

**Minutes of Meeting of
Westerwood Community Council
held at St Andrews and Cumbernauld Primary School
Tuesday 20th January 2009**

Present:- G Wright, K Brunton, M Hayes Cllr Gordon Murray, Cllr Bob Chadda & Cllr Alan O'Brien

Apologies:- H Macindoe & J Brady

Chairman thanked everyone for attending and wished them a good new year

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted.

COUNCILLOR ALAN O'BRIEN

Alan concentrated on three areas of local interest.

Croy Railway Station

He believed that the car park would be moved further up the hill with traffic exiting & entering being controlled by a traffic light system.

He believed that this would result in problems caused by stationery traffic resulting in cars not being able to turn right when coming from Croy village.

He hoped to have a meeting with Transport Scotland in the near future to discuss an additional lane which would alleviate this problem.

Alan also said that he believed that Croy was also be changing its name to North Cumbernauld.

A80- Cutting Down of Trees

Alan said that many people were concerned by the sheer numbers of trees that were being cut down.

He believes that there is little communication between NLC & the contractors who don't know how many trees have been cut down.

He is proposing that a form of protocol is set up before anymore trees are cut down, proper mapping which will give the residents a chance to see the plans and the release of figures to show how many trees are still to be cut down.

Town Centre

Alan indicated that he had resigned from the Campsie Board over their decision that Cumbernauld town centre wasn't nice enough to site the "iconic statue".

The plan is now to move the statue to the entrance of Eastfield Cemetery, which will draw attention away from the state of the town centre

Police Report

David Little, one of Westerwood's community policemen, attended along with one of his colleagues.

He said that there wasn't much to report as there wasn't much crime in the area.

Mention was made of parking problems at local primary school when children are being dropped or collected.

David reminded residents to be vigilant and to lock all doors & windows.

Dobbie's Planning Application

John Kirkhope gave a presentation on the proposed developments at Dobbies Garden Centre.

It is a joint development by Tesco & Zoom Developments Ltd who plan to build 46 mostly two bedroom flats.

It was agreed that Westerwood Community Council would lodge an objection to the development and Gordon Wright passed round printed letters of objection so that the residents could also object .

It was suggested that a representative of Zoom be invited to attend a council meeting in the near future.

Gordon Murray

Gordon said that the local plan hadn't yet been published nor had the transport plan.

Once these were published he said that objections must be raised at this time.

Next Meeting

Date of next Community Council Public meeting – Tuesday 17th February at 7.30pm at St Andrews and Cumbernauld Primary.

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