

**Minutes of Meeting of
Westerwood Community Council**

**Held at St Andrew's and Cumbernauld Primary School
Tuesday 21st May 2013**

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

Cllr Masterton & Cllr Chadha

Apologies: K Jones, N Heron

1. Chair welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to meeting and covered the evening's agenda.

2. Previous minutes

Minutes were agreed at the committee meeting on Tuesday 7th May. Jamie Hepburn contacted to ask for his assistance in relation to our planning objections to St Andrews Dr. Chair received a a phone call from his office for details and was advised these would be passed on but no further contact received.

3. Police – Constable Alan MacAulay

Crime in the area is very sparse – which is a good thing! Only a few things to report:

Unfortunately in adjacent area there has been more crime – some further high value cars have been stolen.

Landsdowne – a man was wielding an axe – an encounter with dogs – then a dispute occurred. He has been charged and reported.

Construction underway in the swing park – there have been some nuisance issues which are being addressed. The police will be vigilant and are already patrolling in plain clothes.

One theft of fuel – ie. Driving away without payment.

Also some concerns of waste being dumped in St Andrews Drive and also some issues with dead deer on the road.

Residents reported the following concerns:-

Couple of young men in Turnberry/Muirfield area – with “suped” up cars – very loud!

One resident also complained about cars being parked due to lack of space in driveways and cars spilling out onto the road and not parking very carefully.

4. David Cullen – NLC – Waste Management Services

Apologies from Ken Wilson and David Cullen – Business Manager came to our meeting for an update on his dept and how it functions.

Charitable donations – Recycle for Good Project (North Lanarkshire Council) – began in 2005. The programme was designed on each % increase in recycling rates each year ... hence the drop in donations.

2004/5 £7,988 – Children First, Help the Aged, St Andrews Hospice

2005/6 £12,400 – British Heart Foundation, Help the Aged & St Andrews Hospice

2006/7 – no donation made

2007/8 £3000 – Scott Maciver, British Heart Foundation

2009/10 £3,000 British Heart Foundation, Motor Neuron

2010/11 £5,000 Marie Curie

2012/13 £6,000 Living with Dementia, CLIC Sgt, St Andrew Hospice

It cost £95 per ton for landfill! Conversion to recycling saves money and is better for the environment.

Garden waste is collected and given to composting outlets.

On 1st April – Landfill site at Auchinlee closed – it will now be restored and then left for aftercare.

7 Waste household recycling centres in NLC – the most in Scotland.

350 employees within the dept.

Food waste is going really well in the area – introduced in 2 phases – anticipated 5,000 tons per year diverted – however looks likely it will soon be 7-7.5 tons being diverted.

Special uplift service – Every resident is allowed 3 x free uplifts per year! Thereafter £15 for normal £40 for a large uplift.

Current projects – Clyde Valley (5 councils) – to move residual waste (grey bin) – it will look to treat this waste rather than put to landfill – 25yr contract beginning in 2019. Looking to create a fuel from it i.e. likely to recinerate – creating energy and heat.

Glass waste – must still remain separate – which has not proved popular in some areas – but well received in Westerwood.

Scottish Government target 50% by end of 2013 – NLC are not far off this target.

The next project will be Communication and Intervention programme – blue bins have been around for nearly 5 years. Some people still abuse the use of these bins – and this must be communicated and steps taken to try and improve! If bins are contaminated (hopefully less than 5%) – the whole load is then charged for (£95 per ton). The plan is to educate everyone – a team will go out check the bins (prior to collection) and if contaminated then it will be stickered – households will be visited – and then waste will be collected by a separate vehicle.

You can request at anytime a larger recycling bin – free of charge – or if it is damaged – contact them.

5. Chairman's Report/Update

Housing applications - St Andrews Dr (Dec 2012) – a meeting took place today (Wednesday 22nd May) at Civic Centre in Motherwell at 11am. In attendance – Gordon Wright – Chair, Gordon Young – WCC Committee Member & Adam Smith – Cumbernauld Environmental Society.

Without going into a detailed report of the meeting our objections were listened to but were not accepted and Olgivie's were granted planning permission in principal to proceed to the next stage of submitting detailed Planning to NLC advising the exact number and

style of houses. We feel that we gave it our best shot and thought that our presentation went well but.....!!!!
Should anyone wish a more detailed summary of the meeting, please free to contact Gordon direct.

6. Councillors Update

Time ran out to allow update this month.

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- **Richard Mayne of Westerwood Hotel (Q Hotels) will be attending our next meeting.**
- **Planning application 13/00646/FUL – TESCO have applied for permission to demolition their existing petrol station kiosk and rebuild a larger unit.**
- **Our committee member Ken Brunton is “skinny dipping” for Marie Curie – please go to our Facebook page for details.**
- **Keith – Vice Chair is liaising with Restorative Justice to arrange a clean up of litter in the woods at the Dullatur roundabout.**
- **Thanks to Mrs Kay Foulger for her regular attendance at our meetings and best wishes in her new home!**

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th June 2013 – This will be our AGM. The meeting will be held at St Andrews and Cumbernauld P.S. joint campus starting at 7.30pm.