

## PLAINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Plains Community Council held on Tuesday 12th October 2010

at 7.30 p.m. within Plains Community Centre

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Elsbeth Wright Chairperson

Margaret Waddell Treasurer

Lillian Geurts Community Councillor

Bob Summerhill Community Councillor

In Attendance

Residents:

Alan Jaap

Mary Doris

Isabel Downie

Joan Benson

Councillor T Morgan (attended from 8.15 p.m.)

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Anne Marshall and Fay Kerr Community Councillors.

### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 14th September 2010

The chair advised the minutes had been completed but due to a technical difficulty it had not been possible to print copies.

### 3. Matters Arising

Apologies were given re: the above and any matters arising will be dealt with at the next meeting.

### 4. Police Report

There was no Police representative available to provide a report. In the absence of a Police representative the meeting noted residents concerns regarding inconsistencies in police responses to incidents and concerns about available police manpower with a continual change in the personnel within the village and therefore no ability to gain knowledge and awareness of the village.

### 5. WREN Application – Play and Activity Area

The meeting was advised the construction work at the Play and Activity area has progressed well and is moving towards final completion and handover to North Lanarkshire Council. Further site meetings are planned to measure progress. Concerns were expressed about the level of litter within the area and it was noted, until there is a formal handover, the contractor remains responsible for the site and the council has no responsibility to clear litter meantime.

There was general agreement of the benefit of the facility and the use being made of it by children.

### 6. Planning and Licensing Applications

The meeting noted the planned parade held at the beginning of the month had proceeded without incident. The proposed route was shortened and the timing amended following a lengthy discussion at committee. Plains Community Council and Strathclyde Police attended the Council Parades Committee to present

objections to the proposal.

No further planning applications have been received pertinent to the village.

It was noted the North Airdrie Ltd Energy from Waste plant has now announced the owner and operator of the plant will be Covanta Energy.

The Stopping Up order for Ballochney Road and Arbuckle Road was noted.

#### 7. Airdrie Bathgate Railway

The Community Council agreed to support the work carried out by Mrs Doris regarding the decision made by Network Rail to remove the footbridge construction from the plans, thus creating a division within the village. The petition organised by Mrs Doris will be forwarded to Network Rail.

Concerns were expressed about public safety issues, mainly deficient lighting, poorly constructed and deficient fencing and flooding in the area of the railway construction. It was agreed these concerns would also be highlighted to Network Rail and copied to North Lanarkshire Council.

#### 8. Community Futures Progress Report

The meeting noted the success of Plains Community Futures in achieving a Bronze award for the village in the 2010 Beautiful Scotland competition. This has required a lot of voluntary work and thanks was noted to those involved.

The judges were impressed by the joint working, including that with the primary schools Eco projects and the village allotments project.

#### 9. Plains Youth Project

The Community Council was advised new committee members have now been recruited to the Youth Development Project, after many attempts to encourage parents to participate. It is hoped this will now enable the project to progress.

#### 10. Treasurer's Report

It was agreed funding would be utilised to provide adequate filing and storage facilities for the Community Council files.

Post meeting note: The secretary will purchase a new printer and provide receipts to the treasurer.

#### 11. Council Report

Councillor Morgan provided the meeting with a council report. The main points were:

North Lanarkshire Council savings requirements are detailed within the consultation document Hard Choices Big Decisions. The Council needs to make savings of £55m within 2 years and £70m within 3 years.

The outcome of the consultation process will be presented to committee on the 25th November. Difficult decisions need to be made in relation to:

Community Care Services.

Community Warden Services.

Community Alarm Service – potential charges may be applied.

Increase in class sizes for English and Maths classes.

Reduction in the Council's payroll through redeployment, natural wastage and voluntary redundancies, plus potential consideration of compulsory redundancies.

Reduction of school transport provision to within the statutory requirement limits.

Reduction in capital investment projects.

Councillor Morgan also advised the meeting of ongoing council inputs to the village:

Successful refurbishment of Monklands Care Home.

Road repairs.

Investment ongoing to housing stock.

## 12. Correspondence

Correspondence has been received from Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire advising of a forthcoming event to discuss the Council savings.

## 13. A.O.C.B.

There was no further business.

## 14. Date of Next Meeting 9th November 2010