

## The Village Community Council

### Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006

**Attendees** C Archibald, J Shaw, G Lallaway, E Snedden, E Murphy, W Snedden, J Wilson, J Gibb, R Border, Jean Bagen, Kirsty Gray (NLC Planning) and Phil Arnold (T & RDSP)

#### **Item no 1 Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman, C Archibald, opened the meeting welcoming Community Council members, residents and invited guests.

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#### **Item no 2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Janice Bagen and N McCallum

#### **Item no 3 Presentation - Kirsty Gray Planning & Environment Dept-NLC**

Kirsty started her presentation by outlining some of the proposals for Jubilee Gardens stating that the detail plans were not yet available, the draft plans were made for discussion and that Local Residents comments are very important. The main elements in the proposals were that the whole area will be opened up, new lighting will be installed and that some of the plantings will be removed and other more appropriate planting will take their place. She also stated that some of the plans, for example removal of some sycamore trees, are proving troublesome and may have to be revised.

It was agreed that Kirsty would contact Cllr McCallum and arrange a site visit to discuss the plans, it was suggested that two members of the Community Council, J Gibb and J Wilson, be present when this site visit takes place. There was a question about the proposal by Mr McKearnan, the owner of Ardenlea House, to move the opening in the boundary wall to a new position and the effect this would have on the plans for Jubilee Gardens.

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Kirsty then outlined the timetable for the project, with the work starting in January 2007 and completed by April 2007.

The Chairman Mr C Archibald thanked Kirsty for her attendance and keeping the Community Council Members informed about the Jubilee Gardens proposals. Kirsty then left the meeting.

#### **Item no 4 Presentation - Phil Arnold - Tenants & Residents Development Support Project**

After being introduced by the Chairman, Phil informed the members that he was invited by two members of the Community Council and went on to state his reason for attending the meeting. He is a member of the Tenants and Residents Development Support Project within North Lanarkshire Council with the aim of offering help and support to local residents on the numerous and sometimes complex issues that are important to communities.

He went on to give details for the writing of a constitution, the available funding and the arrangements for the formation of a Tenants and Residents Development Group. He also explained the differences between the operation of Community Councils and Tenants and Residents Groups and how both groups could work in tandem to look after the interests of the local community. He went on to say that that both groups can sit comfortably together in a community, working together to resolve issues without conflict, and it may be beneficial for both groups to put pressure on organisations rather than the local residents relying on only one.

If there was sufficient interest in the community, the Community Council did not object to the formation of a Tenants and Residents Group and provided the two groups worked in close association, then conflict should be avoided.

The Chairman, C Archibald, then thanked Phil for his attendance and for the opportunity to clarify role of a Tenants and Residents Groups in the community. Phil then left the meeting.

#### **Item no 5 Police Report**

As there was no Police Officer present, there was no Police Report. The Secretary informed the meeting that he had hand delivered details, to the Cumbernauld Police Office, of all the proposed Community Council meetings scheduled until June 2007 in an effort to secure Police representation at some future meetings. Phil then left the meeting.

C Archibald then drew the meetings attention to a crime meeting that was arranged in the Town Hall.

#### **Item no 6 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of The Village Community Council meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006 were approved as accurate.

Proposer J Wilson Seconder E Murphy

It was agreed that the minutes of the last Community Council meeting could now be sent to North Lanarkshire's Chief Executive's Department.

#### **Item no 7 Matters Arising not Covered in Agenda**

It was reported that useful information was provided by Mr Hyslop, from NLC Housing and Property Services Department on the status of the old Primary School Building site. For ease of understanding, the site is divided into 3 areas - 1) Social Work Department have planning application lodged for a home for difficult children. 2) Retained for access to the site at the south. 3) Listed Building - interest from NLC and external agencies.

The whole issue of the Old Primary School site is an ongoing situation.

#### **Item no 8 Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that the current total in the Bank was £2590.70.

#### **Item no 9 Secretary's Report**

The Secretary detailed the correspondence that had been received since the last meeting and indicated that all the action points from the last two meetings had now been carried out.

Discussions surrounding the following items took place:-

- Copies of letters sent by Cllr N McCallum to NLC.
- Copies of letters sent by Cllr G Murray to NLC.
- The list of weekly planning Applications lodged with NLC.
- Letter from Tom Johnston to Chandler & Co (Buckfast) Ltd.
- Waterwatch Scotland.
- Cumbernauld Community Forum meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006.
- North Lanarkshire Access Survey

## Item no 10 AOCB

- The notification and publicising of Community Council meetings was discussed in an effort to attract more local residents to the monthly meetings. It was suggested that notification could be given to Robert Lindsay for inclusion in the Cumbernauld News, posters put up in the newsagent and other local shops, and the production of a leaflet to be distributed to every home in Cumbernauld Village. More discussions on these marketing initiatives will take place at future meetings
- It was reported that Cumbernauld New Town will be celebrating it's fiftieth anniversary in June 2007 and as The Village was the original Cumbernauld, then this date should not be allowed to pass without recognition. Plans for this celebration require be put in place soon for any event(s) to be organised.
- The difficulties experienced by Village residents at the bus bays in the Town Centre were highlighted. These include:- buses sitting stationary, in an enclosed environment, with the engines running thereby polluting the atmosphere and potentially damaging bus users health. The number of buses arriving and waiting at bus bays, north and south of the town centre, forcing users to dodge around other stationary buses to board their required bus, thus creating a dangerous situation and a potential accident risk, especially to the old and disabled bus passengers.
- Another area of concern was the speed of traffic using Roadside at all times, but Roadside is particularly dangerous at times when school children are crossing and also walking up and down to board school buses at the bus bay. Roadside residents have also highlighted the dangers of entering or exiting their driveways due to the excessive speed of vehicles using the road.

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## Item no 9 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Date and time of next meeting - **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2006 @ 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

After thanking everyone for their attendance, the Chairman closed the meeting.