

Cumbernauld Village Community Council
Minutes April 10th 2014
Village Hall 7.30-9.30pm

Present

Adam Irvine, Margo Barr, Nancy McEwan, Ann McLeish, Wilma Shepherd, Elizabeth Snedden, Alistair Black, Sheila McGhee, Jaz Dorans, Douglas Dorans, Pat Churches, Mary Bryson, Paula McCrae, Brenda Morgan-Klein, Philip Morgan-Klein

Apologies

Gillian Connolly, Jim McLean, Norman Egan, Edward Peffers, Alan Downie, Sandra Brady, Margaret Hunter, Alan Russell

1. Police Report

No Police Officers were available.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes were accepted.

- **Play Park in Springfield Rd**

BMK reported that we have a response from Sandra Mousedale on the play park in Springfield Rd. This play park is deemed to be beyond economic repair and the only actions likely are removal of the equipment. The equipment design does not meet current EU standards. The new play park in the village is deemed to be more than adequate for the village's needs. Councillor Stephen Grant who had contacted SM on our behalf is looking into the possibility of a crossing on Glasgow Road. After some discussion, it was agreed that we would ask for more information on how allocation of play facilities is made by area.

- **Travel and health services access**

Jamie Hepburn MSP has been contacted about the problem of access to NHS Lanarkshire facilities in the context of greater centralisation of facilities. He intends to write to NHS Lanarkshire asking what they are doing on access and to clarify the issue of hospital choice outwith NHS Lanarkshire facilities.

- **Electoral reviews**

We have had notice of the consultation period of the Electoral Reviews. This will determine the number of councillors areas have. The 12 week consultation period opens on May 29th and closes on 21st August. This **should be discussed at the June community council meeting.**

- **Various**

Norman Egan has been in touch with with NLC and has had the rubbish removed from Burngreen and the bushes there cut back. He also contacted Scottish Wildlife Trust on the very wet path through the woods from Seafar to Bluebell Walk. It has now been drained. He also spoke to Scottish water who have checked the burn flow which is now normal. Well done Norman.

- **Strathcarron Hospice and school fund raising**

On the issue of Strathcarron, BMK has asked Councillor Graham who is on the Learning and Leisure committee to investigate the issue of schools raising funds for Strathcarron Hospice.

- BMK reported that Redburn had not been in touch on a potential outdoors education session on the Langriggs. She said that she would speak to her contact there.

3. Treasurer's Report

The chair reported the figures from Gillian in her absence.

Bank £1775.39

Cash £49.63

Total £1825.02

4. Secretary's Report

A written report was circulated.

- **Black Bull Planning Proposal**

Noted that an objection had been lodged to the Black Bull planning application on the grounds of health and safety, potential noise to neighbours and aesthetics in the area.

- **Town Centre Consultation**

BMK summarised the public consultation on the Town Centre. The deadline is May 30th and members were asked to look at this with a view to agreeing comments at the May meeting of the community council.

- **Community Asset Transfer**

There was a general discussion of the Community Asset Transfer policies proposed. Agreed that the implementation of this potentially exciting would be important and that quasi privatisation was a danger if the council began to lose control over too many assets. Agreed to convey this in comments on the consultation.

- **Community and Energy Resources Scheme**

Agreed that Nancy McEwan would take a lead in exploring or at least maintaining a watching brief on the potential for the village to undertake community owned renewable energy generation as part of the Community and Renewable Energy resources Scheme.

5. Communication

Facebook 483 followers, 329 people following twitter. Some catching up to be done on the website.

6. Cumbernauld Village Action for the Community (CVAC) Report

- CVAC has decided not to enter Beautiful Scotland this year with a possible return to it next year. It is a lot of work in a short space of time. Planting and improvement activities are still ongoing. The planting group meets on Monday evening at 7. All welcome. Phone 729086 to check it is on and location.
- The 6 orchard trees were successfully planted on the Langriggs earlier in the year and more fruit trees will be planted next year.
- CVAC are planning a Family Fun night sometime in the early autumn. Suggestions and volunteers welcome.
- A CVAC newsletter has been produced for distribution.
- All allotments have been allocated apart from 1 full size plot. There are 3 people on the waiting list who will be contacted.
- The tubs around the village full of spring bulbs are looking good. Thanks to Pat, Paula and Gillian for planting them up.
- PMK reported on the latest developments on the part of Cumbernauld Community Development Trust (CCDT) on the derelict village school. CCDT is the new name for what was the Cumbernauld House group. CCDT are working with the organisation Community Links (a social enterprise which works with community groups) to work up a bid to the Lottery Fund for another feasibility study. There was some discussion about the likely success of the project. PMK will keep VCC informed.

