

## The Village Community Council

### Minutes of the Community Council AGM Meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006

**Attendees** C Archibald, J Shaw, E Snedden, E Murphy, J Wilson, M Hunter, P Churches, Jean Bagen and Cllr N McCallum

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

The Chairman, C Archibald, opened the meeting welcoming Community Council members and residents to this AGM, in the absence of the Secretary, E Snedden agreed to take the minutes.

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

Apologies was received from Bob Border, George Lallaway, John Gibb & Walter Snedden

#### **Item no 3 Police Report**

As there was no Police Officer present, there was no Police Report.

Cllr McCallum informed the meeting that PC Malcolm Morrison has been appointed as our new Community Police Officer.

#### **Item no 4 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of The Village Community Council meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2006 were approved as accurate subject to the following changes :- add apologies received from Margaret Hunter and Pat Churches & the meeting scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2006 was cancelled.

Proposer E Snedden Seconder J Began

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**

- Letter sent to NLC re Planning application for Children's home.

Cllr McCallum informed the meeting that the application boundary had now changed and that the Sandstone part of the building is not affected and that there was also a change to the position of the entrance. It was also noted that NLC had resubmitted an application on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2006 and members who had previously objected should check that their previous objection would still be valid. It was agreed that the Community Council should object to the latest application.

Cllr McCallum was asked to find out from NLC if anyone building on a derelict site must also plan for the whole of the site. In reply, Cllr Mccallum stated that he doubted if anyone would be interested in purchasing the Old School, he went on to say he hoped that some property developer might step in and convert it into housing or for commercial development. The meeting was reminded that no mention was made in the recent years local plans where groups, societies and organisations were very interested in using the premises for community purposes.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to NLC from the Community Council objecting to the latest planning application.

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It was also agreed that a further letter be sent quoting the Freedom of Information Act to NLC asking for the Council's plans for the vacant School premises.

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- It was also stated that raw sewage is still seeping onto the Main Street at Scraggs Hairdressers.
- It has been reported to NLC that a lorryload of soil and building material has been illegally dumped at Glasgow Road in the area behind the Spur Hotel.
- Cllr McCallum informed the meeting that Ruth Gallagher is the new manager of Cleansing Services and had met Neil and walked round the Village when all the areas of concern involving litter, leaves, graffiti, discarded and broken bottles had been pointed out. It was noted that some improvements had taken place since this visit.

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## **Item no 6 Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that the current total in the Bank was £2716.31 and the books had been audited for the last year. Comments were received from NLC stating that the money in this account were for the running of the Community Council only. They also stated that the minutes of the Community Council meetings should be sent to NLC on a regular basis or the grant from NLC could be stopped.

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## 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 since last meeting.
- Copies of approved outstanding Community Council Minutes had now been sent to NLC
- Letters from Mr Allan to NLC re proposed Children's Home and the removal of bollard at corner of Wynd and Main Street. Cllr McCallum informed the meeting that the appropriate Department had been contacted and the bollard would be replaced shortly.
- Ardenlea House - It was noted that some work had started and that furniture had been put in the building. The owner has been granted a renewal of planning approval last year and there is little pressure that the Community Council can exert on the owner to ensure work continues on this historical building.
- Jubilee Gardens - A resident asked if any consultation had taken place on the proposed improvement plans for the Gardens. Notification of the proposed works was given by Cllr McCallum at a previous meeting but more specific details were not available at that time.

Note - The secretary had met with Kirsty Gray to examine the impact the preliminary plans would have on his garden privacy. It was agreed that Kirsty would be invited to attend a future Community Council meeting to discuss the detailed plans when they become available.

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- Local Government Boundary Commission - The reorganisation will mean that the Village will now be aligned with Kildrum and Abronhill with only three Councillors representing these areas.
- Archiving of Secretary's correspondence - It was agreed that all correspondence over a year old can be disposed.

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## Item no 8 Election of Office Bearers and Confirmation of Members

All current Office Bearers stood down, appointment of Office bearers and members for the coming year were as follows :-

Chair	Chick Archibald	Proposed Jean Shaw Seconded Jean Bagan
Vice Chair	Margaret Hunter	Proposed Chick Archibald Seconded Pat Churches
Treasurer	Walter Snedden	Proposed Pat Churches Seconded Esther Murphy
Secretary	George Lallaway	Proposed Margaret Hunter Seconded Elizabeth Snedden
Asst.Secretary	Elizabeth Snedden	Proposed Jean Shaw Seconded Margaret Hunter

Members	Bob Border Helen Miller Jean Shaw Pat Churches John Gibb Esther Murphy Jean Began Janice Began Jock Wilson
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## Item no 9 A.O.C.B.

- It was agreed that flowers and a card be sent to the Secretary wishing him a speedy recovery.
- A stock audit of Community Council stationery and equipment should be undertaken with a view to re-ordering and/or replacement.
- There was a request from a member that the formation of a residents group/association would be beneficial for the community. Doubts were expressed that members of the Community Council could not also be members of a residents group.

It was agreed that Mr Phil Arnold should be invited to the next meeting to give details and clarify certain points.

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- No complaints were received by Cllr McCallum re William Hill in the main Street.
- A Resident stated that there were severe parking problems every weekend, mainly due to patrons from The Villager and the Black Bull Public Houses.
- A resident was alarmed at the openness of people using drugs at an area in the Langriggs during daytime. Cllr McCallum will bring it to the attention of the local Police.
- C Archibald notified the meeting that the wreath for the Armistice Service in November had been ordered.
- It was noted that after the cutting of grass in Smithyends the cut grass is left lying, resulting in obnoxious smells as the cut grass decays. It was also noted that during the grass cutting operation NLC workmen deposit grass on the footpath when moving from one area to another, this results in wet grass patches on the footpath and will, no doubt, cause an accident in the future.

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#### **Item no 10 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Date and time of next meeting - **Thursday 12th October 2006 @ 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

After thanking everyone for their attendance and participating during the meeting, the Chairman then closed the meeting.