

**Minutes of Meeting of
Westerwood Community Council**

**Held at St Andrew's and Cumbernauld Primary School
Tuesday 17th September 2013**

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Present: G Wright, G Young, H Macindoe, M Hayes,
K Brunton, V Wright, J Brady**

Cllr Masterton & Cllr Chadha

Apologies: K Jones

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 3rd September.

3. 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.

Chair gave a brief summary of the happenings over the summer. A Resident asked if it was true that Councillor Chadha had spoken in favour of the planning application for the 300 houses at Carrickstone Park.

Chair confirmed that it was true, and went on to express his disappointment and felt that Councillor had betrayed the Residents of Westerwood.

Councillor objected to the word “betrayed” but Chair stood by it as this was the feelings of the CC and residents.

Councillor then explained his reasons for the decision including that he had been approached by the “Silent Majority” Chair then asked that as over 700 residents / constituents had submitted objections had Councillor been approached by more than that. Councillor replied that he did not need to divulge the actual number.

A discussion followed with Chair repeating that the Community felt betrayed and let down by his stance and especially as he had at no time intimated that this would be his stance. At this point Councillor left the meeting

4. Councillors Update

Update from Cllr Masterton – Cllrs do tend to be wary in getting involved in planning applications – i.e. for or against. However, I took the view that there was such an overwhelming objection to this development I took the opinion that I must therefore speak against.

5. Police Update

There has been a spate of vehicle break ins in Westerwood and Dullatur area – 14 while parked in their driveway – but these cars have been left unlocked or windows open! Please be vigilant – there are people out there trying car and house doors on the off chance of a lucky break! It is happening in the early hours of the morning – on Friday/Saturday morning there were 10 separate incidents. There

was a “chop shop” discovered locally where high value vehicles have been found which are split up and parts sold on.

Drugs bust – possession with intent to sell – at Dobbies.

A resident emailed this evening to ask us to enquire - Dog barking disturbance – what can be done by the police? The police are happy to be contacted and approach the resident if this reoccurs.

6. Secretary Update

It is with regret due to work and family commitments I have decided to resign from the Community Council after over 8 years of service. We are desperately looking for a volunteer to take over this role. Please contact Gordon Wright our Chair if you wish more information on 731297.

AOCB

- **Monday 7th October at Westfield Community Centre – Free Dog Chipping Event (email sent out from MSP – Jamie Hepburn)**
- **Planning application noted for Proposed formation of a BMX Track & associated floodlighting and landscaping at Broadwood Stadium.**
- **Planning application noted - Retail park at B&Q for a supermarket and filling station. It is a proposal in principle.**
- **The old farm behind Edenside – has been sold and is going to be renovated into a family home. The access is a public right of way – but is currently closed with a locked gate for any cars (to prevent dumping)**
- **The park at the back of the swing park – what are the plans for the land – it is currently fenced off? (tbc – Barney Kinsler)**

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th November 2013. The meeting will be held at St Andrews and Cumbernauld P.S. joint campus starting at 7.30pm.