

Seafar & Ravenswood Community Council
Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 7 May 2013
At Muirfield Community and Learning Centre, Cumbernauld

Meeting Chaired by Tom Reilly who welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming along. Meeting Commenced at 7.00pm. Minutes recorded by Annie McFarlane.

Present

Tom Reilly (Chair)
Annie McFarlane (Vice Chair)
Ian Morrow (Treasurer)
Alex Clark
Ken Brown
Fiona Kenny
May Walker
Rena Currie
James Johnston
Joan McLaughlin
Robert Walls
Moirra Walls
Robert Dallas
Charlotte Christie
P.C. Cole
P.C. Patrick

In Attendance

Councillor William Goldie
Councillor Allan Graham
Councillor Stephanie Muir

P.C. Alistair Wright

Guests

None

Apologies

Anne King

Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented, proposed by Alex Clark and seconded by Annie McFarlane.

Report from Community Police

Police Constable Cole gave the crime report for the month of April. There were 15 crimes in the Ravenswood and Seafar area. There was a robbery at Shopsmart in Fleming road and the police have caught someone and charged them for the crime. There have been thefts of high value cars in the area and CID are dealing with these crimes. During the school holiday there were youths street drinking and these have been dealt with, by fixed penalties being issued or warnings if applicable. In total there were 6 incidents of youths drinking Buckfast in underpasses but the area in general has low crime statistics.

Community Council member Fiona Kenny asked for more police patrolling of the Ravenswood Bog area as there has been an increase in men in their 20s congregating there drinking and residents are no longer able to walk in the area in the evenings around 7.30pm. The officers assured the community council that they would go straight to Ravenswood Bog to investigate the matter.

Item 5 Planting in the Barke Road area

NLC plan to deliver 925 plants to the Seafar and Ravenswood Improvement Group week beginning 13th May. Members were asked to volunteer to help with planting but there was only some response from local councillors Graham, Muir and Goldie.

Item 1 Speeding at Brown Road

Ken Brown raised the question about the installation of speed bumps for Brown Road because there are increasing numbers of drivers dropping off children at nursery etc., at Muirfield who are racing down the road at 45pmh. He pointed out that there is a speed bump inside Muirfield grounds, but there is a need for another in Brown Road itself. Councillor Goldie will enquire whether NLC may have a budget for that work.

Ken Brown also raised the problem of the football pitch at Muirfield not being used because of dog dirt. The Environmental team are aware of the problem, and are launching a new anti-dog-fouling campaign. Tom Reilly pointed out that if people ring NLC they will come and clean up the dog dirt.

Item 2 Sanctuary Garages in Seafar and Ravenswood

Last month the community council reported that Angus Irvine from Sanctuary advised us on 26th March 2013 that the painting and repair schedule for the year would be sent by email to the CC. So far we have not been in receipt of the schedule.

When approached regarding repairing or replacing roughcast and repairing leaking roofs, the community council contacted Gordon Laurie of Sanctuary who has promised to meet with us for discussion. We are still awaiting communication from Mr Laurie. Tom Reilly stated that we should have a policy of Sanctuary letting the community council know about works in the area.

Three residents complained about garages at Garrel Way being in such an unsightly state that they feel very embarrassed when visitors come to their homes. There was also a complaint

about garages in Annan Drive where the whole exterior brickwork of the garage block is in need of repair. The community council assured the residents that they are doing as much as possible to work with Sanctuary to improve the appearance of their garages throughout Seafar and Ravenswood.

Item 3 Community Council Website and Facebook

Fiona Kenny is happy to upkeep the web and facebook sites for the Community Council. Tom Riley suggested he email all members with addresses for both.

Item 4 Resident Complaint about Bins in Arran Drive

Joan McLaughlin has a problem with bins for Arran Drive being left outside her front door. Also uplift items such as a sink, a washbasin and a barbecue have been dumped at her door despite complaints to police, NLC, local councillors and environmental health. Councillor William Goldie suggested Ms McLaughlin contact Ken Wilson, Head of Land Services and copy himself and Councillor Graham into the email. They will do their best to get the pick up site moved away from her front door.

