



**Plains Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 12th March, 2013
at 7pm within Plains Community Centre**

Present: Fay Kerr, Bob Summerhill, Anne Summerhill, Elspeth Wright,
Eileen Grier, Lilian Geurts.

Attending: Councillor Beveridge, Jack Wright, Councillor Morgan

1. Apologies: Fay Kearney, Mary Doris, Anne Marshall

2. a) Previous Minutes of 29th November, 2012

Proposed - L. Geurts Seconded - B. Summerhill

b) Previous Minutes of 12th February, 2013

Amendments:

Item 3 - Insert a last paragraph – EW referred to previous discussion of PCC printer, repair or replacement, and need for record of replacement receipt or repair bill.

Item 5 - para 3 - line 3 - remove 'made objection to' – insert 'corrected'.....

Item 5 - para 7 - Change whole paragraph to read'Cllr. Beveridge drew attention to the application made to NLC by NWH group, for a development at Rockbank Cottage on Airdrie Rd. Caldercruix, to improve waterlogged land, and further development of new and existing stables'.

Item 6 - para 8 - line 2/3 - remove 'and allay public fear of it'.

Item 6 - para 9 - line 1 - should readare presently 'developing a transport plan'.

Item 6 - para 10 - remove last 2 sentences from.....'EW pointed out'.....to 'look into the matter'.

Item 7 - para 3 - line 2 - insert second sentence after the first.danger.....'J. Wright said he would make a claim against Sustrans/NLC if he was injured by a cyclist'.

Subject to these amendments, minutes were accepted as a true record.

Approved - Anne Summerhill

Seconded - Eileen Grier

3. Matters Arising:

Acting Chair, FK, raised the question of Minute taking in Secretary's absence. She offered meeting her reasons why she would be refraining from future Minute taking. Meeting agreed that there were enough members to rotate Minute taking when necessary. LG agreed to take present Minute.

Discussion followed of merits and de-merits of recording Community Council Minutes. EW stated her objection to suggestions of recording of Minutes, as constraining and difficult to manage.

Meeting also recognised the necessity of conforming to current legislation on recording. Mr. Wright reported his experience where speakers on recorded Minutes were often difficult to identify.

Meeting agreed that Minutes need not be *verbatim*, but must reflect discussion. It was also generally agreed that difficulties discussed were valid. No action to follow at present.

FK told meeting that she had read almost all of past Minutes and had noted figure of £6099.72 - this was £5000.00 ring-fenced, in PCC Account, plus new cheque from NLC for £1099.72 this month.

FK stated that she found no discussions, but many reports, regarding PCF Projects and quoted from 'Notes from Chair EW to Vice Chair in absence of Chairperson on Annual Leave'.

Cllr. Beveridge referred the meeting to pending application to NLC from NWH Group, for the proposed development of new and existing stables, and infilling of land to raise ground area for improvement of drainage at Rockbank, Caldercruix.

He gave meeting an update on this application, saying that there was a cancelled meeting on Wed. 20 February.

Agent for Applicant received NLC Letter advising that an Onsite Meeting was required.

He also reported on the recent public consultation meeting in Caldercruix, where local residents voiced their concerns over this proposed development.

Cllr Beveridge also informed meeting of photo shoot date for recording of Stanrigg Memorial completion, to take place *in situ* 25th March.

He also commented that he would like to see Springbank Quarry, beside Golf Course, filled in, but he queried if road could accommodate lorries.

BS referred to invitation from Susan Paxton, Development Manager, SCDC and CHEX, for planning workshop for community engagement event in Plains - 20th March. He was keen for CC to respond to this meeting. He informed meeting that Community Futures Group had acquired funding for consultation activity flyer, with Plains people.

EW informed meeting that Community Futures group has achieved lottery funding re Community Engagement Event - as part of their CF Action Plan. She explained that this intended CF consultation process, aimed at the whole community, is an attempt to gain information about existing groups and activities already present in Plains, and that there have been new housing developments since the last consultation with the community had been done by CF.

