



**Plains Community Council  
Meeting held Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.00pm  
Plains Community Centre**

**Present** Mary Doris (MD), Fay Kerr (FK), Eileen Grier (EG), Allan Jaap (AJ),  
Annette McGlynn (AMcG), Lilian Geurts (LG)

**Attending** Cllr. T Morgan, Cllr. Spowart, J Wright (JW),

**1. Apologies** Fay Kearney, Catherine Doris, Cllr. Beveridge.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Approved – EG, Seconded – FK

**3. Matters Arising**

None

**4. Police Report**

No report. No representation

**5. NLC Report**

Acting secretary LG, requested 'bullet points' from Cllr. Morgan, following his report, to facilitate accurate recording. Cllr. Morgan agreed to summarize his report and pass on to Secretary.

NLC have received the lowest number of planning applications in years. Bartlett application for new factory on Stirling Road received – possible 80 jobs.

Local projects to be funded from Local Development Programme:

- a. BMX/Skateboard track (Bruce St)
- b. MUGA sports area serving local primaries (Annieshill View)

Welfare Reform – NLC continuing to support people affected by under-occupancy rules. There was a delay in national roll-out of universal credit system. There has been a significant increase in rent arrears within another local council, - even more significant in NL, which has the largest amount of council house tenants.

Airdrie Town Regeneration – Reports issued of various workshops, involving various groups, regarding regeneration of the six main NL towns. Airdrie has the lowest decrease in 'footfall'.

Flooding present at top end of the village.

**MD expressed CC thanks for the recent help and support of CLD Officer, Colin Bruce, and the admirable amount of support given by NLC from its initiation to achieving present progress.**

AJ expressed concerns raised by Residents' Associations regarding the present situation of houses being undervalued as a result of apparent derelict houses, unattractiveness of environs of existing housing complexes, proposed unwelcome planning applications etc. Discussion followed criticising developers' negligence. EG cited other examples of devaluation of houses in Drumbow estate.

MD suggested AJ write to Resident's Association re arranging special CC meeting to air their views.

FK questioned the legitimacy of the criteria for letting in Beverley Park, where flats can be let by NLC, without 'Completion Certificates'.

Cllr. Morgan to follow up and reply.

Cllr. Spowart spoke of the adverse effects of benefit cuts, particularly the 'bedroom tax' on vulnerable people and advised that NLC were making every effort to advise and support these people.

Asked for update on disability access for CC, Cllr. Spowart responded he would do his best to provide some funding for this, but the situation was not promising at present, with potential funding money having to be redirected to meet pending wage rise claims. **The stated £40k to £50 cost of this was questioned by members as possibly excessive - Councillors confirmed that amount was accurate for the work required to be done.**

FK conveyed a grateful resident's report of a call to NLC Environmental Services, which resulted in an excellent response by them, in clearing up the debris caused by a bonfire.

**10. D.O.N.M:** 10<sup>TH</sup> December, 2013