

## Minutes of Westerwood Community Council Meeting 20/11/12

Present:-G Wright, G Young, P Boulton, K Brunton, Clr B Chadha  
Clr A O'Brien

Appologies:-H McIndoe, J Brady, M Hayes, K Jones,  
Clr A Masterton

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### Carrickstone Park

As from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov Scottish Enterprise had still not completed the correct forms. They will be done in 2013 probably Feb/March. We will be notified when this has been done.

#### St Andrews Drive

The presentation put on by Oglivie's on 1st Nov at Westerwood Hotel was very poor showing only boundaries of land owned by Ogilvies. They could not give any indication of number or types of houses being considered and were unaware of the proposed planning application at Carrickstone Park. An email has been sent to Ogilvies and their representatives stating that it was a big disappointment. One resident described it as a complete shambles

#### B.T. High Speed Broadband.

B.T. have installed two cabinets to give high speed internet access in the Craigmarloch area but so far only one has been connected. One resident already connected said his speed has increased from 2.9Mb/sec to 70Mb/sec. All relevant information can be obtained from Craigmarloch Community Council at their website:-  
[www.craigmarloch.org.uk](http://www.craigmarloch.org.uk).

#### Antonine Wall

There will be a meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov at Croy Miners between 14.00 and 17.00. Tea and biscuits will be served.

#### Craighalbert Centre Christmas Craft Fair.

This will be held in Craighalbert Church on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Dec between 11.00 and 15.00. This will include a bake off competition.

#### Town Centre Improvements

At a Forum meeting all the plans were the ones already stated 18 months ago and the only improvement so far has been the erection of new railings.

It was stated that problems arose because different parts of the town centre were owned by different organisations. Cllr O'Brien stated that any plans were non-existent. He further suggested that as C.C. Properties had gone into liquidation that Campsie Board money could be used to buy up properties and used as a trigger for further development.

Cllr Chadha

Cllr Chadha started by saying that he had sent a letter to our secretary saying that he may no longer attend Community Council meetings as he feels under attack from another councillor and he doesn't like showdowns. He said he is very angry and feels compromised. He said he is a practical person and wants to do things for the community who elected him. He publishes reports on a regular basis and wants them distributed. He was assured by the chair that all his reports are sent out on our mailing list and also appear on our website. When asked twice by a resident to name the councillor to whom he was referring he sidestepped the issue. Cllr Chadha said he was not on any planning committees and has no input.

Cllr O'Brien

Cllr O'Brien stated that he agreed with certain of Cllr Chadha's comments but started referring to the Labour councillors at which point a resident asked him why he had to make it political when the Community Council is non-political to which he responded that most if not all committees were predominately Labour. With regard to the 300 houses at Carrickstone Park Cllr O'Brien reiterated that there was nothing to report. He then said he was trying to come up with a plan B for a Retail Park which was very complicated. This hopefully could include some form of medical Education and Retail facilities. At this point a resident said that this could put a lot more traffic on to Eastfield Rd throughout the day to which Cllr O'Brien agreed and said he has spoken to Transport Dept to try to get some improvement but improvements would need an injection of capital which the selling of this area of land could provide. Chair expressed doubt over the inclusion of medical facilities with the NHS North Lanarkshire presently closing or reducing health centre facilities throughout Cumbernauld. Cllr O'Brien stated that he was referring to the possibility of Private medical facilities. He would continue working on Plan B and report back in due course.

AOB

A resident asked if anything had been done with the overhanging trees at the entrance to Queens Dr and also that the Road sign at Dullator roundabout was very dirty and looked as if it had been spray painted. This will be looked into.

Next meeting:-January 15<sup>th</sup> 2013