

The Cumbernauld Village Community Council met on Thursday 13th September at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

Present; Ms McEwan, Hunter, Connelly, Shepherd, McLeish, Churches, Snedden
Messrs Russell, Gibb, Downie, Irvine, and P.C.s Gunn and McElevy attended to give the police report

Apologies Brenda and Philip Morgan Klein.

In the absence of Mr and Mrs Morgan Klein, the meeting was chaired by Mrs Hunter and Mrs Snedden took the minutes

Minutes Minutes of the last meeting were in members` hands and were approved by Mrs Hunter, seconded by Miss Shepherd

Police Report P.C. Gunn reported that he had no facts and figures with him but that there had been few call outs to the Village in recent weeks. Mrs Hunter however, stated that she had witnessed a running battle between patrons of the Circle public house and those of the Black Bull. There was also an incident at the taxi rank. P.C. Gunn reported that all was quiet when the police attended. He stated that it was unfortunate that there were no public cameras covering that area of the Main Street and has requested that they be fitted when finances allow. He further confirmed that licensees have the responsibility to refuse to serve anyone who is already under the influence of alcohol. Mr Irvine stated that there is no longer security at the doors of the pubs and the police replied that they have no powers to enforce such a measure. They also added that both establishments have cameras inside and out focusing on their premises. In reply to questions regarding the licensing process, they informed the meeting that it is a lengthy and complicated process to get licensing hours reduced and serious problems have to be proven.

They urged residents to keep phoning and if things get out of hand they will crack down on the licensee and speak to the managers.

They have also been monitoring the traffic/parking situation and reported no problems as they pass through the Village.

Wilderness Brae; The officers confirmed that crash barriers are going to be fitted in the near future and speeding issues will be addressed through the siting of the van

Treasurer`s Report Mrs Connelly reported that she had received the books from the auditors and that everything was in order. The problems with the bank account signatures had also been sorted out.

We currently have £2,491.78 in the bank and £85.65 cash in hand; making a total of £2577.43

CARS Now that the work is almost complete, it was suggested that the secretary write to Richard Cartwright and invite him to come along to the October meeting to give us an update

Traffic Problems A number of issues were raised in relation to the traffic problems in the Village. Parking and congestion remain a big issue and it was again suggested that a one way

system might be beneficial. The exit from the Village at the Main Street was felt to be dangerous and discussion took place about having an exit along the Hat Tricks end of the Glasgow Road. There was also concern expressed about the inaccessibility of the roads and the Main Street especially, due to the heavy snow two winters ago

Mrs Snedden was asked to write to request more grit bins for the winter weather

Mrs Hunter felt that we should be proactive in trying to find ways to ease the problems and it was suggested to invite someone from the transportation dept to attend the meeting on 8th November to discuss the way forward.

CVAC We have received a silver award from Beautiful Scotland. The judges recommended that we publicise the Village more and Mrs Snedden to make enquiries about getting a tourist, brown noticeboard sited on the motorway-perhaps stating Conservation Village

School Adam Smith from the Cumbernauld House Trust has received word that the school is still a viable project. We have no further details from the feasibility study but a press release is coming soon. We will now have to approach the Big Lottery and Historic Scotland for funding.

Mr Downie informed the meeting that he is very involved the Bonsai Association and they are looking for premises for demonstrations, shows, workshops etc and they would be very interested in using the school. Noted

Langriggs Mrs Snedden reported that the compost bin and the slabs were now on site. The site is still very overgrown and concerns were expressed about getting it planted up. Mrs McEwan will speak to Philip re. contact with Brian Thomson. Now that the Langriggs has F.I.T. status, Mrs McEwan is going to go ahead with grant applications

Miss Shepherd stated that a friend Carol Bradley, 19 Springfield Road was interested in an allotment. Mrs Snedden will pass the name to Philip

Litter Pick Postpone until the Spring

Gardens Mrs Snedden was asked to write to the council re. the Peace Garden and the possibility of laying some slabs around the noticeboard at the war memorial. Ground gets very wet and muddy

Energen Biogas Will provide fertiliser for the allotments. The new manager there, will also encourage employees to help with clearing the ground for the allotments. He also has contacts for cement, hard core etc which he would hope to get any we need as a donation

Thanks Mrs McEwan thanked the management of B and Q for allowing their staff to help with the hedging. She has also been told to contact Dobbies when we have a specific project organised. She is also going to apply to the Sun newspaper for help towards planting an orchard-via their recent promotion

Business for next meeting-Still to be discussed is the problem of flooding down the Glasgow and Springfield Roads. Mr Downie reported that he had problems with water coming up to his front door from the graveyard and the fact that the drains in Springfield Rd are needing

cleared. The Council have promise him action within 5 days and he will let us know how he gets on

Poppy Wreath Still to decide. Perhaps Neil McCallum would be interested

There being no further business, Mrs Hunter closed the meeting by reminding members that the date for the next meeting was 11th October.