

The Village Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2006

Attendees C Archibald, J Shaw, G Lallaway, E Snedden, E Murphy, W Snedden, J Wilson, J Gibb, Jean Bagen, Cllr N McCallum & PC Paul Bucknall

Item no 1 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman, C Archibald, opened the meeting welcoming Community Council members, residents and PC Paul Bucknall, noting it was nice to see a representative from Strathclyde Police. PC Bucknall notified the meeting that he was standing in for PC Malcolm Morrison who was on annual leave.

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Item no 2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Janice Bagen and PC Morrison.

Item no 3 Police Report

PC Bucknall opened his report by stating that youth disorder and underage alcohol consumption were the main concerns for the Police at present, as these contributed for a large part of Police activity and time in the Cumbernauld area. He went on to state that within the Village these types of incidents had reduced, certainly in the area of Ardenlea House and in the Spur tunnel, he put that down to the ending of the School holidays.

Due to Police activity in the Village, the Landlord of the Spur Hotel had thanked the Police for reducing the incidents of vandalism at The Spur Hotel. These problems were the result of groups of youths who habitually congregated in the tunnel and the incidents dropped significantly when the youths were constantly moved on by the Police.

A resident recalled an incident involving youths drinking and creating noise at the side of his property, he telephoned the Police, and had to wait for 2 hours before Police attended. PC Bucknall, whilst agreeing that 2 hours was an unreasonable time to wait, explained that as Police resources are limited, a prioritising system operates and if three mobile units are directed to a serious road traffic accident then other calls are subsequently held in the queue.

It was pointed out that road traffic on Roadside has increased significantly over the past year and many drivers are exceeding the 30mph limit on that stretch of road, it has reached an unacceptable level as some residents are having difficulties entering and leaving their driveways. The flaunting of the speed limit by drivers is particularly dangerous when school pupils are walking to and from the bus bay to the school buses at the bus bay in Roadside.

It was suggested that mobile speed camera could be deployed or signs erected that automatically light up, reminding drivers of the speed limit when their vehicles are travelling at more than 30mph. This topic will be the subject of further discussions between the Community Council and Strathclyde Police.

The problems at the bus stops at the Town Centre were brought to the attention of PC Bucknall where residents are risking their lives trying to dodge round stationary buses in an effort to board other buses. The ongoing difficulty of stationary buses with the engine running is creating a health hazard to bus passengers especially in the enclosed space at the Town Centre bus stops was also discussed.

Item no 4 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of The Village Community Council meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2006 were approved as accurate.

Proposer E Snedden Seconder J Gibb

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 5 Matters Arising not Covered in Agenda

Kirsty Gray had made contact with Cllr McCallum, who in turn replied, but as yet no date has been arranged for the proposed site visit to take place. Cllr McCallum will arrange the visit with Kirsty, John Gibb, Jack Walker and himself in late November or early December.

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Item no 8 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the current total in the Bank was £3151.67, including the grant from North Lanarkshire Council.

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 meeting had now been carried out.

Discussions surrounding the following items took place:-

- Copies of letters sent by Cllr N McCallum to NLC.
- The list of weekly planning Applications lodged with NLC.
- Letter from Billy Lees to Malcolm Chisholm MSP - NLNCVS
- Friends of the Kelvin Valley Park - Letter and Newsletter

Item no 10 AOCB

- The Meeting was informed that the Scottish Executive had approved the modified planning application from North Lanarkshire Council Social Work department to build a residential home on the site of the former Cumbernauld Primary School.
- There has been a further planning application submitted to NLC for the building of houses at Guy Meadow as the previous building company went into receivership.
- It was pleasing to note that NLC will not be zoning the areas of the Lang Riggs and Jubilee Park for future development due to the intervention of Cllr McCallum.
- After the Local Council elections in May 2007, Cllr McCallum will not be representing the Village in NLC as he has been nominated to stand as a candidate for Cumbernauld South Area. It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that the situation was regrettable as Neil was, for the last 7 or so years, a tireless worker for all the residents of Cumbernauld Village. None the less, our loss will be a gain for another area of Cumbernauld.
- It was noted that £1bn will be spent on the site at the ex steelwork site at Ravenscraig and it was feared that any additional money in the coffers of NLC will be channelled to Ravenscraig with the resulting effect felt in all the other NLC areas, including Cumbernauld.

- Plans for the compulsory purchase of ground on either side of the upgrading of the A80 to motorway adjacent to Cumbernauld Village were circulated for information. It was noted that some of the houses will be extremely close to the motorway and some of the gardens will be reduced. The meeting again raised concern for the health and safety of the residents whose houses back on to the proposed motorway - pollution and noise etc.
- Community Council Members were encouraged to attend the service of remembrance taking place at the cenotaph in the Village on Sunday 12 November 2007.
- J Gibb notified the meeting that he would be prepared to represent the Community Council at various meetings. The Secretary will keep John informed of the dates.

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Item no 9 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Date and time of next meeting - **Thursday 14th December 2006 @ 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

After thanking everyone for their attendance, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.