



**PLAINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minute of Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2010,**  
**at 7.30 p.m. within Plains Community Centre**

**Present:** Elspeth Wright, Fay Kerr, Anne Marshall, Margaret Waddell, Bob Summerhill,

1. **Apologies:** Lillian Geurts, Councillor Morgan (the Community Council wish to pass on their condolences to Lillian on the death of her husband)

**In attendance:** John Riley, Christine Lambert, Scott McCarron (Police)

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes : Approved - Bob Summerhill Seconded - Margaret Waddell

3. **Matters Arising**

None

4. **Police Report**

Incident on Victor Street, serious message to villagers. Key issue at present youth disorder/property damage, especially at weekend. Youths not doing anything serious, roaming streets, when questioned, their answer "where do we go". Police doing their best to control.

CCTV poles now in place (4). Placement decision made by NLC and police. J Riley expressed concern no camera at Changing Room site.

Large proportion of police overtime budget spent in Plains recently. Serious need to address problem of youth having 'nothing to do'. Minority of youths intimidating majority.

188 incidents last month, of these 20/30 Victor Street incident and St. Phillips. 20 disorder calls, 2 assaults, 6 vandalisms. 50 crimes - 21 detected. Shortage of manpower a problem.

Drumbow Estate, drug problem last year, 2 houses involved, of concern to Drumbow residents. Proceeds of Crime - can they be sold off.? Advised there is a Justice process before retention of assets.

Interview Forms distributed - police looking to get 30/50 forms completed. Perhaps use local groups using Community Centre?

## **5. Local Area Partnership**

CCTV - 4 cameras - it was agreed a camera should be sited at/close to the shop area in Ballochney Drive.

Airdrie/Bathgate Rail Link - on target to open December 2010. Towers Road opens 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2010. May 2010, Drumgelloch Station closed until line opened in December. Airdrie Station to be closed for 8 days for refurbishment July, 2010.

Airdrie Town Centre - work ongoing re Airdrie Community Health Centre. Construction time, two years, commencing as soon as possible. Demolition to be carried out from top down which will take some time. Parking - Hallcraig Street, creating two storey car park. Vehicles to be diverted to local area car parks e.g. Business Centre during this time.

Wellwynd Church now Social Enterprise Centre.

Regeneration Fund - John Orr Building, proposed housing above ground level, retail ground level.

Discussed as priority at Safety Committee Meeting, Moffat View Changing Room Facility demolition.

Local Development Programme - £45,000 Play Area Development, Bruce Street, approved to go to Committee.

## **6. WREN Application**

Approval given for Play Area, £45,000 WREN, £5,000 Strathclyde Police, £45,000 North Lanarkshire Council £10,000 Community Learning & Development, in total **£105,996**. Plan of proposed area/placements shown to meeting. Tenders have now been sent out.

Further discussion took place reference WREN application for Community Garden, Bruce Street/Moffat View area. Lynn Ward (NLC), Vincent, Elspeth to hold meeting to pick up on what to do next year to scope out size of project. School Citizenship? Can children be involved, seed planting etc., feedback to schools.

## **7. Community Safety Meeting**

Follow up - agreed top table to meet and discuss issues raised. Meeting identified immediate and short term actions. Longer term action - meeting to be held, finalising date at present.

## **8. Community Futures**

Allotments going ahead. School allotment? Local Development funding, allotments and Community Garden £12,000. NLC Community Garden £20,000. Would it be more sense to place CCTV in this area?

## **9. Response to North Lanarkshire Council**

**Community Council** received communication from NLC re Grants, good accounts quoted, audit trail good. Evidence provided with letter of confirmation. To confirm nominated community councillors to NLC. Anne Marshall to clarify with 'Advertiser' contact/comments with Community Council to be through Chairperson/Secretary only.

**NLC Finance Department** - meeting room hire discussed, agreed two distinct people to book Community Council/Futures bookings. Anne Marshall no longer responsible for bookings re Community Futures.

Community Futures Autumn Newsletter - political ramifications. Community Council responded to NLC questions and agreement made that editorial process will be discussed with Community Futures Management Committee. NLC discussed more editorial scrutiny and the creation of editorial group. It was reaffirmed that both the Community Council and Community Futures are non-political.

### **AOCB**

Heavy Goods vehicles still breaking speed limit in area around Fair Bridge. E Wright to again contact Police. Meadowhead Road also identified as area where vehicle speed excessive.

Meadowhead Road new housing development - concern raised re state of pavement, now in disrepair for over a year. Street lighting out for months. Drains full of muck causing flooding, need to be cleared.

Community Councillor's expenses incurred to be submitted to treasurer asap. Agreed purchase of laptop for sole purpose of CC.

Concern raised re gritting in village especially top of village, Arrandale Road, safety problems/access out of village.

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.