



PLAINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held, Tuesday 13th September, 2011

7.30 p.m. within Plains Community Centre

Present: Elspeth Wright, Lilian Geurts, Fay Kerr, Anne Marshall, Bob Summerhill,

In Attendance: Mary Doris, Alan Jaap, Ann Summerhill, Paul Sutherland (Community Police).

1. Apologies: Margaret Waddell, Councillor Morgan

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted as an accurate record. Proposed – Fay Kerr, Seconded – Lilian Geurts

3. Matters Arising:

Item 3 - Issue of unsightly littering of Main Street/Jarvie Avenue area, at and around convenience store, new flats, AM to send letter to Ken Wilson, NLC this week.

Item 6 - Update on the planning application made for house at area west Main Street (Kivit's old yard) Planning approval now given.

Item 8 – AGM – accounts returned to Treasurer after satisfactory audit.

Item 10 – Official opening of Stanrigg Memorial Hall/Greengairs Sports Centre- E Wright attended on behalf of Plains Community Council and advised that the event was well attended and very successful.

4. Police Report

Community Police officer Paul Sutherland introduced himself and advised officer Pamela Bannister (at present on holiday) would also be working in the Plains area. He advised that new sergeant Richard Staward was keen to re-engage with Community Council and the Community Policing resource was being expanded.

E Wright advised that she had forwarded to Sergeant Staward details of Community Council meeting dates etc. The Council then introduced themselves to officer Sutherland.

P.C. Sutherland gave details of reported crime stats for Plains since the month of April, 2011, stating that, as St. Phillips is included with Plains, this exaggerates the figures and does not therefore allow

an accurate picture. Last weekend, (9th September) there were 8 incidents including 1 domestic incident.

In April, 2011 the main issue had been youth disorder in and around the Moffat View area, this now would appear to have calmed down. (E Wright advised that a resident had informed the May Community Council meeting of an improving situation.)

E Wright advised that the Local Area Partnership had approved a grant of £15,000 for environmental improvements including the re-siting of fencing and improvements to the lane. One other area of concern was youth disorder in the Play Park area, especially Friday and Saturday late evening/early morning. E Wright advised that NLC Grounds Maintenance had now removed bushes from the area which were being utilized by youths to use as a 'bothy'. Also cleared and cleaned up was the other area of concern near Wallace Street. The practice of issuing letters to parents of youths under 16 involved in unsocial behaviour to be fully utilised.

Street drinking Ballochnie Street shop area. The present way of handling street drinking is that the Police issue a £40 ticket. If an individual receives two tickets in one year, they are then reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

A request was made for a temporary speed gun check in the Heatheryford Gardens area where numerous vehicles have been seen greatly exceeding the legal speed limit. Officer Sutherland advised he would contact the relevant department requesting they instigate a speed check as soon as possible.

E Wright advised of a meeting, Wednesday 13th Sept, of the Community Garden Project team and invited Officer Sutherland to attend if possible. She then thanked him for his input to the meeting and he then left.

5. WREN Application

Play and Activity Area. The ongoing problems with the Zip Slide needs the equipment to be re-sited and the correct cable length to be re-installed. Details of this issue has been advised to WREN and a representative of WREN visited site. WREN has given approval for the grant period to be extended. solved. Official opening of Play Area still to be advised. Seeding still to be completed, weather permitting.

6. Community Garden Project – Project team meeting, Wednesday 13th September, 2011. Draft Plan shown to meeting. Public consultation event planned for October, 2011. Flyers to Community Groups and Schools beforehand.

7. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the treasurer there was no report given.

8. Community Council – Quadrennial Elections

Letters received, closing date 6th September, 2011. Successful nominees have received letters from NLC.

Minimum number of councillors required 7 – Plains CC has 8. Inaugural meeting of the new Community Council to take place Tuesday 11th October, 2011.

9. Council Report

In the absence of Councillor Morgan there was no report given.

10. Correspondence

- Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire Update June and September 2011
- Scottish Health Council Connect Magazine and contacts update request.
- Macmillan Cancer Support correspondence re: the Biggest Coffee Morning in the World September 30th 2011.
- Airdrie Community Health Centre Arts Strategy
- North Lanarkshire Local Plan - Consultation on Draft Supplementary Guidance
- NLC - Quadrennial Election of Community Councils
- Margaret Mitchell MSP – Newsletter
- SMP Playgroups – Newsletter
- NLC - Winter Maintenance Policy & Procedures 2011/12
- British Polio Fellowship – Newsletter
- Your Energy Limited – Greengairs East Windfarm Update
- Ribbon of Wildness – Flyers
- Voice of Experience Forum - Newsletter

11. AOCB

Local Area Partnership Info – meetings open to public, area locality update report available.

Phasing of traffic lights Hallcraig changed. Gateway at entrance and exit to Plains - £25,000 approved request submitted Community Council be kept updated on any meetings.

Airdrie Villages Forum - Four development days held Airdrie Arts Centre to provide the forum with future way forward recommendations.

Incinerator Plant and Data Centre The Community Council will remain vigilant regarding the planning approval timescale given for these developments.

Carnbroe Incinerator Site - planning application not approved by Council, Developer now to take to Scottish Government.

Cycle Path – safety issues to be raised next CC Meeting

Winter Maintenance Policy & Procedures – A Marshall to copy for members.

Plains Station – to be discussed next meeting

New Road/Main Street – landscape issues – A Marshall to write to David O’Neil, Network Rail.

Empty Houses – Main Street advised by Network Rail demolition to start 5th September, 2011, landscaping issues e.g Type 1 aggregate not acceptable. A Jaap dealing with issue at present. It was agreed Alan would do this on behalf of the Community Council.

Beautiful Scotland Awards - Plains awarded Silver Award, Zero to Waste Award and £100 to spend on garden products.

Next Meeting – Inaugural meeting 11th October, 2011.