

**Cumbernauld Village Community Council**  
**Minutes of meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**Present**

Philip Morgan-Klein (Chair), Jim McLean(Vice Chair), Adam Irvine, John Gibb(CC), Uli Hudak, Liz Snedden(CC), Tom Johnston (NLC Councillor), Gillian Connolly(Treas.), Pat Churches (CC), Paula McCrae(CC), Nancy McEwan(CC); CC = Community Councillor

**Apologies**

Brenda Morgan-Klein(Sec)

The evening opened with a Display by the Jubilee Park Organisation. This showed a display board with pictures of the types of play equipment that are planned for the Jubilee Park area and the planned locations for them. The event provided opportunities to ask questions about the display and to comment on the different play equipment. The JPO contingent then left.

1. Philip welcomed those attending VCC and wished everyone a happy new year.

**2. Police Report**

Police Officers Adam McManus and Matthew Gibb attended the meeting. He reported that in the last 2 months 121 calls were received (much reduced from previous report). These related to the following categories: Alarms responses; youths drinking (2); property damage (8); motoring related in the Village (5). There were 28 crime reports and 20 detections, mostly within a few days. There were also 27 complaints over the last 2 months.

Matters raised by attendees were:-

- The previous suggestion by NLC that a one way system might be created through the village was raised. The Chair will follow this up with the appropriate NLC officer.
- The Vice-Chair raised the matter of people using the Masonic Hall who are parking on the double yellow lines outside and obstructing traffic at a restricted section of the Glasgow Road. PC McManus pledged to check this out. It was also suggested that a crossing place would be useful near the entrance to Springfield Road once the children's play area in Jubilee Park is re-established in a year or so.

**3. Minutes of last meeting & Matters Arising**

These were agreed. Two matters arising were raised:

Ardenlea – No further information received re this building; and

Gregg McClymont is keen to attend VCC but we have still to agree a suitable date due to the fact that special permission is required to leave Parliament early once it is in session.

**4. Treasurer's report**

Bank: £2,772.91; Cash £32.44; Total: £2,805.35

**5. Secretary's report**

A number of issues were raised by Philip (acting as temporary secretary due to Brenda's current illness) including:

1. Richard Cartwright was unable to attend this VCC as intended due to a bereavement. However, the Chair had emailed him some questions which re answered by email: 1. Historic Scotland grant is not restricted on spend between years, so the Village CARS project will not be 'short-changed'. 2. The reason for delays ref the shop front improvements was mainly due to the need get all proposals agreed by owners/tenants; getting listed building consents and planning permissions, then getting separate Historic Scotland Grants Team approvals. The NLC tendering process also caused delay as this is required to ensure we get the best Contractor and prices for the work required. 9 tenders received and the top 6 will be shortlisted by mid-February. Appointment of contractor(s) is planned by early March with work planned for end March to end June 2012. 3. RC will be contacting all householder grant applicants who've had an offer but whose work has not been started very soon. Some delays due to need for agreement on some specific details of the project. 4. RC noted that a CARS update appeared in the NLC News November edition, but many at the

- meeting did not recall receiving this. Richard also agreed to attend our next VCC in February to address any further questions ref the CARS project.
- 2. Ardenlea- Philip noted correspondence received ref a note of interest in buying Ardenlea or the old Primary school building. Philip noted this was discussed at CVAC and VCC were brought up to date. No decision made re this - matter still to be discussed with the Cumbernauld House Trust as this has implications for the joint CHT and CVAC business plan for the school. (See CVAC Report below)
- 3. Philip had placed an ad in the Cumbernauld News as requested to advertise the December VCC, at a cost of £122 incl. VAT. Unfortunately the hall let was cancelled by NLC due to adverse weather that day. It was agreed that an entry in the Communities section might be sufficient as this is free. Philip agreed to pursue this in Brenda's absence.
- 4. Correspondence from Brian Thomson ref proposal to designate the Langriggs as a 'Field in Trust' during the Queen's Jubilee Year in 2012. This would offer protection to the site in perpetuity which the site could not otherwise obtain. This would prevent future attempts to develop building etc on the site. The matter was put to a vote and carried almost unanimously. (8/9 supported the proposal). Philip agreed to let BT know. The decision on whether to hold a special celebratory event on the site in June was deferred until CVAC can discuss options.
- 5. Community Council Insurance cover by Ass. of Comm. Councils ends in April 2012. NLC proposing to organise this and top slice Comm. Council's grant to pay for it. This was agreed by those attending. Philip will notify NLC.
- 6. NLC are requesting a range of information from the VCC ref updates of co-opted members, and our signed constitution and standing orders.
- 7. Nancy asked for 6 copies of the Beautiful Scotland Silver Award certificate to circulate in local shops/businesses, which Philip agreed to provide.

## 6. CVAC Report

- 1. Philip briefed the meeting about how the project to develop the old primary school. The Joint CVAC/Cumbernauld House Trust Business Plan was sent to NLC. A meeting with Big Lottery had been very positive towards our business plan which met all of their criteria for grant award. Normally grants of up to £500k, are awarded, but for the right project this could increase to one million. Only obstacle is that the BLF requires that the Trust actually own the building and this is being progressed with NLC at a forthcoming meeting.
- 2. Philip noted that although CVAC had now received a lease offer from NLC for the allotment previously run by John Thomson, but we could not accept some of the lease conditions. Philip agreed to take these up with NLC. Meantime, everyone was asked to spread the word about the allotments and to ask anyone interested in taking up an allotment to contact Philip (contact details on Village Notice Board) as a list of applicants is being created.
- 3. Philip provided copies of the Beautiful Scotland judges' report (2012). This will be considered by CVAC with a view to seeing how we might improve our scores.

## 7. AOB

- 1. John Gibb raised concern about the potential danger from the large tree near his house given the recent gales. In Brenda's absence, Philip agreed to write to William Thomson of the NLC Parks Dept to see if anything can be done to check its status.
- 2. Adam suggested that given the tree damage in the gales we should perhaps re-consider our plan to plant trees in the Main Street. He noted he is pleased with the progress with the old primary school and with Ardenlea house. He also recommended a visit to the community centre in Twechar.
- 3. Concerns about the flooding of the burn and park in Jubilee Park raised question about NLC's proposal of 2/3 years ago to reduce flooding, as nothing has been done. Philip agreed to investigate.

- 8. **Next meeting:** 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm, at the Village Hall.