EG responded that this was a repetition of what had been done in the past with CF, and that it appears that two groups in Plains are in fact working towards the same aim of benefiting the community of Plains.

Discussion ensued with FK reminding meeting of Chair - Mary Doris's request for CC information flyer, presently compiled in consultation with CC members, awaiting meeting's approval for final additions and distribution of flyer.

It was suggested by EW that this CC consultation flyer could also go ahead.

No discussion or decision was made regarding the content of this CC flyer.

4. Police Report

None

5. NLC Report

Cllr. Morgan reiterated his ongoing problem of pinning down owners of littered land adjacent to Main St.

Discussion of litter - agreement that NLC doing their best, drainage problem at Meadowhead reported by EG - to be followed up by Cllr. Morgan

Cllr. Morgan also reported NLC had received approx. 14,000 responses to proposed budget cuts.

Cllr. Morgan discussed NLC's budget costs.

He confirmed cuts of £60m to be made in next three years. Rents to be increased by 1.5 %. NLC expects teacher numbers to be maintained at 740. He issued print out of information on cuts to members. He said NLC Website provides more information.

Cllr. Morgan also brought reading information for CC, including:

Package of Savings Options - Approach to Equality Impact Assessment

Plains station and Cycle Path Issues briefing Notes

Airdrie/Bathgate Railway, proposed Plains Station Scheme - letter to Keith Brown, Minister for Transport and Veteran Affairs from J. McCabe

6. Station/ Cycle Path:

Sale of Network Rail land on Main St in Plains. Cllr. Beveridge informed meeting that these sections of land are no longer for sale.

LG shared an information update on Route 75 Cycle Path via ongoing email correspondence with CSFT (Central Scotland Forestry Trust). NLC already progressing a new bridge over the Calder water east of Plains. Comments and suggestions for re-routing cycle path being undertaken by NLC, who are meeting Sustrans on Tuesday 19th March. The dangerous section of Route 75 at Main St. Plains is recognised by all parties and is being addressed.

Final report from CSFT will be given to CC as soon as available.

Cllr. Morgan produced copies of written notes from relevant parties to CC meeting, which included Transport Scotland's confirmation that no additional money is available - over the £30m announced for Scottish stations fund, and questioned their, (TS), insistence on seeking a re-assessment of viability for station in Plains.

Cllr. Morgan welcomed Sustrans financial input to help fund bridge building and payment of consultation costs involved.

Information contained in notes confirm that Network Rail do not intend to offer any financial assistance to this work, claiming that they have fulfilled their obligations on this section of the route.

Members thanked Cllr. Morgan for this informative update and accompanying information notes give to CC.

7. Covanta CLP:

EW reported that next meeting of the panel is to be re-scheduled. Tenders to be sought owing to value of the project. Information to be available in OJEU – Official Journal of European Union.

8. Community Council - Accessing funding:

Not discussed - time constraint

9. Treasurer's Report:

EW reported for MW. CC in receipt of £1099.72. MW received expenses applications from members end of February. Books to be submitted for audit end of March, 2013.

10. Correspondence:

EW, as past Chair of Community Council, received letter from AES, dated 11th March, 2013, giving progress report on Greengairs East Wind Farm application.

Possible dates offered in letter for meeting/discussion with AES, range from 15th March - 28th March, five dates given for March.

No other correspondence.

12. AOCB:

FK drew attention to an invitation from Voice of Experience who is advertising a Meeting and Tea Dance on 22nd March in Bellshill. FK to email details to AS.

EG and AS drew Cllr. Morgan's attention to the lack of road markings in the Meadowhead area of Plains. Further discussion followed, leading to more discussion of the increasing litter problems surrounding our village. Meeting closed 8.30pm.

13. D.O.N.M:

April 9th 2013.

FK thanked everyone for their attendance and input and closed the meeting. 8.30pm