



PLAINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting of Community Council Meeting held Tuesday 13th March, 2012
at 7.30 p.m. within Plains Community Centre

Present: Fay Kerr, Anne Marshall, Bob Summerhill, Anne Summerhill, Mary Doris,
Lilian Guerts

Attending: Councillor T Morgan, Fay Kearney, Helen Boyle, John McCutcheon, Willie Morgan

1. Apologies: Elspeth Wright, M Waddell

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Note to be taken that Network Rail/Cycle Path had not been mentioned on Minutes.
Proposed: A Summerhill, Seconded R Summerhill

3. Matters Arising

Resignation - Letter received from Chairperson, Elspeth Wright tendering her resignation as Chairperson of the Community Council, June 2012 . It was however her intention to remain a member of the Council. Sincere thanks were expressed by acting chairperson, Fay Kerr for all the hard work done by Elspeth, especially in relation to funding applications. The Council were also delighted that she had decided to remain a Community Councillor.

Community Garden Project - Funding applications submitted. Request made that, in order to update progress of Community Garden Project, Minutes of Community Futures Meetings be copied to Community Council. This request to be taken to next Futures Meeting.

Response to Rail 2014 Consultation Document -

Concern was expressed that, though much effort and many man hours were spent, the final submission of this Document was less professional than it could have been. This due to the following reasons:

In Chairperson's original email to Community Councillor's, re response to Consultation Document, all councillors were referred to this online Document and a request was made that all members contributed a response which should then be forwarded to the Secretary who would then collate and carry out final typing onto online consultation document by the specified date. In reality only two councillors responded, they then agreed to split the associated questions into 1 - 19 and 20 - 40. Their responses were then independently

sent online, in good time, to all community councillors, including Chair and Secretary, to meet deadline and fulfil Chair's original instructions.

The case was however that no further comments were received from any other community councillors and no collation or retype to online document took place as time prohibited this and the secretary was away on holiday, thus resulting in the two individual responses being sent off as the final submission without being merged into one document. The deadline was met.

4. Police Report - *Period February 2012 to Date*

Calls received - 128 - of which 30 crimes reported, resulting in 14 detections. Four drug related crimes resulting in four convictions. Wheelie bin theft not only a problem in Plains but throughout Airdrie area. Two house break-ins. Trail/Quad bike nuisance starting up again, as police prohibited from pursuing culprits at time of offence, essential, in order to trace owner. details taken of bike/quad involved. Four drug related crimes resulting in four convictions.

5. Network Rail

No update re Cycle Path. Funding issues Network Rail/North Lanarkshire Council L Guerts expressed grave concern re need for urgency to resolve this situation, which, in her opinion, was a disaster waiting to happen.

6. Your Energy

Letter and proposals were read out to Meeting and a discussion followed. Application will be submitted under new name AES. Meeting agreed with all proposals therein. Response required by 23 March 2012. It was agreed that Fay Kerr, Vice Chair, would respond on behalf of PCC with copy given to Chair at next Meeting.

7. Planning Notices

Planning application submitted to develop the site of The Tavern (Clarkston) - retail units, food take-away and associated parking.

8. Community Council Development Meeting

Most members of CC met with VANL. Concern expressed by those attending re problems with focus. It was agreed to ask EW to consult CC members before arranging next meeting with VANL.

Note: Womens Health Group hold meeting Tues 9.30am to 2.30 a.m. on Community issues and as such they may benefit from VANL support. Mary Doris to contact VANL.

Mary Doris presented information on Plains Women's Health Group (attached)

9. Treasurer's Report

None available. Reminder given that any outstanding Community Councillors' expenses to be submitted to the treasurer no later than 23rd March, 2012.

10. Council Report

Rail 2014 Public Consultation - NLC main issue Airdrie North, Station in Plains

Local Bus Service - Profit driven? Local Service withdrawn overnight; though 48 days notice of withdrawal necessary, Government Reduction in Operation Grant a factor? Essential villagers who do not have ownership of car have the facility of reliable public transport service.

Bryan Tennant, (Network Planning Team Leader) to be invited to attend April Meeting.

Housing - NLC have experienced most severe weather damage for a number of years, gales in particular, have resulted in outstanding housing repairs with four in a block houses making the matter more complex. Millions of pounds of damage sustained.

Refurbishments Projects of £40m, local firms involved in tender process which will be based on quality and price. Next area for improvement in village Aberfeldy Avenue. Plains/Airdrie improvements on Airdrie Hill Road to link with new walkway at Clarkston. Village Entrance sign to be lit and built around. Flats, Main Street, A Redmond, Environmental Protection Officer, NLC, to attend meeting with representatives of McDonald Lettings. Fly tipping, Stables area being worked on.

Letter received from Junior Youth Club expressing concern at health hazard re area behind shops and flats, Jarvie Avenue. Site meeting to take place next week with Councillor Morgan and A Redmond, NLC, Various sites of concern around the village will be visited. Fay Kearney, Mary Dorris, Lillian Guerts to attend. Mary Dorris to respond to Youth Group on behalf of Community Council.

Concern expressed by the CC re the lack of provision for storage of domestic waste bins at flats, Main Street, how did this site pass Planning Regulations?

Meeting held between Alex Neil, MSP and NLC regarding footpath/cycling issues. Council has stated that for health and safety reasons Scotrail must provide a footpath/ over-bridge. Network Rail in response stated that they are considering it. Should Sustrans make a contribution? NLC adamant that Network Rail must finance this project. In response, Lillian Guerts, who lives in the vicinity, expressed her deep concern at the lack of action by all those involved as she feared it was only a matter of time before a serious accident would occur.

J McCutcheon expressed concern re the horse fouling on cycle path, Councillor Morgan advised that this is also an equestrian path and that horses are entitled to be on path.

11. Correspondence

1. AES - Community Benefit Fund
2. Councillor Morgan - Environmental Issues, Main Street
3. Central Services NLC - Insurance Arrangements
4. Councillor Morgan - Rail 2014 Public Consultation

5. NLC - Fuel Poverty Event
6. A Neil , MSP, - Plains Station
7. Voice of Experience Forum - Newsletter

12. A.O.C.B

- Next Agenda - to continue to include Network Rail, Cycle Track
- Agenda item next month - Discussion matter 'Access to Funding'
- After his arrival at Meeting, Councillor Morgan to be given next Agenda Item spot -

13. Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 10th April, 2012

Inclusion of Willie Morgan in those present 10th March, 2012

Item 8 - strike Helen Boyle, read Mary Doris

Women's Health Group, read Tues. 9.30am - 2.30pm