

Cumbernauld Village Community Council
Minutes of meeting on 9th February 2012

Present

Philip Morgan-Klein (Chair), Adam Irvine, John Gibb(CC), Uli Hudak, Gillian Connolly(Treas.), Pat Churches (CC), Paula McCrae (CC), Alan Russell, Nancy McEwan(CC); Richard Cartwright, NLC Officer, Tom Johnston (NLC Councillor), Joe Black and Alan Patrick, Strathclyde Police.

CC = Community Councillor

Apologies

Brenda Morgan-Klein(Sec), Jim McLean(Vice Chair), Margaret Hunter, Liz Snedden(CC)

1. Philip welcomed those attending to the VCC.

2. Police Report

Police Officers Joe Black and Alan Patrick attended the meeting. In the last month, 44 calls were received including 7 for 1 event, including street drinking and cannabis growing. Again, the number of calls was further reduced from the previous report, with only 7 reported crimes. So it had again been a very quiet month compared to previous police reports and this was welcomed by all.

Matters raised by attendees were:-

- The Chair raised a concern about an assault by 4 or 5 youths on a Village resident near Campsie View in Kildrum on 15th January and asked how common such assaults were and what police do about such cases or to deter such actions in the area. Joe Black noted that such assaults are fairly rare and both officers remembered this incident. It is difficult for officers to cover all areas of a ward at all times and that the speed of response is important in identifying the perpetrators as quickly as possible at the time of the incident.
- The Chair raised the matter from the last meeting, 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. Joe Black pledged to check this out.

3. Richard Cartwright (NLC) attended re CARS Progress

3.1 Richard provided a summary of CARS expenditure. Household Grants: A total of 19 householder grants have been awarded. £65k is committed this year, of which half is spent and the other half is committed. Shopfront Grants have been committed to 22 properties which have been awarded £110k, plus a cost of £7,500 spent on drawings. Richard expects the shopfronts work to be progressed between 26th March and June and 60% of shops in the Village are receiving the grants. The committed CARS spend up to the end of the financial year at end of March 2012 is £200k.

3.2 Old Primary School: CVAC and the Cumbernauld House Trust are progressing this with the Business Plan and the positive reception by the Big Lottery Fund (BLF). The BLF requires that the Council are willing to release the property to the Trust. NLC have confirmed this in principle to enable the Trust to progress the BLF application. Richard also noted that the BLF requires an open consultation process involving the community and the Council also require that the new proposed use of the school would not be in conflict with existing Council services, such as The Village Hall, Muirfield Centre etc.

3.3 Ardenlea: The property is about to be put up for public auction, with an expected price of between £50 - £100k. Last time it was on the market it went for £80k. The property has consent currently as a children's nursery. Richard expects it to be used for 'public use'; either as residential, office, nursery, or as a shop.

3.4 Spur Hotel: Richard expects a contribution from CARS funding towards roof replacement.

3.5 The Circle and Black Bull Planning Applications: Richard expects that the current planning applications will be withdrawn given the opposition to them. Richard will inform us of any changes to the planning application if re-submitted.

3.6 Wall Repairs behind Main Street: this wall is partially dilapidated and requires a lime mortar repair. Richard thinks that one option might be to have the work done under a training scheme.

3.7 Trees in Main Street: our idea to plant trees in Main street might require consideration of a range of options, given recent high winds and underground infrastructure piping etc. One option might be planting some in large containers where there may be underground infrastructure piping etc. Further work is required to progress this, including identifying whether sensors exist that show what is underground. Richard then left the meeting.

A question was raised about the encroachment on Langriggs land by the owner of the Black Bull/Puccini's bar and restaurant and what is happening about this. The Chair agreed to follow this up as soon as possible given the current illness of the VCC secretary.

4. Minutes of last meeting & Matters Arising

These were agreed.

5. Treasurer's report

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

6. Secretary's report

A number of issues were raised by the Chair (acting as temporary secretary due to Brenda's current illness): The Chair noted he had confirmed to Brian Thomson NLC our intention to take up the 'Fields in Trust' designation for Langriggs; that he had confirmed our approval of the new insurance proposal by NLC; that he had confirmed to NLC our intention to provide NLC with confirmation of our office bearers and any co-opted members and our signed constitution and standing orders as soon as possible given our secretary's illness; the Chair committed to provide Nancy with copies of our Beautiful Scotland Silver Award. Finally, the Chair has written to: 1) William Thomson, NLC ref John Gibb's concern about the large tree at Smithyends; and 2) to NLC ref the Jubilee Park flooding; and 3) to NLC about the proposal a few years ago by NLC to create a one-way traffic system in Baronhill.

7. CVAC Report

1. Philip briefed the meeting about progress with the project to develop the old primary school, including a premises visit to the school by the Trust, the VCC Chair and some NLC officers and some of the options and approaches being proposed by the joint project group. He also confirmed that NLC had provided in principle confirmation of the Council's willingness to transfer ownership of the premises to the Trust partnership.

2. Philip noted he had written to NLC formally complaining about the lease offer to CVAC from NLC for the allotment previously run by John Thomson, and confirming that we could not accept some of the lease conditions. Philip agreed to progress the lease with NLC. Meantime, everyone was asked to continue 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 reported that CVAC will review the Beautiful Scotland Judges' Report with a view to seeing how we might improve our scores.

8. AOB

None.

9. **Next meeting:** 8th March at 7.30 pm, at the Village Hall.

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