

**Cumbernauld Village Community Council
Minutes 14th March 2013**

Present

Philip Morgan-Klein (chair), Brenda Morgan-Klein (secretary), Gillian Connolly (treasurer), Adam Irvine, Pat Churches, John Gibb, Norman Egan, Jim McLean, Margo Barr, Paula McCrae, Sheila McGhee

Apologies

Elizabeth Snedden, Alan Downie, Sandra Brady, Margaret Hunter

1. Police Report

The Police received 62 calls. Only 11 of these were actual crimes. The detection rate was 40%. The crimes included 3-4 assaults but these were all related to a single incident. The repeated break-ins to the church have been investigated and there has been an arrest. Break-ins to Hatrix had also been detected. Stolen goods had also been recovered. Fire engines had been called out on 8 occasions to the children's house. The fire brigade intend to talk to the children about the risks involved in unnecessary call outs. The issue of speeding on Glasgow Road was raised. Police advised that the 20mph zone on the road was advisory only (green circled signs) and could not be enforced. There was discussion of the number of tickets being issued to drivers at the mini roundabout in the west end of Baronhill. The feeling was that this is a very tight roundabout and that individuals were being issued tickets for slight incursions onto the roundabout with unreasonable frequency. The question of dog fouling was raised and police officers advised that this was the responsibility of environmental services.

2. Minutes of last meeting & Matters Arising

The minutes were proposed by Gillian Connolly and approved by Jim McLean . It was noted that John Gibb had been unwell for some months and that he had been unable to give apologies. These are noted retrospectively.

3. Treasurer's report (Gillian)

Bank £2,714.26

Cash £109.05

Total £2,823.31

4. Secretary's report (Brenda)

4.1 Proposed building at Oakwood (26 new flats)

Brenda reported that she had been in touch with Linkgroup who will be renting the new flats as social housing. 8 will be intermediate tenancies (people who cannot afford to buy but do not fulfil the criteria for social housing) and the rest let as social housing in accordance with NLC allocation policies. Brenda had been in touch with John Ashcroft to discuss builder traffic. The foundations are already in place and soil has been taken off site which will lessen traffic. Mr Ashcroft also advised that vibrations coming from lorries using Glasgow Road had been measured in the past and found to be acceptable. There is a

public information event on the new flats run by Linkgroup on 25th March in the Bowling Green 6pm – 7.30pm.

4.2 CARS

Contact had been made with Richard Cartwright to discuss outstanding elements of the CARS project, timescales and the opportunity for reflection by the community on the project. Key points:

- NLC anticipate 100% spend of CARS grant and necessary time will be allocated to overseeing remaining projects in the Village
- Circle Roof repair, Spur window renewal, street furniture project remains to be completed
- There will be reporting and financial accounting to Historic Scotland
- Litter bins and benches to be installed at the end of March
- Signage and railings to follow at the end of April
- Smithyends car park wall to be restored by the Lime Centre Trust 20th – 29th March

4.3 Traffic Management

John Ashcroft (Senior Engineer roads Operations) raised the following constraints in response to an enquiry on pro Constraints

- Junction visibility at The Wynd/ Roadside is restricted and therefore the existing arrangement would remain unchanged. (e.g. One way north to south)
- Main Street between The Wynd and The A8011 Wilderness Brae should remain unchanged as allowing a left turn into the village is likely to increase the potential for shunt type accidents.
- Given that The Wynd is subject to a 7.5t weight restriction an alternative access into Main Street needs to be provided for servicing within the village.
- This could be provided by opening Smithyends however this option is likely to lead to a number of objections given that there would be an increase in vehicular movement on the road and a new through road would be created.
- Alternatively Baronhill could be changed to one way from west to east although this would mean that there is one exit from the village which would be via. Wilderness Brae, a route that not everyone would choose.

Rather than changing the direction of flow within the village it may be better to explore waiting restrictions on Baronhill again as this appears to be the main area of concern.

Glasgow Road – Mr Ashcroft is aware of the road condition and I have plans to carry out resurfacing in the new financial year, I will inform you once dates are set for these works.

These were discussed in some detail with no clear conclusion. It was noted that visual aids will be useful when the public consultation takes place.

4.4 Community resilience

Norman reported that he had been in touch with the Ready Scotland Officer in North Lanarkshire. We are the only community council who has responded. North Lanarkshire

has a meeting on the issue on 25th March and there will be more to report after this. Norman pointed out that 'red light' organisations such as fire, ambulance and police will have their own emergency plans. A local community plan may include things such as plans for citizen snow clearance and visiting the elderly, delivering prescriptions etc. in emergencies. This may involve developing relationships with organisations such as the local church, WRVS and the Salvation Army. Norman will take this process forward with Jim McLean. Brenda pointed out the possible usefulness of being in touch with organisations and communities who were responding to the longer term problem of energy costs and the end of fossil fuel and mentioned Transition Scotland. Developing this over time may become a part of ensuring community resilience.

4.5 VCC Links with the rest of Cumbernauld

After some discussion it was agreed that it would be useful if we could have regular representation at the community forum. Margo Barr and Norman Egan agreed to attend the next meeting of the Community Forum.

Details of a number of meetings were noted: Cumbernauld Environmental Society, Friends of Cumbernauld House Park, Cumbernauld House Trust, Rotary club annual charity walk

4.6 Reports

Reports were tabled for information

Local Democracy – The Silent Crisis (Jimmy Reid Foundation)

Minutes of NLC committees and sub committees (to be submitted to NLC meeting 28th March)

4.7 Tourist signage

Brenda had been in touch with Tracy Dunoon of Visit Scotland to pursue this and was awaiting a return call.

5. Website, social media

Twitter, and facebook are going well. We have 154 followers on twitter and 227 on facebook. The website shell is more or less ready and we will then have to populate this with content. We have yet to organise the art work and printing for the postcard going to households from the community council advertising all of this.

6. CVAC Report- update from PMK/Nancy

6.1 Allotments

Only 2.5 allotment plots are left and all of the others are being actively worked with excellent progress being made despite the weather. Funding bids to improve the infrastructure of the allotments (paths, fencing etc) are being worked on as CVAC has already spent quite a bit on doing this. An allotments meeting will be arranged to undertake some more clean-up work and hedge planting.

6.2 Cumbernauld House Trust

They have discussed the failed lottery bid with BLF officers. CVAC will be seeking a meeting with them to clarify future strategy.

6.3 Environmental Group (planting)

**This meets on Mondays at 7pm from April 15th to tackle various areas around the village.
The group is looking for new volunteers.**

Date of next meeting

11th April 7.30pm Village Hall.