

Minutes of the meeting of Salsburgh Community Council held in the
Community Hall on Thursday 14th March 2002

PRESENT

H. McColl. [Chair] W. Queen, N. McCann, M. Hinds, J. Keir, O. McAvoy, G. Stephen,

APOLOGIES

Cllr B. Brady, J. Wilson, M. McLaughlin.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Minutes of the meeting of Thursday 14th February 2002 were submitted and approved.

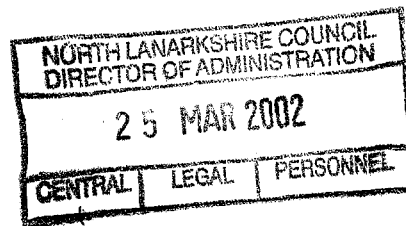
BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

GBT PROJECT

2. Members were informed that there are no more free family swim tickets available from the Shotts GBT Project.

CORRESPONDENCE

North Lanarkshire Council
Lieutenancy Lanarkshire
West of Scotland Water
The Scottish Parliament
MVA
The Army Presentation Team



GENERAL BUSINESS

LOCAL ROAD MAINTENANCE

3. Members were informed that following numerous complaints and concerns regarding the condition of the B7066 roadway, verges, kerbs, road surface, litter, stones & debris, potholes, flooding, missing road signs, dirt and mud along the carriageway among other matters, North Lanarkshire Council is to begin to address the situation by erecting new road signs from Newhouse through the village and along the Hirst.
New gateway signs to the village are also to be erected along with 20 is plenty advisory speed limit signs and various painted road level warning sign.
Members again raised concerns that the recent potholes that had been repaired were once again a main feature on both the Springfield Road and Main Street as well as along the B7066. Members voiced concerns that no sooner are repairs completed than the potholes again require attention due to the considerable numbers of large and heavy goods vehicles that travel both through the village and along the main B7066 arterial route which is a feeder from the M8 Motorway to access all the quarries, open casts and operators yards around Shotts, Harthill, Forestburn, Salsburgh and Newhouse.

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ANNUAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

4. Members were informed that the community council annual audit of accounts for the period covering 1st April 2001 to the 31st March 2002 is to be submitted as soon as possible after the 1st April 2002.

A number of other matters in relation to community council banking and financial matters were also highlighted and discussed.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

5. Members discussed matters regarding the Queens Golden Jubilee 2002 and the possibility of the village celebrating the occasion. A number of possibilities were discussed and community councillors are to progress matters following discussions with the Smarter Salsburgh project group.

WATER SERVICE CONSULTATION

6. Members discussed matters in relation to the water and waste water service consultation and liaison initiative.

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

7. Members noted correspondence from Ms Karen Whitefield MSP relating to the open courtyard in the Salsburgh community hall.

Members also noted a press release from the Scottish Executive regarding the appointment of Ms Whitefield as Ministerial Parliamentary Aide to assist Law Officers.

UNLICENSED & ABANDONED VEHICLES

8. Members noted with interest the initiative by North Lanarkshire Council [press reports ; Feb. 2002] to provide a service to uplift free of charge and remove unroadworthy or unlicensed cars, vans or trailers that are at present littering the streets.

Members concurred the initiative, and if funding is forthcoming the proposed pilot scheme, will go some way to address the current situation where local communities are at present plagued by unsightly, unlicensed and uninsured vehicle wrecks littering the North Lanarkshire neighbourhoods, acting as a magnet for vandals and causing numerous other concerns within the local community.

WILDLIFE CRIME

9. Members noted with interest that the Scottish Executive is to finance a full time secondment to the Police National Criminal Intelligence Unit to work within the soon to be established UK wide National Wildlife Crime Intelligence Unit.

The Scottish partnership for action against wildlife crime [PAW] is led by the Scottish Office and includes representatives from SNH, RSPB, SSPCA, the Crown Office and the Police.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

10. Members noted information from the debate in the Scottish Parliament relating to the Freedom of Information Bill.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE NEWS

11. Members noted information from the North Lanarkshire News, issue number 24 dated Spring 2002.

Members commented that the council are to go online from April 2002 with a interactive web site available to the public containing a number of services thanks to the successful grant application of £800.000 from the Scottish Executive Modernising Government Fund. The community council are to enquire as to the full extent of the online service available.

HEALTH & COMMUNITY CARE

12. Members noted with interest the current IT initiatives throughout the NHS Scotland which [Circulated] includes Electronic Clinical Communication Implementation [ECCI].

