

## **The Village Community Council Minutes of Meeting Held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

### **Attendees:**

G. Connolly, M. Egan, R. Border, J. Wilson, C. Archibald, A. Irvine, A. Archibald, Councillor T. Johnston, A. Russell, P and B. Morgan-Klein, E. Snedden, D. Adam, C.O.Allen.

### **Item 1: Chairman's remarks**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and then advised the meeting of the death of the Balloch Community Councillor Kenny Grant who was well known in and around Cumbernauld for his charity work. The meeting observed a minutes silence in his memory

### **Item 2: Apologies**

M. Hunter, P. Churches, J. Shaw, N. McCallum, A. Cardno, J. MacLean

### **Item 3: Police Report**

There was no Police Report

### **Item 4: Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes were approved

**Proposed E. Snedden**

**Seconded A. Archibald**

### **Item 5: Matters Arising**

The Secretary reported that we had a Council membership of 15, 5 Office Bearers and 10 Councillors. The Quorum was 33% of Council membership.

The issue of compensation had been referred to Councillor T. Johnston who advised he had written the Head of Housing Services NLC for clarification. The Secretary would speak to J. Gibb to ascertain the detail of his query.

#### **Action COA**

RC NLC is trying to contact the Solicitor's acting for the Villager pub to advise them of the dangerous state of the Metal gates.

A reply was received from NLC advising that the route from the Main Street to the Langriggs was not a "Public Right of Way".

RC NLC had provided details of the owners of the Gap Sites. It was agreed the secretary should write to the owners to try and get cooperation in improving the sites.

#### **Action COA**

RC NLC agrees it is unfortunate that modern lighting has been erected beside the Care Home and will try to get them replaced.

### **Item 6: Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Jack advised the meeting that the accounts were the same as last month

### **Item 7: Secretary's Report**

The secretary spoke to his tabled report.

With regard to the nil response from NLC about the state of the Old School Building and the surrounding area the Secretary said he would write to the Cumbernauld News about that and the gap sites.

#### **Action COA**

Members discussed the new Care Home and a number of concerns were aired. All were concerned that some residents had received invitations to see round the Home and others had not despite being in close proximity to the Home. Also that the home was actually opening without all village residents being made aware. COA advised the meeting that the Senior Development Officer he had met at the home was very receptive to the idea of the Care children becoming involved in Village Community activities. A very lively discussion then ensued about the Care Home costs, the children who would be in the home, how secure it was, what had happened at the Abonhill home.

The discussion ended hoping that all would have a positive attitude to the Home and its residents but that residents should be assured that the Community Council would keep a very close watch on how it was operated over the coming months.

The secretary would write to the Cumbernauld Branch of the British Legion re including the War Memorial in next year's competition.

**Action COA**

**Item 8: Langriggs report**

The meeting wholeheartedly endorsed the plans and progress made by Brian Thomson and his team from NLC for the development of the LangRiggs. This would be conveyed to Brian.

**Action COA**

**Item 9 Main Street Enhancements.**

The secretary stated that he had managed to get copies of the proposed enhancements to all Councillors and he thanked those who had submitted written and verbal comments to him..

There was then a sometimes heated discussion about where any seats should be placed but hanging baskets, replacement of bins and bollards, trees and a notice board met with approval. While it seemed that most were in favour of some seating, there was a wide range of ideas as to where these seats should and should not be placed. The Chairman brought the lively discussion to a close and asked the secretary to report back to NLC the inconclusive nature of the discussion as far as seating was concerned.

**Action COA**

**Item 10 CVAC Report.**

CVAC Chairman Philip Morgan-Klein advised the meeting of the successful survey which had been carried out the results of which were tabled. He highlighted the interest in allotments.

There will be a public Information event towards end on November, people would be able to drop in see the various information about the plans for the Langriggs and the school building and hopefully might result in more people to get involved with CVAC and the VCC

Brenda updated the meeting on the good progress with the Web site. Lots of material has been sent to the Web developer but she still needs more info and if anyone can help please come forward. Old digital photos of the Village would be appreciated. It was suggested that schools should be approached to help both with this and with CVAC plans in general. It was agreed this was a good idea.

**Item 11 AOCB**

The Chairman stated that we needed to nominate someone to lay the wreath at this years Remembrance Day. After some discussion it was agreed that the Asst Secretary would approach those whose names had been put forward.

**Action E. Snedden**

Councillor Tom Johnston raised the issue of the Roadside Hall at the Pensioner's complex. He provided background information on the Hall constitution and what might happen to it. There was concern that if it is just left with no positive action the Hall could go back to being run by NLC Housing and the Hall could then be reviewed with all other halls run by Housing. TJ tabled a letter he had written to the Head of Community Information and Learning.

The meeting was advised by ES that the Parish Church had an interest in what might happen to the Hall and JW raised the issue of the Hall not being readily available to the pensioners without charge.

The secretary was asked to write to NLC saying we were concerned about the status of the Hall and asking to be kept informed of any developments.

**Action COA**

The Chairman then brought the meeting to a close and thanked everyone for their contributions to what was a very lively and useful meeting. The meeting closed at 2140

**Item 9: Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 730 in the Village Hall