

Minutes of Townhead Community Council meeting
03/11/10 - Townhead Community Centre

Mrs S Davidson chaired the meeting & welcomed all members and visitors.

1. In attendance: M Turley, H Jack, J & C Cushley, M Blue, Cllr M McWilliams, D. Johnston (Chair, Cairn Housing residents assoc) J Miller, PC D Wandrum, M Cartwright (Senior EHO, North Lanarkshire Council

2. Apologies from: C Wallace, Cllr Sullivan, I Webb, P Bennett.

3. Minutes of last meeting: Proposed by C Cushley and seconded by S Davidson.

4. Matters arising from minutes: Para 7 - correction-Coatbridge won "Best small city" and it has been put forward to the "Britain in Bloom" competition. Lighting at the junction on Townhead Road- a welcome sight. Thanks to be issued to all involved. Will ask Cllr Sullivan for update on access issues with railway stations.

5. Police Update: Morar Crescent problems have decreased.

Incidents of stone throwing at cars & buses. Parents have been informed but no positive response from them which is disappointing.

Ian Webb setting up new youth group for 11-13 yr olds.

Budget cutbacks discussed.

Speeding on Lomond Road is an ongoing problem which is being addressed by Police.

6. Presentation by Moira Cartwright, Senior Environmental Health Officer, NLC

We were given a very informative talk and slide show by Moira who explained about the work done by the Environmental Services in this area. She listened to our concerns on the problems facing our residents in this area regarding the development in the Park and assured us that all safety measures would be carried out to the strictest level and the work would be validated and signed off at each stage. Other matters discussed were dog fouling; litter; blocked public drains with leaves etc. All questions were answered and noted for further investigation & clarification of points raised. Moira left some leaflets and key rings, some of which were given to the Community Centre caretaker for distribution to visitors of the centre. Cllr McWilliams gave a vote of thanks to Moira for her time & effort.

7. Beautiful Scotland/Community Garden: John & Catherine collected the award from the "It's Your Neighbourhood" competition and will give it to Trish Harrison of the Community Garden.

P C Wandrum said the problem with the fencing had been fixed.

Cllr McWilliams commended the work done by the Restorative Justice team.

23/11/10 information evening on the Community garden progress. Plots still available.

Cost of Lease has to be discussed & agreed with NLC.

Offer from the Charitable Trust of £5000 is still on the table if charitable status is granted. Disclosure checks to be carried out further info to be sought on this.

Community Council dismayed to learn of the possible closure of the Nursery at Drumpellier Park due to budget cuts. This not only impacts on the displays in the towns but is a threat to jobs and to people in "tied" homes.

8. Update on St Ambrose/Drumpark School/Gartsherrie PS: St Ambrose

discussed with Environmental officer.
No definite decision on the future use of Gartsherrie.

9. Treasurers Report: Martin to step down as Treasurer when post is filled.
Shona will keep books at present.

10. Correspondence: Planning notices.

11. AOCB: Stopping up Order applied for Doune Terrace. Maria will check this on behalf of Community Council. This will have a major impact on the safety of roads in this area.

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Shona concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance and input.

Next meeting arranged for Wednesday 01/12/10 at 7.30pm