By 2003 ECCI will be in place throughout Scotland, electronically linking GP surgeries, health centres and hospitals. Key benefits will include;

- A. Electronic booking of hospital outpatients appointments by patients and their GPs via the GP surgery.
- B. Immediate exchange of test requests and results between primary care and hospitals.
- C. Enabling discharge letters, summaries and clinical letters to be sent by GPs to allow for more efficient follow up patient care and support.

Members concurred that the recently upgraded doctors surgery in the community hall will along with ECCI and other NHS Scotland systems such as GPASS, eCare, SCI and e-Library provide benefit and improvement for patient care at Salsburgh.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

13. Considerable concerns and annoyance were again expressed and highlighted by members regarding the removal of two local bus services at 6:47.am and 8:17am as from this coming Monday.

One service only will pass through the village [No 35] at 7:09am and 7:20am which means that anyone from the village or surrounding area who wishes to travel to Airdrie in the morning will have to change buses at Chapelhall as there is no through service. Extra travel costs also will be incurred as passengers are not allowed to use a through ticket from Salsburgh to Airdrie.

A short term tender for a replacement bus service should be decided by Friday [tomorrow] afternoon and hopefully the local community will then find out if they still have a direct public service transport to Airdrie or if the service has been removed completely.

Mr Chris Cadbury is the person responsible within SPT who is dealing with the short term tender replacement contract.

OPENCAST MINING

14. It was highlighted to members that suggestions are again circulating regarding opencast proposals at the South and East of the village. Members were informed that no approaches had been made to the community council by any developers nor has any information relating to proposed opencast planning applications to North Lanarkshire Council for the Salsburgh area been conveyed to the community council.

B7066 FOOTBRIDGE

15. Members were informed that it was hoped that a meeting could be arranged for the week beginning the 25th April 2002 between the local NLC Councillor B. Brady, Mr D. Porch of NLC and members of the community council regarding the current situation and future proposals, for the B7066 roadway and the footbridge that link the north and south of the Salsburgh village

AIRDRIE COMMUNITY FORUM

16. A number of matters discussed at the Airdrie & Villages Community Forum [25/2/2002] were highlighted to members.

VOID HOUSING

17. A number of matters in relation to the void housing initiative at Salsburgh was highlighted to members and to address the situation an invitation is to be extended to Mr S. Llewellyn of North Lanarkshire Council to attend a future community council meeting.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

18. The community council discussed the possibility of allowing the Smarter Salsburgh project to hold on extended loan the community council Christmas tree light decorations that the community council loaned to the Smarter Salsburgh project for the Christmas celebrations 2001/2002. A decision will be made at the next community council meeting.

SPRING CLEAN WEEK

19. A number of matters in relation to national spring clean week was highlighted including community council application for skips to be placed at convenient locations around the village.

CONSULTATION AND PRESENTATIONS

20. A number of consultation papers and invites to presentations was highlighted to members to ascertain support or involvement in the consultations, forums and presentations.

LOCAL PLANNING

21. Members were informed regarding the proposal to demolish the former dining hall at the Kirk O'Shotts Primary School and the continuation of the proposal to remove the bus shelter opposite 124 Main Street Salsburgh.

ST CATHERINE'S WELL [KATE'S WELL]

22. Members were informed that delay on starting phase two of the well improvements will continue as the sub lease details have still not been finalised by North Lanarkshire Council.

There being no further business the community council meeting concluded.

The next community council meeting will take place on Thursday 11th April 2002.

SALSBURGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL - 11 APRIL 2002

Minutes of the meeting of Salsburgh Community Council held in the
Community Hall on Thursday 11th April 2002

PRESENT

H. McColl. [Chair] W. Queen, N. McCann, M. Hinds,
J. Keir, O. McAvoy, G. Stephen, M. McLaughlin.

ALSO PRESENT

Cllr B. Brady

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Minutes of the meeting of Thursday 14 March 2002 were submitted and approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

LOCAL ROADS MAINTENANCE

2. Members were informed that a number of surface dressing works [repairs] had been carried out on local roads to address the pothole situation. Concerns were expressed that the surface road repairs seem only to temporarily address the problem and a major rethink by North Lanarkshire Council regarding road repair, service and upkeep is long overdue.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

3. Details of the recently introduced [Circulated] timings for Strathclyde Passenger Transport subsidised service 200 from Salsburgh to Monklands Hospital, operated by H.A.D. Coaches, was noted by members.

