

**Village Community Council  
Minutes December 5th 2012**

**Attendance**

**Alan Russell, Pat Churches, John Gibb, Philip Morgan-Klein (Chair), Adam Irvine, Ann McLeish, Gillian Connolly (Treasurer), Alan Downie, Tom Johnston (NLC Councillor), Elizabeth Sneddon, Nancy McEwan, Paula McRae, Brenda Morgan-Klein (secretary), Korine Barclay (Strathclyde Police), Mathew Gibb (Strathclyde Police)**

**Apologies**

**Sheila McGhee, Sandra Brady, Margo Barr, Margaret Hunter**

**1. Minutes and Matters Arising**

**Two corrections were made to the minutes. 'Andy Hamilton' should in fact be 'Andy Burnett' and 'Tom Johnstone' should be 'Tom Johnston'**

**2. Police Report**

**80 calls were made to the Police in the previous month**

**17 of these led to reports and action and there were 8 detections.**

**Crimes included 2-3 house break-ins, thefts from cars, 1 theft of a car. There were some disturbances around the public houses. Other calls included complaints about noise, dogs and missing persons. Police Officers stressed that the village was a very safe and quiet area.**

**Some aspects of these figures were discussed including the potential numbers of missing persons from the Children's House which is not secure accommodation; and where staff are obliged to report children arriving late as missing after a certain length of time has elapsed. Police Officers clarified parking regulations on pavement parking. It is an offence to park on the pavement where it is causing an obstruction, and it is an offence to drive on the pavement.**

**3. Treasurer's report**

**Bank £2,286.26**

**Cash £48.15**

**Total £2,334.41**

**4. Secretary's report**

**It had been a quiet month for correspondence. Brenda MK had been in touch with John Ashcroft to follow up his meeting with VCC in November on traffic and parking in the village. A public consultation will take place in the new year. Mr Ashcroft pointed out that he had discovered that some of the solutions we had discussed with him would not be possible, given weight restrictions in the Wynd. Progress was made on gaining signatures for the petition on gritting arrangements for the village and more needed to be collected. It was agreed that Pat C. would distribute the petition to businesses in the village and that Alan D. would take it around the flats. Liz S. agreed to do the houses from**

the Bank to the bus stop, Rigghead and Main Street. Philip has written to the MP Gregg McClymont who has distributed a letter from the VCC to all parties involved with Mr McClymont's winter services forum.

## **5. Cumbernauld Village Action for the Community (CVAC) Report**

### **Allotments**

Two meetings had taken place with those who will be taking up an allotment one of which was on site. 9 people have confirmed their wish to take up an allotment. Some allotments are half size and one person has pulled out which means that there are some remaining plots. It was agreed that more publicity was necessary and that people present should let anyone interested know that some are left. Philip reported that the CVAC environmental group will be taking on a half plot in order to grow plants designated for planting and landscaping in the village. The missives of let, regulations and annual costs had been agreed by CVAC and would be going to individuals before Christmas. The costs are £30pa for a half plot and £60pa for a full plot. The plots are relatively generously sized.

There was some discussion of the general finances of the project. The rental and insurance costs should be covered relatively easily but development and repair would require fund raising and an application for a community grant will be made in the first instance. CVAC spent £730 on repairs to the boundary, provision of a new gate and keys in 2012.

### **Primary School**

Philip attended a meeting with the Cumbernauld House Trust (CHT) and the application for stage 1 lottery funding has been made. CVAC and CHT will now meet to go over details of the plans. The meeting is set for 20th January. It was noted that the school plans as they stand are short of the recommended parking spaces for the building and adjustments would have to be made which would mean impinging onto grass near the allotments by approximately 1 metre. Tom Johnston, raised the question of whether or not the school building could still be disposed of by the council as they will be using an arm's length company to dispose of a list of unwanted property. It was noted that written agreements had been made by the council to hand the property over but that it would be useful to check the list of properties designated for disposal in this way as a precaution.

## **6. Any Other Business**

It was agreed that both CVAC and VCC would place adverts in the Church Newsletter. There was discussion of the issue of signage for the village and the need to contact Richard Cartwright on this. There was some concern that we did not know what monies were still available for public realm works and that this should be raised with Mr Cartwright. Adam I. offered a review of the year and a welcome pat on the back to the Community Council. He noted that there had been good progress on the Community Area Regeneration scheme (CARS); progress had been made on doing something with the school building, the allotments were getting off the ground and the environmental group's planting had made a difference. He expressed a hope that the VCC would be successful in

the new year and also that it would consider projects in parts of the village beyond the conservation area.

**Date of next meeting**

**10th January Village Hall 7.30 pm.**