

**Minutes of Meeting of  
Westerwood Community Council  
held at St Andrews and Cumbernauld Primary School  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

Present:-

G. Wright; K. Brunton, W Smith, M Hayes, H Macindoe  
Cllr Gordon Murray, Cllr Bob Chadha, Cllr Alan O'Brien  
Graham Hutchison – Local Police Officer

Apologies:

C Craigie MSP

Chairmen welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

**1. Previous minutes**

Minutes accepted and approved at Committee meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**2. SPT – Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and North Lanarkshire Council**

Gordon Ramsay – SPT and Tom Peebles – NLC attending our meeting the following responses were given to the questions raised from our meeting in March.

**Concerns and Issues raised by the residents and Councillors**

1) *Why is the bus service only guaranteed until the car park is built?*

**The bus service will be reviewed once the carpark is built to establish whether it is cost effective**

2) *Why are only the 750 spaces initially planned to be built?*

**Planning permission has been granted for 1,250 spaces however the government grant and also the traffic surveys have indicated that 750 should be sufficient. All residents were concerned that this would be insufficient. It should also be noted that if the tenders prove to be too expensive only 2 levels will be built with 500 spaces.**

3) *Will there be a car park charge and why?*

4) *Will season ticket holders etc be exempted from the charge?*

5) *How much is the charge?*

6) *Will it be pay on exit rather than pay on entry?*

7) *If charges and barriers are implemented – how with this effect the traffic congestion?*

**A £2 daily charge is being considered however weekly, monthly and annual charges have yet to be negotiated. First Rail Network and SPT need to discuss discounts etc for season ticket holders.**

**There will be no entry or exit barriers – it is a pay and display multi-storey carpark**

**Part time signals for the carpark exit are proposed (evening peak time only)**

**New traffic lights will also be erected at the entrance to the existing carpark**

*8) Has a traffic impact analysis been completed?*

**Yes an analysis has been completed but it is only a specimen and not necessarily the final draft. Cllr Alan O'Brien had a very constructive meeting with Tom Peebles which highlighted a number of issues.**

*9) Will short term parking be made available – to accommodate non commuters after rush hour?*

**The existing will be utilised to provide short term parking**

*10) Has temporary parking been resolved for during construction?*

**No this is still under discussion – problems have arisen with the discussion with Broadwood Ltd**

**Commuters will be encouraged to consider using Greenfaulds**

*11) Has an area been designated for pick up/drop off – many school children travel to Lenzie and Glasgow on the train and are dropped off by parents*

*12) Has an area been designated for bus areas?*

*13) Has an area been designated for taxi areas?*

**The existing carpark will have designated pick up/drop off, taxi rank, bus areas, disabled parking and short term parking**

*14) Existing bus service does not cover Westerwood – could the service not be extended by just allowing the bus to travel down to Dobbies roundabout and turn – rather than Carrickstone? This would improve the service for over 1,000 homes with a further 250+ forecast.*

**It was acknowledged that the bus service needs to be reviewed before work begins.**

*15) Current road calming system on Croy road causing huge congestion – will this be addressed?*

**The traffic calming at carpark will be removed as it has been highlighted as a problem.**

*16) Has SPT/NLC Roads considered the issues that will occur once the upgrade work begins on the A80? Diversion routes will impact the road network to the station.*

**No**

17) *How is the traffic flow going to work with cars queuing for the car park – people stopping to find change/barrier passes - buses trying to get to drop off area – cars wishing to enter car park just for drop off? Huge delays and traffic jams are envisaged by the residents.*

**See answer 7 & 8**

18) *Have the commuters been consulted for their views?*

**Yes on several occasions in the past**

19) *If the Scottish Executive gave £5m for the car park – how much is it going to cost to build?*

**Unable to give this information until tender accepted**

20) *If charges are levied on the car park – who gets the cash? (1,250 spaces x £2 – x 5 days per week x 50 weeks of year = £625,000+)*

**These monies will be used for the maintenance of the carpark – eg: lighting, staff, cctv, toilets etc**

21) *As there is plenty of parking at Greenfaulds – could the service from there not be improved to relieve the congestion?*

22) *It has been proposed that the Cumbernauld line will be electrified. When is this planned for?*

**Transport Scotland issue – although it was felt that Queen St could not cope with any more trains**

23) *Can the platform be extended to allow more carriages on the trains? The trains are already full at peak times – but the new car park will encourage more people to use the service.*

**Transport Scotland issue.**

It was agreed that this was a very constructive meeting and Gordon Ramsay has been invited back to our meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September. It is hoped that the tender will be agreed by this time and therefore more information will be available.

### **3. Police Issues**

- Very quiet over last few weeks – only 10 reported crimes.
- Reminder to everyone to move car keys away from front door – fishing rod incidents still occurring with high value cars being stolen.
- Beware of door to door workmen.
- Residents requested speed traps be set on Eastfield Road as residents had been overtaken on the stretch approaching Dobbies

#### **4. Fun in the Park**

Event takes place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2008 – please support this great family day out.

Volunteers need to help on the day and also on the morning of the event to help erect small marquees and move tables and chairs – please phone Gordon ( 731297) or Helen (733977)

#### **5. AOB**

- i. Gordon Murray has written a letters to Graham Mackay – Head of Roads and Transportation – raising what he feels are major issues – copies are available on our website.
- ii. Dobbies – planning application for houses and flats were rejected – reference was made to our court case.
- iii. Refuse – NLC are to issue a DVD explaining the new refuse collections – reduction to fortnightly and extended recycling materials to be available.
- iv. Metal cans – Kate Morrison resident – recently collected a bag full of cans within the area and then took them to a local scrap merchant and raised £15 for BBs. She stated that she is willing to take any donations of cans.
- v. New Antonine Centre – **CHAIR LEFT COUNCILLORS WITH A CHALLENGE – THE FAMOUS CLOCK WHICH WAS “RE-CAPTURED” FROM ST ENOCH’S – IS NOT WORKING – AND HAS NOT BEEN FOR SOME TIME ... WHO CAN ARRANGE FOR IT TO BE FIXED? STILL NOT ACHIEVED!**
- vi. Tyres at Westerwood Hotel entrance – have been removed – many thanks to – Cllr Bob Chadha
- vii. Rubbish being left at drop off point at school – raised by D Wilson – Gordon Murray has agreed to investigate and up date at next meeting

#### **6. Next Meeting**

**Date of next Community Council Public meeting will be our AGM – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at St Andrews and Cumbernauld Primary.**

**IF YOU CAN SPARE SOME TIME – WE ONLY MEET 7 MONTHS OF THE YEAR – WE NEED MORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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**[www.westerwood.co.uk](http://www.westerwood.co.uk)**