

**Cumbernauld Village Community Council
Minutes May 8th 2014
Village Hall 7.30-9.30pm**

Present

Jane Steedman, Norman Egan, Jim MacLean (Vice Chair), Gillian Connolly (Treasurer), Ann McLeish, Tom Johnston (Councillor), Wilma Shepherd, Adam Irvine, Nancy McEwan, Pat Churches, Gary Marshall (Children's House) Brenda Morgan-Klein (Secretary)

Apologies

Margaret Hunter, Alan Russell, Philip Morgan-Klein, Jaz Dorans, Douglas Dorans

1. Police Report

Changes in the responsible Sergeant meant that we were unable to arrange attendance.

2. Minutes and Matters arising

The minutes were accepted. It was noted that questions about the play park including safety and the criteria by which play park distribution is determined have yet to be followed up.

Repairs to the noticeboard also need actioned.

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

The Secretary's Report is attached.

A copy of the Community Council's response to the Community Empowerment and Asset Transfer Bill Consultation was tabled and noted.

There was some discussion of the relationship between Strathcarron Hospice, St Andrews Hospice and North Lanarkshire Council. Councillor Johnston, felt that there was still a tendency to favour St Andrews in charitable givings and invitations to meetings such as meetings of Head Teachers. The secretary agreed to look at this again.

The Town Centre Consultation was discussed. The attached response to the consultation reflects the issues raised.

It was noted that while permission had not been given for the purchase of land behind the Black Bull, there remained questions about what will happen to the fence which has been erected there. Some felt that the fence closes off a right of way and this should be investigated. The secretary agreed to pursue the questions about the fenced off area.

5. Cumbernauld Village Action for the Community (CVAC)

The allotments are either allocated or about to be allocated to people on the waiting list.

The village planting group is meeting again on Monday evenings at 7. All welcome to join in (bring a trowel) and telephone 729086 for location.

Nancy reported on funding applications, and noted that a standing stone will be erected on the Langriggs. Nancy will ask for help from B and Q for cutting the allotments hedging and Energen Bio Gas is funding the summer planting of the tubs.

6. Campaigns and Projects.

It was agreed to return to the question of gritting and to resurrect the petition on this. Pat said that she would return what names she still had for this.

Jim reported that there had been slow progress on community resilience planning. One meeting had to be cancelled and Commonwealth Games activities had delayed things further. A meeting is planned for the end of May.

7. Any other business

Intimidation and disturbances involving some young people in the village had caused considerable distress for some residents and this was discussed. There had been significant police activity. It was hoped that this may have run its course and noted that it will be important to try to get the police to attend our meeting in June.

Secretary's Report May 2014

	Item	Content	Action
1.	Response from Councillor Graham (Learning and Leisure Committee) on the issue of schools not being allowed to raise funds for Strathcarron Hospice	Head Teachers were made aware that this is not in fact the case and the Officer apologised for any misunderstandings. In fact some schools such as Baird Memorial have special arrangements with Strathcarron Hospice.	Note
2.	Letter from Jamie Hepburn MSP to NHS Lanarkshire CE.	Asking about travel arrangements and hospital access. Also asking for written clarification of patient choice in using hospitals outside of NHS Lanarkshire	Await reply
3.	Black Bull planning application (canopies etc)	Decision pending	Await outcome
4.	Communication from Councillor Grant (Convener Policy and Resources (Human Resources)) re purchase of land behind Black Bull by Black Bull.	The land has not been designated surplus to requirements and so cannot be purchased.	Note
5.	VANL Virgin media groups in search of community volunteering opportunities	Group 1 has 25 members of staff looking to volunteer either May or June (Must be a week day) Group 2 has 12 members of staff looking to volunteer on Tuesday 20th May Group 3 has 12 members of staff looking to volunteer on Tuesday 20th May	Note, possibly of interest to CVAC?
6.	Awards for All suspension of applications until August	Due to commonwealth games	Note
7.	Notice of Cumbernauld Gala day	21 st June	Note
8.	Charles Dundas Scottish Woodland Trust	Invitation to enter Scottish Tree of the Year Award. Communities can nominate a tree. What about the Queen Mary tree planted in 1561 by Mary Queen of Scots at Cumbernauld House? Any others?	Discuss deadline 9 th May

9.	VANL	Drop in café at Cornerstone Café on Mondays and Thursdays 10.30-3.00pm. Opening on May 12th	Note
10	Public consultation on 10 year Town Centre Action Plan, 2014-2024	<p>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</p>	<p>Discuss Deadline May 30th 4.15pm in writing</p>