



Plains Community Council
Meeting held Tuesday 13th August 2013 at 7.00pm
in Plains Community Centre

Present: Fay Kerr (FK), Mary Doris (MD), Lilian Geurts (LG), E Grier (EG), Catherine Doris (CD)
Alan Jaap (AJ),

Attending: Cllr T Morgan, J Wright, M Waddell, L Fleming, M Reilly (Restorative Justice), L McGuire
(Restorative Justice)

1. Apologies: Annette McGlynn(AM), Fay Kearney(FKY), Cllr Beveridge, Cllr Spowart

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – June 11th 2013

Approved – FK

Seconded LG

No CC Meeting July 2013

3. Matters Arising

A discussion took place regarding CC email chains. It was agreed that all CC emails to include either RESPOND or FYI at the top which will give clear instructions to CC members, whether a response is required or not.

4. Police Report

No Police presence at meeting. This was regarded as very disappointing with the recent increase in anti-social behavior and violence in the village.

5. NLC Report

BMX/Skateboard park facilities – Bid is in for grant from Local Regeneration Fund. Location is beside/behind the MUGA facility on Bruce Street.

A second Bid is in for a MUGA, after a visit, by Councillor Morgan and Martin Dickson, to the surplus site, adjacent to Joint Campus Land, Annieshill View. This would comprise a MUGA, specifically lined for Netball, Cycle Proficiency etc. Both Primary Schools would have use of these Sport facilities. The original request was made in June, by St. David's Parent Council on behalf of both Schools.

Councillor Morgan advised these projects are to be delivered in the next 2/3 financial years. Approx. cost is estimated at £20k to £30k each.

MD asked Councillor Morgan which would be delivered first, and was advised it would be the BMX/Skateboard Park.

Councillor Morgan reported that work on the Bruce Street community garden had started. Approximately £180,000 has been awarded to projects in Plains such as the garden, the MUGA, village entrance sign e.t.c.

Housing – Bedroom Tax - Councillor Morgan reported that priority was being given to the disabled in terms of NLC housing funding availability.

Annieshill View - This 'Eyesore Site' now has been cleaned/grass cut and this will be done twice yearly.

Footpath/Roads –Ongoing problem of unfinished roads in Beverley Park was discussed. AJ stated that the development company is reported as having run out of money to complete the roads. Cllr Morgan reported that footpath and roads were now with NLC Consolidated Roads. All Bond money for roads has been used up. Killearn Crescent area Footpath is still on the Agenda and residents want a school bus.

Landfill Site/Horsefly Infestation - MD & Cllr Beveridge received correspondence from SEPA advising that SEPA had carried out a survey of local residents,with feedback that the problem was no worse than usual for the time of year. Several members/or members of their family who, for the first time ever, had been very badly affected due to multiple bites during this outbreak, very strongly disagreed with this. MSP Alex Neil had contacted Calum McDonald of SEPA some weeks ago, but no reply as yet. Councillor Morgan had also, some time ago, contacted Colin Marshall of NLC Planning for information regarding owner and operation, but still awaiting reply. Councillor Morgan advised that SEPA more likely to heed MSP than NLC Councillors. CC waiting updates from both Cllr Morgan and MSP A Neil.

It was generally agreed that the infestation had abated for this year.

Action : CC to monitor situation more closely next summer, and present concerns, with evidence, as early as possible as the warmer months approach, to the appropriate authorities and political representatives.

MD to inform SEPA of this in CC response to their letter.

5.Consultation outcome/update.

MD distributed a summarised report of collation results to date. Everyone agreed that the 25% return was very good. 10% was the usual figure(quoted at a previous meeting by a CLD Officer). Attending resident JW disagreed that a 25% return was a good result.

815 houses – 203 returns

Email responses – 15

Beverly Park 50 – 0 returns

AJ advised that that there was no interest from Beverley Park residents.

Date to be arranged for MD and AJ to jointly survey Beverley Park.

