

**Cumbernauld Village Community Council Minutes
November 8th 2012**

Present

Margo Barr, Norman Egan, John Gibb, John Ashcroft (NLC), Sheila McGhee, Sandra Brady, Ann McLeish, Wilma Shepherd, Adam Irvine, Robert border, Alan Russell, Nancy McEwan, Uli Hudak, Jim MacLean, Gillian Connolly, Paula McCrae, Elizabeth Sneddon, Tom Johnstone (NLC Councillor), Brett Finnegan Strathclyde Police, Max Gibb (Strathclyde Police), Brenda Morgan-Klein (secretary), Philip Morgan-Klein (Chair)

Apologies

Pat Churches, Margaret Hunter, Alan Downie

1. Meeting with John Ashcroft (Senior Engineer Roads Operations)

The meeting began with a discussion of traffic and parking problems. These included:

- Difficulties of parking for residents in the Main Street and Baronhill area creating problems for residents with disabilities**
- Disrepair of Old Glasgow Road which needs new surfacing**
- Parking on Glasgow Road creating a hazard.**
- Loss of the traffic warden**
- Safety concerns re the school bus pick up and drop off**

John Ashcroft advised that a disabled parking bay can be created where there is need and that an application can be made for this. The bay would be open to anyone with a disability and not just the resident who had made the application. Some possible solutions for problems were discussed such as:

- Expanding car parks**
- Creating parking at the Spur hotel**
- Creating an exit onto the M80 at the end of the Old Glasgow Rd.**
- Applying for a school crossing patrol (apply to Findlay Bruce)**
- Changing the direction of traffic flow in the Wynd and in the Smithyends link with Roadside**
- Changing parking restrictions**

In discussion it was noted that changing traffic arrangements often simply moves the problems around and that it will be important to consult with the wider village community. It was agreed that a mailing to households followed by a public meeting would be a useful way forward. VCC secretary to keep in touch with John Ashcroft. John was thanked warmly for coming to the meeting.

2. Police Report

Officers Finnegan and Brett reported that the Police had received 39 calls in the previous month from 15 different callers which resulted in 9 crime reports. 3 of these were vandalism, 3 breaches of the peace, 3 were other offences. There were 5 detections. There were no calls concerning public houses.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

Philip Morgan-Klein reported that he had been unable to attend the forum on Winter Services chaired by Gregg McClymont MP, but that he would send a written statement informing the meeting that we are campaigning to have Roadside, Baronhill, and Main Street gritted. After some discussion about the gradient of Glasgow Road, he agreed to add that. The economic case is relevant given that there are at least 50 businesses in and around the Main Street. Tom Johnstone pointed out that the arrangements were set in stone for this winter but it was agreed to campaign nevertheless. It was agreed to petition businesses and household. Ann McLeish agreed to coordinate this and a number of people agreed to deliver petitions.

4. Treasurer's report

Bank £2,491.78

Cash £64.95

Total £2,556.73

5. Secretary's report

Town Centre Consultation

The secretary reported on details of the Town Centre consultation and other activities at the Link Centre. The contact is Kirsty Gray 01236632629 KirstyK@northlan.gov.uk.

- Village website

The web designer Ryan Kaye has agreed to give the website an update and redesign of some aspects. The secretary will 'train' those who have kindly offered to update the site. This includes, Nancy McEwan, Elizabeth Sneddon and Philip Morgan-Klein. It is likely that the site may be linked to a facebook page for the VCC. It will be important to publicise it effectively.

- The primary school Project

The secretary reported on the latest update from Adam Smith of Cumbernauld House Trust on the Trust's progress on the school project. They are working on the application for stage 1 funding of the Growing community Assets Scheme which can award up to £1m. These monies will be spent on things like surveys and planning permissions, drawings etc at which point stage two funding can be applied for. The secretary also noted that the Trust are proposing a heritage trail from the Church to Cumbernauld House Park and are talking to the funder Paths for All about this aspect of the plans.

6. Cumbernauld Village Action for the Community report

Philip Morgan-Klein reported that the main activity has been to get the allotments project up and running. Philip will be contacting everyone who has expressed an interest in having a plot. Funding is still needed for the infrastructure (such as pathways). CVAC has spent £730 on 8 meters of wire mesh fencing and a custom made gate. An application to Fields in Trust was unsuccessful but further funding applications will be made.

7. Jubilee Play Park

Jim McLean reported that they had been successful in raising £67,000 of funding to establish the play area in Jubilee Park. Various surveys are being undertaken with a possible finish of the play park in late spring/summer.

8. Any other business

It was noted that Andy Hamilton will lay the wreath at the war memorial on behalf of the village community. Norman Egan raised the possibility that trees in the Langriggs could be affected by Ash die back disease and Philip said that the environmental group would keep an eye on this.

Date of next meeting

December 13th 7.30pm Village Community Hall