

**Cumbernauld Village Community Council**  
**Minutes March 11<sup>th</sup> 2014**  
**7.30pm- 9.30pm**  
**Village Hall**

**Present**

Alastair Black, Edward Peffers, Ann McLeish, Jasmine Dorans, Douglas Dorans, Adam Irvine, Elizabeth Snedden, Alan Russell, Margaret Hunter, Philip Morgan-Klein, Brenda Morgan-Klein, Jim McLean, Ann McLeish, Gillian Connolly, Paula McRae

**Apologies**

Sandra Brady, Wilma Shepherd, Alan Downie, Pat Churches

**Police Report**

50 incidents

5 crimes, all detected (2x traffic, 2x assaults, 1x possession of cannabis)

**Minutes**

The minutes were accepted

**Treasurer's report**

Bank £1775.39

Cash £53.49

Total £1829.32

**Secretary's Report**

A relatively quiet month, it was agreed to take up the issue of the play park and Brenda drew the council's attention to upcoming consultations outlined in her written report.

**Matters arising**

- It was noted that a response to the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Plan had been submitted and circulated by email. A paper copy will be tabled at the next meeting.

- A brief discussion of transport links raised the problem of poor public transport particularly in relation to accessibility of health services. It was agreed to pursue this through elected representatives.
- It was noted that it was some time since the condition of the play park in Springfield Road had been addressed and the secretary agreed to take this up.

### **Communication**

No major developments on this front. The secretary noted that personal circumstances had limited the time she had had for twitter and facebook but that the number of facebook followers had continued to grow. Elizabeth is now responsible for the noticeboard.

### **CVAC Report**

- 2 half plots are vacant and 1 full plot is vacant on the community allotments. There is a waiting list and it is expected that these will be filled. The new paths and base are complete and while there is in principle approval for the extension this has yet to be finalised. Leases and keys are currently being distributed to allotment holders.
- A number of fruit trees were planted on the langriggs by the planting group.
- Brenda noted that the community council had been approached by Redburn school who would like to organise some outdoor activities on the langriggs and possibly a visit to the allotments. This will be done in liaison with Cumbernauld Village Action for the Community (CVAC).

### **Campaigns and Projects**

- Ann Mcleish reported that she had been successful in getting new litter bins installed in Roadside, Kirkwall and Smithyends. It was felt that getting some more in the south side of the village would be helpful. The council thanked Ann for her successful efforts.
- There was some discussion of the antipathy in local shops to displaying NLC's dog mess poster. It was felt that the graphic nature of the poster was very off putting and actually worked against the message instead of reinforcing it. Dog mess has increased and putting posters on lamp posts again would be helpful.
- Jim noted that on emergency planning, he has a meeting with NLC to discuss the community resilience planning coming up.

Some other environmental issues were raised such as the unsightly boarding in front of the gap site beside the Spur Hotel. The area now looks worse than before. It was agreed to discover who had put this in place.

### **Any other business**

- Alan Downie noted that there is no give way sign at the end of the Wynd going on to Main street. Agreed to pursue this.
- Elizabeth asked if a message of support could be sent to Condorrat community council in their fight against a Tesco shop being sighted in the village. Agreed to pursue this.

- Margaret raised her concern that that the director of Learning and Leisure had written to all Lanarkshire schools telling them to cease raising funds for Strathcarron Hospice and to do so for St Andrews Hospice instead. There was some discussion of this. Margaret noted that 25% of Strathcarron's 'business' is from Cumbernauld. It was agreed that this seemed bizarre and to pursue this further.
- There was a discussion of the high rates of suicide in Scotland particularly amongst young men and especially on what is being done and what could be done by the community on this. It was noted that the allotments and other outdoor activities could perhaps play a role in this. It was agreed to look into this further. Agreed to try to discover who has fenced off land behind the chip shop.

**Date of next meeting**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm-9.30pm**

## Cumbernauld Village Community Council Secretary's Report March 2014

	Item	Content	Action
1.	NLC Letter Local Development Plan process	<p>Outcome for recent call for sites process  <a href="http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=27305">http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=27305</a>                      A list of those who submitted sites for consideration, with location plans, can be accessed through the links at the bottom of the page. The information submitted for each site has been grouped by council ward. We are Ward 4, there appear to be no sites in the village.</p>	Note. Keep a watching brief for next planning stages.
2.	<p>Scottish Government Notice of:                      Fifth Reviews of Electoral Arrangements on 21 February 2014. At the end of the Fifth Reviews we will make recommendations to Scottish Ministers for the number of councillors and the electoral ward boundaries in each of Scotland's 32 local authorities. We will be conducting the Fifth Reviews in two phases: firstly we will consult and decide on councillor numbers for each council; secondly we will consult and decide on ward boundaries.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/reviews/5th_electoral/">http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/reviews/5th_electoral/</a></p> <p>We use a methodology to categorise council areas and determine council size. For the Fifth Reviews our methodology will be based on deprivation and population density. We are using deprivation as a factor in determining council size because we believe it is a reasonable indicator for a range of factors that impact on council services and on the work of councillors. Deprivation is also used by Scottish Government when making policy decisions.</p> <p>For these reviews we have maintained the minimum number of councillors at 18, as we felt there was no necessity to change this. However we have extended the upper limit from 80 to 85. As we are using deprivation to determine councillor numbers, we felt there should be an increase in the number of councillors in Glasgow City council, which has high levels of deprivation. We are aware that a large change of councillor numbers in a council area can be disruptive, therefore we have incorporated a 10% change rule. This means that we will not increase or decrease the total number of councillors in a council area by more than 10%, as a consequence of any one review.</p> <p>We expect to submit our recommendations to Ministers in 2016. The resulting wards will be available for the local government elections in May 2017.</p>	Discuss, seek more info from councillors, agree action at April VCC