

Cumbernauld Village Community Council Minutes 9th May 2013

Present

Nancy McEwan, Norman Egan, Margaret hunter, Alan Russell, Gillian Connolly, Adam Irvine, Sandra Brady, Ann McLeish, Paula McCrae, Philip Morgan-Klein, Brenda Morgan-Klein, Margo Barr, PC Julie Anderson (Police Scotland), PC Greg Kelly (Police Scotland)

Apologies

Jim McLean, Pat Churches, Elizabeth Snedden, Sheila McGhee

1. Police Report

18 crimes were recorded. Of these 12 were detected. They included 2 street drinkers, 1 theft and house breaking and 1 attempted house breaking as well as road traffic incidents.

A few issues were raised with the Police including:

- Children playing on swings in the early hours of the morning in the new play park very noisily.
- Speeding on Glasgow Road. It was noted that this had been raised twice previously with police Officers at the community council. While these officers promised to investigate, there had been no follow up as different officers visit the community council each month. PC Anderson said that they would raise this with Joe Black and get it allocated so that the community council receive feedback.
- Men behaving suspiciously in cars at certain places in the village, and shaking hands as though doing business in cars. The PC's said that they would respond to this intelligence.

The community council thanked the officers for attending.

2. Minutes and Matters arising

It was noted that Margaret Hunter's apologies had not been recorded in April's minutes and that an amendment would be made. Otherwise the minutes were accepted (proposed Ann McLeish, seconded Alan Russell)

3. Treasurer's report

Bank £1,764.26

Cash £92.40

Total £1,856.66

The VCC accounts are currently being audited.

4. Secretary's report

4.1 Noted:

No relevant planning proposals

CVAC mentioned in parliamentary motion from Jamie Hepburn MSP welcoming the launch of

Cumbernauld Living Landscape

Finials replaced on cemetery gates

4.2 Brenda reported on a meeting that she and Adam had had with John Ashcroft (NLC) on traffic management in the village. In summary there are many constraints, such as weight restrictions, on changing traffic flows. Where changes could be made, these are unlikely to do more than move

congestion elsewhere. Therefore the meeting focused on two issues: parking, and road safety on Glasgow Road. The main area where there have been complaints about parking is on Baronhill. Residents there had previously been consulted on restricting parking to one side only. The response had been roughly 50:50 for and against. John Ashcroft proposes to revisit restrictions and consult residents and the community council. These proposals would then go through the planning process. On the issue of road safety on Glasgow Road, the new play park was discussed with John Ashcroft. It was noted that there were inadequate signs for north bound traffic which designate the top of the hill a compulsory 20 mph zone. There are no signs for south bound traffic going down the hill. John Ashcroft advised that the whole village is 20mph advisory as there are signs elsewhere. We put to him the habitual speeding and the need to do more on speed restrictions now that a popular play park is in place. He advised that Glasgow road would not meet the criteria for having compulsory 20 mph signs for the full road as wished by the community council.

There was general discussion of the meeting with John Ashcroft. Firstly, it was felt that perhaps clearer advice to drivers on the position of car parks would be helpful to some extent. It may be possible for NLC and the Community Council to collaborate on a leaflet including a car park map. This will be raised with Mr Ashcroft. On parking restrictions, the community council will keep a watching brief and will ask that they be kept informed.

On the issue of road safety there was real disappointment and a feeling that John Ashcroft's response was not acceptable. It was agreed that the community council would campaign for Glasgow Road to have signs at the bottom and top showing that it is a compulsory 20 mph zone and for a zebra crossing. This is vital if Jubilee Park, which contains a new play park and is likely to be further developed by the community, does not just remain a scary traffic island. This is to be pursued through elected representatives.

4.3 Dog fouling was discussed. The possibility of getting posters, leaflets and bags into the village was discussed. Ann and Sandra agreed to lead on this and organise actions.

4.4 It was agreed that VCC would pay for a banner to be placed on school telling the community that there are efforts in place to revive the building.

4.5 It was agreed that it would be helpful if instead of simply delivering leaflets to households advertising the work of VCC and the new website, it would be ideal to knock on doors. This will take some time to organise. It will also be useful to have a leaflet on Beautiful Scotland. Brenda to take forward.

5. Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme

VCC considered the survey designed to get community feedback. There was concern that this was somewhat limited in that grant holders had not been surveyed. In addition there was a focus on outcomes and no space for considering the process. Brenda asked everyone to provide comments so that a VCC response could be made.

6. Website

It was hoped that this would be ready in the next week.

7. Beautiful Scotland

Philip has registered the village for this year and the submission will be discussed at the next CVAC meeting.

8. Community resilience and emergency planning

This exercise in emergency planning for communities has been instigated by Ready Scotland. Each local authority has designated an officer to liaise on this. Jim Mclean and Norman Egan are leading on this. Jim has drafted a plan using the Ready Scotland template. Apparently we are the only community council in North Lanarkshire to do this. The process is fairly involved and will rely on VCC to help set up telephone trees and identify relevant skills and resources. The work is ongoing.

9. Cumbernauld Village Action for the Community report

All plots in the community allotments have now been allocated. More clearance of rubble from the site has been undertaken by allotmenters and the water standpipe has been mended and is operational. The allotments now have a coordinator Uli Hudak who liaises with CVAC. Philip and Nancy (CVAC funding officer) are working on funding bids.

CVAC have had a meeting with Adam Smith to discuss working with Cumbernauld House Trust which hopes to have an AGM soon.

Philip reported on his attendance at the Cumbernauld Living landscape launch and a meeting he had had with Ian McKenzie of CLL. There are possibilities for working with them in the future.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 13th May 7.30pm

Cumbernauld village Community Council
Agenda June 13th 2013
7.30 pm the Village Hall

1. Minutes and matters arising
2. Police report
3. Report from Richard Cartwright NLC on the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme
4. Treasurer's report
5. Secretary's report
6. CVAC report
7. Banners
8. Dog fouling
9. Village fun day/festival – Saturday August 31st
10. Website, social media and communication with residents
11. Beautiful Scotland
12. Glasgow Road
13. Community Resilience and Emergency Planning
14. AOB
15. Date of next meeting