Item 5 Year-End Audit

The end of year audit has been done. The Treasurer, Ian Morrow will keep a copy of the document and Tom Reilly suggested it be put onto the community council website.

Item 6 Community Council Insurance

The community council insurance has been paid and we now have an up-to-date insurance certificate. A copy has been sent to NLC.

Item 7 Dog Fouling Campaign NLC and Community Council

The Dog Fouling leaflet has been distributed throughout the Seafar and Ravenswood district. We also appealed for new members and eight new people turned up at the meeting. The leaflet printing and distribution has been paid for by Treasurer Ian Morrow at a cost of £150. Tom Riley will contact Mark Finlay of NLC to ask if there have been any increase in calls to the dog wardens for this area to find out if the leaflets have had any local impact. It was agreed to go ahead and get quotations to laminate some leaflets and distribute throughout the area.

Item 8 Consultation on Hume Road Development

No members were able to attend the consultation.

Item 8 Cumbernauld Living Landscapes Event

Two councillors, William Goldie and Allan Graham, attended the event and found it very informative and worthwhile. They reported that pine martens have been found in the area and that the woodland network has been very successful to date.

Item 9 Speeding at Brown Road

Ken Brown raised the issue of speeding cars at Brown Road and reported that the problem is getting worse. Councillor Goldie will contact Councillor Paddy Hogg who agreed to deal with that problem at the last meeting.

Local Councillors' Reports

William Goldie

Councillor Goldie reported that the problem with the bottle bank at Ravenswood Bog had been dealt with and it will, in future, be emptied more often. He will also make sure the bank at Westray Court will be emptied regularly.

He has contacted Ian Murdoch of NLC who has assured him that the football pitch at Muirfield will be cleared of glass and dog dirt so that local children can play there.

A mobility resident at Ferguson Road has had leaves cleared from their pathway.

Councillor Coldie attended Lynn Housing Project at St Mungo's Gate.

After a recent spate of muggings and robberies someone has been arrested, and the previously reported alleged mugging at the Kingfisher has not resulted in anyone reporting the crime to the police.

Allan Graham

Councillor Graham assured the community council that he has spoken to Gordon Laurie of Sanctuary Housing regarding a meeting in the near future to discuss the garages in the area. He informed the community council that Sanctuary is trying to locate owners of garages at Allanfauld Road so that they can be bought over. He also will suggest that a barrier be erected at the garages to stop fly tipping. Dilapidated car ports at McTaggart and McGregor Roads in Ravenswood are due for demolition after residents have been informed.

The Campsies Centre is meeting on 3rd June to discuss options to improve the Town Centre. They will be meeting with the new owners of Phase 2. The £3.5m of funding which they hold will be put to good use in such projects as clearing and landscaping areas earmarked for improvement, and Watch Us Grow have been commissioned to do some soft planting in certain areas. Tesco are clearing their premises at the back of the building and 2 tons of rubbish has been moved from that area already. Restorative Justice has been used for clearing the area at the back of Our Lady's High School. There is some dubiety over ownership of land near the Bowling Alley building and also some of the ground at ASDA. Mr Graham assures the community council that the Campsies Centre will keep them informed of all improvement works carried out.

Stephanie Muir

Ms Muir has been knocking on doors in the area during the May holiday and dealing with some of the complaints made by residents. One of the issues raised was lack of litter bins at Ravenswood Bog and this has been attended to. There were other environmental issues, particularly leaves on paths which required clearing. An HGV vehicle destroyed part of a road in Ravenswood, but NLC roads department repaired the damage very speedily.

There will be a Forum on the Post Office franchising at Muirfield Community Centre on Friday 10th May at 6pm in the main hall. This is a worrying development as it may result in the loss of Post Office services in the Town Centre.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 4 June 2013.