

The Village Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2007

Attendees C Archibald, J Shaw, G Lallaway, E Snedden, J Wilson, R Border, Jean Bagen, Janice Begen, H Muir, Anne Harding and Cllr McCallum.

Item no 1 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman, C Archibald, opened the meeting welcoming Community Council members, residents and visitors. He stated that the meeting scheduled for 14th December 2006 had to be cancelled due to various difficulties and went on to thank everyone for their attendance here this evening on such a wintry evening.

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Item no 2 Apologies

Apologies were received from W Snedden, J Gibb and E Murphy

Item no 3 Police Report

PC Malcolm Morrison opened the meeting by introducing himself and stating that this was his first attendance at the Community Council meeting and hoped that the Village residents and Strathclyde Police would work together to achieve a safer environment for the public. He said that the main priority for the Police at present is under age drinking in the Cumbernauld area. He was happy to report that over the festive period there was a reduction in the number of complaints from the Glasgow Road area of the Village. He also reported increased patrols were now operating in the Village.

With regard to excessive speed of vehicles using Roadside he informed the meeting that both he and PC Bucknall had been trained to operate the portable speed detector system.

Fiona Mc Guire NLC Environmental Staff will be taking samples of the air quality in the vicinity of the bus bays in the Town Centre after the issue was raised at a previous Community Council meeting.

In a point raised by a resident it was noted that he had waited for 2.5 hours for Police to attend a reported incident on 12th December 2007 where a group of youths were throwing empty cans at a fellow resident's window.

There were also reports of youths regularly drinking and creating a disturbance in Jubilee Gardens at least every weekend.

It was also reported that due to the persistence of Police Officers, three youths from outwith the Village have been charged over the incident of vandalism that took place recently at the Village Hall. PC Morison thanked the Community Council for their help in securing a positive result.

The incident last weekend involving fish stolen from the fish and chip shop and then scattered in the surrounding area was also highlighted.

Item no 4 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of The Village Community Council meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2006.
Proposer J Shaw Seconder J Wilson

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

The site meeting to discuss the proposed project in Jubilee Gardens took place with J Wilson, J Gibb, Cllr McCallum and K Gray (NLC) in attendance.

G Lallaway also had a separate site meeting with K Gray to discuss the project.

Item no 6 Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer a report was given that the current situation was similar to the report given at the last meeting.

Item no 7 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.
- Copies of letters sent by Cllr G Murray to NLC.
- The list of weekly planning Applications lodged with NLC.
- Children's Home at site of former Cumbernauld Primary School
- North Lanarkshire Licensing Forum
- Postwatch Scotland

Item no 8 AOCB

- A discussion centred around the inadequate lighting in Main Street that results in dark areas on some parts of the pedestrian pavement. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to NLC asking for better lighting on Main Street but still keeping within the character of the Village. GL
- Anne Harding - Prospective Conservative SMP in the forthcoming Parliamentary elections in May was invited by the Chairman to say a few words. Anne opened by saying that it was her intention to attend as many Community Council meetings as possible finding out first hand what the hopes, aspirations and concerns in local communities. She went on to illustrate what she thought the issues were in communities such as Cumbernauld. The Chairman thanked Anne for taking the trouble to attend the meeting and wished her well in the forthcoming elections.
- The replacement litter bin sited outside the Co-op Funeral Parlour although generally welcomed, the design meant that in windy conditions it shed its load over the Wynd. It was agreed that the Secretary would contact NLC Cleansing to seek advice. GL
- The state of the bus shelters at the bus bay was discussed and it was pointed out that the design of the old style shelters led to increased vandalism. After discussions it was agreed that a letter be sent requesting new bus shelters. GL
- It was pointed out that the fence sited at the rear of the bus bays is dangerous.
- It was noted that scrambling type motor bikes are using areas of Cumbernauld Glen.
- It was also noted that bollards sited at Smithyends have been removed, or vandalised, allowing cars to enter against the flow of traffic.

Item no 9 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Date and time of next meeting - **Thursday 8th February 2007 @ 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

After thanking everyone, especially our two guests, who stayed for the whole duration of the meeting, for their attendance, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.