MD distributed completed draft lunch club Application form (Reshaping Care for Older People in

North Lanarkshire Application), then gave details of the Lunch Club:-

To be run once a week on a Monday, plus activities

To be funded by NLC Social Services, and Reshaping Care for the Elderly Programme

Minibus to be provided for transport for disabled to and from the Lunch Club

CC to report how many people will use minibus service (wheelchairs to be included)

Arrangements for necessary training in one or more of the following is being/has been arranged:

Passenger Assistance Training (PATS)

Health & Hygiene certification

Disclosure (Protection of Vulnerable Groups)

Expected start of Lunch Club is beginning of October.

CC members agreed that there was a need to recruit more villagers as volunteers.

EG thanked and congratulated MD for all her efforts in the CC Consultation project.

7. Restorative Justice Presentation –

Libby McGuire and Mary Reilly from Restorative Justice (Bellshill) attended the CC meeting. They presented photographs on some projects that were undertaken. RJ work with people on a Community Payback order, who work locally in the Community on Community Projects. These projects are not funded by RJ – they are funded by local communities.

Example - Plains to Beverley Park footpath. This project is unfinished as funds for RJ to complete were insufficient.

Projects are not carried out on private land.

MD thanked both representatives for their informative and interesting presentation.

8. Treasurer's Report -

Report held over till next meeting - 10th September 2013.

MD passed on to AJ all of ex-treasurer's CC financial files/data/correspondence.

New Treasurer, AJ, to complete the Bank of Scotland Mandate form to inform bank of new signatories in order to release money from the account for ongoing expenses.

Ex -Treasurer, Margaret Waddell, reported that she was still receiving correspondence as Treasurer of Plains CC from Kildonan St. MD reassured her that formal written notice of both any resignations received, and new office bearers appointed, had been timeously forwarded to Corporate Services and she had assumed that this information would be filtered to all other relevant NLC Depts.

MD made the point that, from her recent attempts at communication with NL Culture Ltd, there seems to be no clearcut rules to staff on who is responsible for dealing with what .

Councillor Morgan explained that the recent change to amalgamating several different services under the new title of NL Culture Ltd has led to several 'teething' communication problems.

MD apologised for any inconvenience caused to MW.

MD to contact Barbara Brownlea NLC (Kildonan Street) regarding this situation to try and ensure that any future correspondence is directed towards the new treasurer, and to ascertain that accurate contact details are in place for present office bearers.

9. Correspondence – See Treasurer's Report

10. A.O.C.B :

Fracking – MD has invited Paul Daly (Friends of the Earth) to next CC meeting.

Greenhills Incinerator:

MD referred to an article in the local Airdrie & Coatbridge Advertiser that 6 companies were bidding for a 25 year bidding contract to deal with 190,000 tonnes of waste per year from 2019. Covanta remains one of the named companies although Eileen Grier reported that, as a previous CC representative on the Covanta Panel, which was disbanded months ago, she has heard nothing regarding the activities of Covanta.

This is a waste project involving five local authorities, with NLC as the 'lead authority'. This contract will be awarded by August 2015. Questions were asked about this suggesting that the Greenhills incinerator would go ahead, but Councillor Morgan could not provide an answer at this time, with many questions about this development still remaining unanswered.

EG suggested CC request a meeting with Gavin Whitefield to discuss this matter. No decision reached on this.

JW stated that the problem of the overgrown area at St David's site, adjacent to his home, has still not been attended. Weeds etc. are now spreading to his rear garden. It was established that the Diocese of Motherwell own this land. JW also concerned about the methods of clearing this site in relation to endangering the survival of any rare species of animal/insect already securely in place there.

AES Windfarm development: No info, as yet, on planned panel meeting of communities involved. Issues and concerns of CC still to be resolved.

Action – MD to email CC members of any updates received from AES.

11. D.O.N.M – Tuesday 10th September 2013