

9. Correspondence

- NLC Draft Equality Strategy 2009/2012
- NLC Finalised Draft Local Plan (EW to check)
- NLC Access Forum AGM, Wednesday 30th April, 2009. Lillian Guerts will attend.
- Coltness Community Council member, Alastair Scott, seeking support if elected, as ASCC area representative. Anne Dick to contact Mr Scott and advise, if successful, Plains Community Council would appreciate regular updates.
- Karen Whitefield MSP: March/April Newsletter received.

10. A.O.C.B

Communication - is the village aware of Community Council Meetings?

Notice to be placed in local shops and Community Centre with dates and main points of work carried out.

11. Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th May 2009 at 7.30pm.