

Minutes of Cumbernauld Village Community Council

Held on Thursday 12th February in the Wynd Hall at 7.30p.m.

Present: Mrs Margaret Hunter, Mrs E Murphy, Mrs E Snedden, Mrs G Connelly, Mrs J Flynn, Mrs P Carty, Mrs T Farmery, Mrs A Archibald Messrs Archibald, Easton, Irvine, Gibb, McCallum, Johnston

Apologies received from Mrs J Shaw, Mrs P Churches, Messrs Russell and Border

Minutes of the last meeting were in members' hands. It was noted that 17 was quoted as the number of CCTV cameras out of 247 sited in Cumbernauld when in fact it is only 7. With that amendment duly made, the minutes were approved by Mrs Archibald seconded by Mrs Murphy

Secretary In the absence of Mr Allen, Mrs Snedden was taking the minutes

Mr Archibald opened the meeting by welcoming those present and introduced Mr Easton who has just opened a new funeral parlour in the Village Main Street.

Mr Easton addressed the meeting and said that he was delighted to be working in Cumbernauld and he outlined the kind of services that can be provided by himself and his wife. He is very interested in all that is happening in the community and stated that he is willing to help in whatever way he can. Mr Archibald wished him good luck in his new venture and Mr Easton then left the meeting.

Police Report As there were no police in attendance no report was forthcoming.

Mrs Snedden was asked to write and express our disappointment that there was no police presence for the second meeting in a row.

Matters Arising

CCTV

No form has been received from the Council to make application for the installation of a camera at the end of the Wynd. Mr Johnston will chase it up.

Langriggs

Local plan almost ready for public distribution and there will be a period of consultation. Mr Johnston urged the C.C. to watch out for it and make application to get the whole area recategorised E- for environmental use- instead of the existing H- for housing. Despite reassurances that the Council have no plans at the moment to build there, it may happen in

the future unless changes are made now. The same applies to the ground around Cumbernauld House so we must be vigilant.

Dobbies Development

It was reported that Zoom Developments have withdrawn their planning application

Jubilee Playpark

The letter from Lizanne McMurrich re the removal of the play park was read out and the feeling of the meeting was one of disappointment that the Council have no plans to reinstate or upgrade the play park. Members reported that the play area at the bowling green has broken equipment, is littered with broken bottles and in need of painting and upgrading. The one at Carrick Road is so small that it can hardly be classed as a park.

Mr Irvine expressed his concern that there was still a lack of action on the part of the Council to get to the root of the problem; the serious flooding due to the burn backing up. He feels that this is a tragedy just waiting to happen

Mrs Flynn and Mrs Carty are going to take up the matter of possible sources of funding for a new park or perhaps approach Mitchell Homes to see if they could be persuaded to site their "estate" park in the Jubilee Park instead.

Carrick Road

Mr Johnston reported that the taped off area had been put there by Transport Scotland and represents the position of the fence when the motorway is upgraded. The news for residents is that there will be no compensation or double glazing, as he has been told that the new surface will be so effective that traffic will make less noise and even that will be dealt with by the fence.

The Community Forum has offered residents the chance to consult with a lawyer re their rights and the possibility of seeking compensation. At a recent meeting there was a high turnout of people complaining about the developments along the A 80 but officials were not sympathetic and have cut trees and placed large containers without consultation.

Mrs Hunter is most concerned about pollution and feels that the position of the Village in relation to the roadworks will make it more vulnerable to the effects of pollution in the air. Mrs Snedden is to write to Environmental Services to request that a machine monitoring the quality of air be placed in the Village for a minimum of two years when work begins on the upgrade. Mr Gibb urged residents to contact consultants McRae and McRae with any complaints or queries. He also added that a lot of the work will have to be undertaken at night with the ensuing nuisance of noise, vibration and lights. He urged people to attend the meeting in Stepps Primary on 16th February

New Planning Laws

Mr Johnston informed the meeting that new planning laws will mean that there will be a public consultation about a proposal every four years so we will have to be extra vigilant and make objection when plans are first muted

Spring Clean

Mr Archibald feels that there will not be enough support for a clean up so we will leave it meantime

Mrs Hunter has phoned the cleansing department twice to report dumping only to be told that NLC do not have Glasgow Road on their data base. Mrs Snedden to write

CARS

Mr Archibald informed the meeting that the CARS bid had been a success and has been allocated £375,000. Both Cathie Craigie and Jamie Hepburn have sent letters of congratulations. Mr Johnston reported that when he raised the matter at a full Council meeting, he was told that £80,000 had been allocated as match funding. He wants to ensure that the Council work with CVAC to procure the school for Community use. He further suggested that we contact the Historic Gardens officer to ensure that the garden at Ardenlea House is not built upon

H.S. Also want gap sites dealt with and Mr Archibald stated that there will be a lot of conditions involved with anyone applying for money.

As we are not sure of what happens next, Mrs Snedden to ask Richard Cartwright to next meeting

Resignation of Mr Allen

Mrs Snedden read out a letter from the secretary indicating his decision to resign from the post. He explained that he wanted to deal with his health issues without the pressure of the secretary's position. Mrs Snedden had intimated to him that she was willing to carry on until after the summer break and by then, he might reconsider. The meeting endorsed this suggestion and Mrs Snedden to write to Mr Oliver saying that his resignation had been "tabled" until September. She was also instructed to return the cheque which Mr Oliver had sent back as his honorarium.

Publicity

It was agreed to renew our advert in the church newsletter which is distributed to around 800 homes. Treasurer will make out cheque for £30

Treasurer's Report

All accounts have been paid up to date and we currently have £3,340.97 in the bank with £47.35 cash in hand

Secretary`s report.

Mrs Snedden read out all incoming mail with nothing that necessitated further action. Copy of correspondence in file

A.O.C.B.

Mr Gibb reported that he is going to attend a meeting tomorrow at the town centre re the pollution caused by idling buses and the problems of them double parking. He invited anyone else interested to attend.

He also informed the meeting that there is currently a conflict re. local bus times and it looks like the "42" run may be put out of business by a rival company, Dunns

Mr Gibb intimated that he is willing to continue to represent us at the Community Forum and he hopes Mr Oliver will resume his attendance when his health allows

Mr Johnston reported that the police and warden had removed 2 cars parked without tax discs

The Council have released money to repair two rotten windows in the Wynd Hall

Mr Wilson asked the secretary to write to Council Parks Dept to draw attention to the unsightly state of the landscaping in the Jubilee Garden from the path to the boundary fence. He also asked that the sycamore tree which is overlooking and overshadowing the houses be trimmed back and the litter tidied up

It was also brought up that there have been several sightings of cars parked suspiciously with people sitting inside them with no apparent purpose. The cars also did not have license plates. Member of the Council involved will contact police

Several members present expressed concern about the children waiting in the Village to be transported to the primary school. There is no shelter or supervision to keep them safe. Sec to write to Mr Maciver of N.L.C.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the chairman thanking everyone for their attendance and reminded them of the date for the next meeting -12th March.