



**Plains Community Council
Meeting held Tuesday 8th April, 2014 at 7.00pm
within Plains Community Centre**

Present:

Mary Doris (MD), Eileen Grier (EG), Lilian Geurts (LG), Fay Kerr (FK)

Attending:

R. Brown (RB) and S. McNaughton (SMcN) – Stand Residents group; M. Donnelly (MDly)
& C. McErlain (CMcE)- Police

1. Apologies:

Cllr Morgan, Annette McGlynn, Allan Jaap, Catherine Doris

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Proposed: LG

Seconded: EG

3. Matters Arising:

None

4. Police Report :

Breakdown of figures given by C. McErlain, including report of high number of monthly in the last two months, with approx 25% related to absconding of St Philip residents. This however did not contribute to local crime since purpose of absconding is to make their way home far outwith Plains.

Calls acted on:

March, 34 crime reports – 24 detected

April so far, 26 calls – 7 St. Phillips initiated.

3 crime reports – 2 detected.

Crimes mainly pertained to assault, theft and vandalism. Moffat View particularly the target of vandalism/anti social behaviour.

Officer McErlain agreed with CC comments that crime call figures being skewed to an extent because of high number of calls being included from St. Phillips, but stated figures would still be high compared to other communities even if these were not included. He viewed this in a positive,

rather than in a negative way in that more people are actually contacting the police. FK however suggested separation of these figures to reflect a more accurate picture.

CMcE also reported on Quad bikes issues, stating that one of these has been confiscated, plain clothes officers involved in helping identify these nuisance bikers, recognizable sometimes by the gear they are wearing. Also problems of wheelie bin theft/ fire raising continues

The main problem of vandalism was discussed at length. The officer informed CC of the danger inherent in continuous anti-social behaviour by youths, where under new anti-social legislation available, parents can be issued with several warnings – until final written warning, which can lead to losing council house tenancy - and indeed eviction.

Police gratified to hear from CC that the lighting in the parks area is to be replaced soon and that the pathway is to be improved.

EG questioned the recent vandalism in cars being set on fire in Main St. Police confirmed.

CMcE also suggested the possibility of CC acquiring chains and padlocks for wheelie bins. He will report back to Chair on this.

5. NCL Report

No Councillors present to report

Green Hills Incinerator:

A protracted discussion ensued on this issue – and this discussion constituted most of the CC meeting.

The visitors to our CC from Stand Residents group were provided with up to date information from Chair. They felt CC's decision not to attend further meetings put CC at a disadvantage in keeping track of the development.

CC members present felt previous decision at March Meeting not to attend any further panel meetings called by Amey Cespa , who have not yet been given the waste contract by NLC, was a mistake and that attendance at future meetings was necessary to allow CC to keep abreast of progress of this development

MD expressed reservations with this decision change in the absence of the local councillor whose contrary advice had been taken at previous meeting.

EG to attend further meetings

6. Treasurer's Report

None. Concern expressed re due auditor's report. MD to contact treasurer.

7. Correspondence

Dealt with under NLC /AOCB agenda items

8. AOCB

AES Greengairs East Wind Farm :

This group hopes to submit planning application by June. MD informed meeting that no progress has been made on a solution to the aviation/radar problem, and has received confirmation from

AES that planning application cannot be submitted without this..

Station for Plains:

Not discussed since no councillors present.

Plains Senior Residents Club:

New dishwasher installed.

Start of project again delayed since necessary painting of hall still in abeyance to funding from NLC Facilities 2014/2015 – not yet available.

MD and EG to complete PAT training this week.

Plains Village Bus Services:

MD received response from SPT re inadequate local bus services. They are powerless to influence the routes or timetables of commercial companies driven by profit.

Agreed that next step should be to find out who awards contracts and if adequate community services is part of the criteria for awarding contracts. CC to seek advice of local councillor.

Post Office:

FK and LG have written letter of enquiry to appropriate person.

Cllr Morgan following this up via Margaret Blackwood, NLC Admin Services.

Food bank:

FK arranged Trussell Trust presentation to CC for May meeting .

CC poster produced for local display to garner community interest.

9. D.O.N.M. – 13th May 2014.