

The Village Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Held on September 10th 2009.

Attendees: E. Murphy, J. Shaw, D. Adam, R. Border, C. Archibald, B. Morgan-Klein, E. Lindsay, S. Marb (?), G. Connolly, J. Connolly, J. Gibb, A. Cardno, J. McLean, A. Russell, M. Hunter, A. Archibald, J. Wilson, A. Irvine, E. Snedden, C.O. Allen

Item 1: Chairman's remarks

Chairman Chic Archibald welcomed everyone to the first meeting since June. He read out a card from Jean Shaw thanking Council Members for the beautiful flowers given to her on her 90th Birthday.

Item 2: Apologies

P. Churches, N. McCallum, P. Morgan-Klein, Councillor T. Johnston

Item 3: Police Report

There was no Police Report

Item 4 The Chairman Introduced Fire Station Officer McGuire

Mr McGuire introduced himself and said he has lived in Cumbernauld for 30 years. He described the equipment and the work carried out by Fire Officers and stressed that a large part of their work these days was advisory, business and residents, and carrying out safety inspections and making homes safer. He emphasised that they provide and fit Smoke alarms free.

He then described what had happened with the recent fire in the Close at Burngreen Terrace and the actions which ensued over the next few days. He tabled a letter which had been given to all nearby residents. He had also advised the owners of the Off Licence of their responsibilities in ensuring their bin was not left in the close.

He then handed out a variety of Fire Safety leaflets.

In response to a query he said for any type of fire dial 999 and say "Fire".

They have fitted over 300 free Smoke alarms

Again in response to a query if anyone was worried about stuff left lying waiting on an NLC Special uplift then call the Fire Station and he reminded the meeting there were now 3 free uplifts a year.. He invited the Council to think of visiting the Fire Station at a future date
The Chairman thanked Fire Officer McGuire for a very interesting and informative talk.

Item 5: Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were approved

Proposed J. Gibb

Seconded B. Morgan-Klein

Item 6: Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Item 7: Treasurers Report

Treasurer Jack Wilson advised the meeting that the Audited Accounts had been received back from the Auditors and everything was in order

Cash in Bank £3732.66 Cash in Hand £27.85 Total £3760.51

The Admin Grant had been received from NLC _£558 this is made up of £450 Lump sum Plus £9 per 1000 electorate (1155)

He also detailed the expenditure to date (His report attached to minutes)

Item 8: Secretary's Report

The Secretary report was tabled and no one had any queries

Item 9 Langriggs Progress Report

The secretary spoke to this stating that the A3 plan and details of the phased operations of what was proposed by NLC was available for members comment. He stated it was good that the NLC plan had followed very closely to the results of the Consultation and most seemed to be very much in favour of what was proposed.

BM-K Welcomed the report and hoped that the no one would object to the planned removal of some trees as they were largely not native.

AI – reminded the meeting of Rights of Way from the Main Street which were now not in use and not shown on the plan. COA said he would raise this with NLC.

Action COA

The secretary reminded everyone to comment on the plans

Item 9 Main Street Report

The Secretary advised the meeting that some members had accompanied R. Cartwright NLC around the Main Street looking at ways of improving how it looks. Unsightly and surplus WP Bins would be replaced by the new standard bins. Bollards would be replaced by standard metal ones as and when required. Hanging baskets could be provided but this would need on going maintenance and support by Businesses and the community. The possibility of seating was discussed and suitable sites identified. The site plan and photographs received from RC were passed round for members to look at and comment and would be circulated around members so that an informed discussion could take place at the next meeting.

MH – It would be good to have a few trees on the Main Street – this proposal met with support.

CA - a seat in the Wynd entrance area was not a good idea because of likelihood of anti social behaviour.

AI and others – Gates in the close at the Masonic Arms were dangerous, seemed to be loose and could they be repaired and/or made safe?

Action COA

Item 10 CVAC

Brenda Morgan-Klein tabled the Web Designers costing for the Web site. The cost of £1400 included one year's support. The site content is progressing, businesses have been contacted and lots of Village photos have been taken and made available. The site name is www.cumbernauldvillage.org and space is being rented at a cost of around £40 per annum. It is hoped that the site will be demonstrated at the next meeting and after that the site will be launched, hopefully with a lot of publicity; certainly the Cumbernauld News will be contacted.

Brenda was thanked by all for the very hard work she has put into this.

The questionnaire had gone out to every household with boxes in 8 businesses.. The Spar shop and Paper shop have been very proactive in getting questionnaires completed and returned.

AC – Questionnaire very popular with many wanting to know more about what was happening and she personally would like to get more involved.

BM-K stated CVAC wanted more to get involved and it was hoped the planned public meeting would help in that area.

AC – suggested some kind of flier stating what was going on with maybe the results of the questionnaire would be a way of keeping the interest up.

Item 11 Jubilee Park

E. Snedden Asst Secretary spoke to this and advised on the response received from NLC re the letter of complaint about the flooding
Residents spoke about what was needed and expressed concern re future drainage issues.

Item 12: AOCB

It was agreed not to ask for a rep from the Bowel Screening Program to attend our meetings.
E. Snedden agreed to become the contact for the NHS and would complete the Church Survey on our behalf.
COA advised on the Beautiful Villages award presentation in Aberdeen – he would represent the VCC on the 21st September 2009.
Members were reminded of the Strictly Senior Benefit leaflets and the new Handy Person Service from NLC.

J. Wilson proposed that due the amount of work that occurs during the summer months and the difficulty in disseminating information and contacting everyone we should plan to have meetings in July and August.

J. Gibb seconded that motion

The meeting agreed that this would be the case for the next session at least.

J. Gibb – Some households affected by noise do not seem to be in the compensation program for the noise from the A80 workings.

ES – advised that she thought there was something in Bridie Casey’s letter which mentioned that.

COA to find the letter and advise at the next meeting

Action COA

Item 13. Election of Office Bearers

The current Office bearers left and the election proceeded

C. O. Allen elected Secretary	Proposed J. Gibb	Seconded M. Hunter
J. Wilson elected Treasurer	Proposed O. Allen	Seconded A. Archibald
N. McCallum elected V.Chairman	Proposed E. Snedden	Seconded J. Shaw
E. Snedden elected Asst Secretary	Proposed R. Border	Seconded A. Hunter
C. Archibald elected Chairman	Proposed A. Hunter	Seconded B Morgan-Klein.

The following Council Members were elected

A. Archibald, J. Gibb, R. Border, M. Hunter, A. Hunter, P. Churches, A. Cardno, B. Morgan-Klein, G. Connelly, J. McLean

Item 9: Date and Time of Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded everyone of date of the next meeting - October 8th at 7.30 in the Village Hall, thanked everyone for their input to what was a very long session and closed the meeting at 2145.