

**Minutes of Meeting of  
Westerwood Community Council  
Public meeting  
Held at St Andrew's and Cumbernauld Primary School  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**Present:** G Wright, K Jones, G Young, H Macindoe, P Boulton,  
J Brady

**Apologies:**

K Brunton, D Logan

Chairmen welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

**1. Previous minutes**

Minutes were agreed and ratified at the committee meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

**2. Bridie Casey – HMG – M80 Update**

This will be the last update as they are hopefully that works will be completed by September 2011.

Along with Bridie on the evening were David Macleod to answer any construction questions and Andy Forrest – Senior Landscape Architect. Moodiesburn up to Haggs last 11km to finish.

Works begin at Stepps through to Haggs. Moodiesburn interchange and existing A80 – extensive works currently being completed at Crowood roundabout. Lindsaybeg Rd work now completed. Auchengeich Road over bridge should be completed in next few weeks – after a request from local residents. 45,000 less vehicle reduction through old roadway. The 40mph limit will remain until after the works are completed. End June, mid July exit/links to M73 should be complete. Lowwoods – works still ongoing.

There were a number of problems with heavy goods vehicles hitting the bridges (40-50) which then caused major congestion. Castlecary also had extensive works – grouting completed and Seabegs Bridge – this did cause issues with the local residents with the time the road was closed but it is now completed. The temporary traffic lights will remain on Castlecary side for another 3-4 weeks and then move to the Allendale side. Castlecary residents are also campaigning for higher noise fences. Castlecary will only have access to the M80 for buses and emergency vehicles with the use of a fob. The old section of the A80 (Moodiesburn) will be resurfaced which will mean that one side of the carriageway will be closed during works (approx 6 weeks for each carriageway) until completion and then it will be handed back over to North Lanarkshire Council.

SSBA have also benefited with over £12,000 of fund raising with golf days and bonuses with no accidents. Some of the workforce also took part in the firewalk!

### **Questions/Answers**

- Speed limit will be 70mph on completion on the new M80 – the old section will remain at 50mph.
- Will there be no access at Seabegs bridge to M80 from Allendale or Castlecary – emergency vehicles and buses only!
- Cumbernauld Community Park – at Landsdowne Road – new water main from village – is the fence to be moved back – this needs to be taken up with NLC and Scottish Water – as the residents requested that it be replaced.
- Any green pathways – under the motorway? There aren't any specific mammal tunnels – there are otter ledges – over pipes. Populations already separated by existing A80 – therefore not a requirement to input.
- Pathway from Westerwood – Village – not under HMG works – NLC.
- Signage southbound from Stirling – Cumbernauld/Castlecary – Dullatur now no longer mentioned ... this will be investigated.

Residents all agreed that it has been very well managed!

Leaflets were left which discuss noise/light/air pollution from the road – please contact H Macindoe if you wish a copy. (Transport Scotland – you must register within a year up to 5 years)

### **3. Chairman's Reports**

- Forum meeting – NLC £500k is being spent on an upgrade to the Town Centre – all they are doing is putting in new drainage, lighting and railings on the central dual carriage-way. No plans to open foot bridge and stairs at East end. New signage for car parks and within town centre is also to be erected
- Fun in the Park – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – it's the 4<sup>th</sup> year running – great day – please go along. The finalist from Cumbernauld's Got Talent will also be appearing with the winners being announced. Lots of great acts, fun activities for the children. Parking available at Tesco, the School campus, SSBA
- Cumbernauld Gala Day – after the success of last year – happening again – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August – being held in the Town Hall Car park
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May Details of this year Cumbernauld Gala Day plus highlights of last years – free tea/coffee and biscuits
- Play Park Consultation meeting last week – proposed between Cawder Road and the Schools – beside the story pole. Site has been chosen as it can be seen from the road and residents to prevent vandalism. Some concerns were raised at the meeting but generally very positive! Children had the opportunity to choose the things they would wish in the Park. £160,000 has been allocated for this area from NLC.

### **4. Councillors Reports**

None in attendance – although road closure updates have been received from Cllr Chadha.

#### 4. AOCB

- ❖ Next meeting of Cumbernauld Environment Society – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at Cumbernauld College starting at 7.15pm.
- ❖ Network Rail – Edinburgh-Glasgow improvement programme – meeting at Croy Miner’s Welfare on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm
- ❖ Request for NLC Recycling to return to one of our meetings TBA
- ❖ Entrance to Queens has not been upkept in recent months by Ogilvie’s – emails have been sent by the Secretary. Thanks to N Clark for mowing grass recently.
- ❖ Deer sign on Dullatur Road at entrance to Queens – a number of deer have been knocked down – email to Councillors
- ❖ AGM – is our next meeting. New procedures will begin for Community Councils from October and the elected members will stand down – and guidelines are to be issued in due course. The Forum has complained that the Community Council members can be disciplined or called into question with no appeal.
- ❖ Please remember no meetings in July and August
- ❖ Secretary to contact Ogilvie’s regarding trees to be removed at the rear of Rosemount.

#### Next Meeting

**Tuesday 14th June 2011** - this will also be our **AGM**– starting at 7.30pm at St Andrews and Cumbernauld Primary School complex.