

**Minutes of Meeting of
Westerwood Community Council
held at St Andrews and Cumbernauld Primary School
Tuesday 18th May 2010**

Present:

G. Wright, K Brunton, J Brady, H Macindoe – late arrival

Cllr Gordon Murray, Cllr Alan O'Brien – late arrival

Apologies:

M Hayes, G Young, D Logan, Mrs MacArthur

Chairmen welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

1. Previous minutes

Minutes accepted and approved at Committee meeting – Wednesday 5th May

2. Bridie Casey – HMG – M80 progress presentation

Apologies for the delay in producing these minutes – however we were awaiting a copy of the presentation for circulation – unfortunately this has not materialised.

Updates on M80 progress can be found on this web link:-

<http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/projects/m80-steps-to-haggs/construction-progress>

Points raised and discussed after presentation:-

- Old Inns bridge – positive stop barriers – to prevent high sided lorries going under bridge – there have been a couple of incidents and local companies have been contacted to remind them.
- Bus gates – appear to be working – i.e. Castlecary junction only allows access to A80 for buses and emergency vehicles
- Public Liaison – meetings are continually happening – and details can be found on website link
- 23 Primary Schools are on the M80 route – P3-7 have all had Safety presentation from “Safety Samantha” on playing and staying safe
- Considerate Constructors – HMG on scheme – they receive a cash reward which they have been donating to SSBA – currently donated £7k.
- By end of May – the road will change as traffic joins the newly completed section and work will begin on the other side
- On/off ramps – residents expressed their concerns at how short they were and very awkward for viewing oncoming traffic. Gary – HMG engineer agreed but however they have been governed by Roads Dept

- Old Inns Bridge closed – on a couple of occasions when bridge has been closed – traffic has been diverted back on to A80 – and re-routed down to Auchinkillens for return towards Westerwood. Residents suggested that closed road sign should be placed further up the hill – so that traffic and therefore go via the Village.
- Soft ground - work has been hampered due to soft ground issues – due to old coal seams crossing the road
- Underpass at Dobbies should be open by late May with temporary lighting
- Transport Scotland to attend Community Forum
- Banking for sound proofing - left hand side beside Arches – will be completed in August.
- Community Forum Environmental Steer group involved in discussion relating to replanting programme.
- Residents expressed that they were delighted with work progress and other than some delays when M74 bridge was being completed – there have been little delays or disruption
- Noise levels – have reduced due to more lanes now available and lighter nights

3. Chairman's Report – Gordon Wright

Cumbernauld Community Park – update on paths via website link:

http://www.cumbernauldcommunitypark.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=60:pathcraighalberttesco&catid=11:newsstories&Itemid=41

Planning Applications – the Westerwood Community Council committee were contacted in relation to a private house extension. It was explained that we do not get involved with personal planning applications as these only affect neighbours in the immediate vicinity and as we represent all residents in Westerwood we would not want to appear to be “taking sides”.

Houses at Farm on Dullatur Road – Walker Homes – this application was rejected by NLC – however it has not moved to a Public Enquiry which will take place in June 2010.

4. Councillors Update and AOCB

Due to the length of HMG presentation – no further business was discussed.

5. Next Meeting

Date of next Community Council Public meeting will be on – Tuesday 15th June – starting at 7.30pm at St Andrews and Cumbernauld Primary