7. Campaigns and Projects

- Noted that Jim has been working on the community resilience plan with NLC and will report in due course.
- Ann reported that a dog fouling poster for shops is being designed and produced by CVAC. Shops have so far refused to take the NLC poster. The new poster will have a nice photograph of the village on it

8. AOB

Noted that we need to get the noticeboard doors fixed as some do not lock.

Date of next meeting

May 8th 7.30 -9.30pm

Cumbernauld Village Community Council Secretary's Report April 2014

	Item	Content	Action
1	Planning application Black Bull	Erection of temporary canopy to front and seating, erection of glass canopy to internal courtyard	Community council objection following email discussion on health and safety, potential noise to neighbours and aesthetics in conservation area.
2	Public consultation on 10 year Town Centre Action Plan, 2014-2024	Main documents are the framework document http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=12488&p=0 and the action plan document http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=12484&p=0 The former sets out the vision and the latter, the key actions. Key themes: diversification of use (because people use shops in Glasgow etc and austerity, the chances of getting more big retailers are slim) , improving the environment - attractiveness, greening the environment, access, place making, priority areas, the right partnerships in place, Town Centre first policies in planning	Discuss, decide any feedback at VCC May meeting. Deadline May 30 th 4.15pm in writing
3	Public consultation on NLC development of policy on community asset transfer(CAT)	2 documents cttee report http://mars.northlan.gov.uk/xpedio/groups/public/documents/report/081585.pdf#xml=http://mars.northlan.gov.uk/intradoc-cgi/idc_cgi_isapi.dll?IdcService=GET_XML_HIGHLIGHT_INFO&QueryText=community+asset+transfer&SortField=dInDate&SortOrder=Desc&dDocName=081585&HighlightType=PdfHighlight And the online survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/22DWMK9 Questions – agree on policy criteria, is it a good thing? 'CAT policy is about developing plans and processes to further deliver community regeneration and unlock potential for local projects and services via the council's assets. The policy requires to be delivered in accordance with the current legislation framework including Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003 (LGSA) and the subsequent Disposal of Land by Local Authorities (Scotland) Regulations 2010. CAT is currently being used in other local authority areas as a vehicle to support the redesign of public services locally and to deliver on community empowerment and enterprising activity.'	Discuss. Deadline 9 th May
4	VANL Membership		Payment and form

			completion, treasurer (Gillian)
5	Insurance renewal reminder		Renew insurance, treasurer (Gillian)
6	NLC request for submission of end of financial year VCC accounts.		Submit by treasurer as soon as end of year bank statement available
7	Call for voluntary representative to the NL Partnership Board	Role spec, biography pro forma, nomination form	For information, note
8	Age Scotland's Guide to Energy efficiency programmes	Info on insulation etc, the green deal and avoiding scams	For information, note
9	NLC minutes of committees and sub committees 27 th March 2014		For information, note
10	Community Council registration with warmemorialsonline.org	Register of UK war memorials, photographs and other content on the war memorial can be edited by us	Note
11	New resources on community owned renewable energy (Community and Renewable Energy Scheme) Resources from Local Energy Scotland http://www.localen	Possible project for the village? Grants and loans and advice available. The schemes generate an annual income which would be spent locally.	Discuss whether or not to explore.

	ergyscotland.org/		
12	Choose Life (Suicide Prevention)	<p>This is the national strategy in Scotland for suicide prevention and can be found online http://www.chooselife.net/Evidence/statisticssuicideinScotland.aspx</p> <p>North Lanarkshire have their own info on the implementation of this at http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=4916</p> <p>There were 762 suicides in Scotland in 2012. Rates are falling but are still high. High rates are associated with deprivation.</p>	Note
13	Email from Oliver Allan re wheelie bins	<p>Oliver notes that wheelie bins are becoming a major obstacle on pavements for wheel chair users amongst other concerns he has - on the new blue bin policy for example.</p>	<p>Councillor Grant is pursuing this. Community Council to raise awareness among residents on placing of bins.</p>