B7066 FOOTBRIDGE

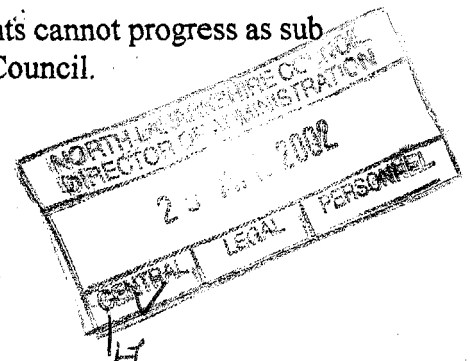
4. Members were informed that Mr D. Poch, the Director of Planning & Environmental Services of North Lanarkshire Council has been unable to meet with Councillor B. Brady or reply to the Community Council on the current situation or possible future proposals regarding the B7066 footbridge. Members were also informed that the public would be consulted prior to any change being adopted regarding the footbridge. Members have noted a number of concerns from the local community regarding the B7066 footbridge and roadway and seek to address a number of those concerns. It was hoped that the views of the Planning & Environmental Services could be obtained prior to a public meeting being held in the village to address the situation of not only the footbridge but also the B7066 roadway dividing and separating the North & South of the village.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

5. The community council decided to donate the Salsburgh Community Council Christmas tree light decorations to the Smarter Salsburgh Project committee.

ST CATHERINE'S WELL [KATE'S WELL]

6. Members were informed that phase two of the well improvements cannot progress as sub lease details have still not been finalised by North Lanarkshire Council.



Members were also reminded that the Policy and Resources [Property] Sub Committee of North Lanarkshire Council had agreed at their meeting on the 31st may 2001, to progress proposals for the lease of the area of ground in question and its subsequent sub lease to the community council for further landscape and environmental improvements.

CORRESPONDENCE

North Lanarkshire Council
Karen Whitefield MSP
Cllr B. Brady NLC
Strathclyde Passenger Transport

GENERAL BUSINESS

SPRING CLEAN WEEK

7. Members were informed [circulated] that a number of skips are to be supplied and located at various locations throughout the village and surrounding area from Monday 22nd April to Thursday 25th April 2002.

ENERGY MATTERS

8. The community council has been asked by the ASCC to assist in a COSLA survey regarding the impact of Local Authority energy activities on the local community. A number of matters were highlighted regarding the possible variation in the comprehensive written questionnaire to the Local Authority and the information to be requested from the community council.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL WEB SITE

9. Members were informed that North Lanarkshire Council has again redesigned their web site which was meant to allow public access to information and the Council are still in the process of editing the information to be released via the web site.
The web site will not now go live in April 2002 but it is estimated it will be live some time in the future, perhaps mid summer.
Online reporting will become available subject to the service being improved and assessed as suitable for delivery.
Future developments should allow for interaction with the web site and will also involve filter processing to back office information technology systems.

FORMER ROAD DEPOT SALSBURGH

10. A number of matters were highlighted regarding the demolition and proposals for the former roads depot at Duntilland Road, Salsburgh.
Sale of the former roads depot and an additional area of land had been agreed with the Hydrex Group during 2001. North Lanarkshire Council then entered into a 20 year lease agreement, with options to break after 5 years and annually thereafter, with Aggregate Industries UK Limited.

HIMALAYAN EXPEDITION

11. Members were made aware of correspondence relating to a proposed Himalayas Expedition.

GBT PROJECT

12. Members noted correspondence relating to the re-launch of the GBT Project and the introduction of the project manager.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13. Members were made aware of a number of planning application in the Salsburgh Ward.

SALSBURGH HALL OPEN COURTYARD

14. Members were updated on the current situation regarding the open courtyard [Polo mint centre] in the community hall.

HEALTH & COMMUNITY CARE

15. Members were made aware of a number of matters and other details regarding new appointments to Lanarkshire NHS Board.

CCTV USE

16. Members noted information relating to CCTV code of practice and the Data Protection Act 1998 [as amended] meant to regulate and control surveillance cameras monitoring public areas and facilities. The requirements to notify the information commission and inform members of the public on installation reasons, contact details and information recorded.

PLAY AREA

17. A number of concerns were voiced regarding dangers associated with the children's play park adjacent to Carvale Avenue. Inadequate drainage and surface pools of water, no safety surface beneath children's play equipment, the general untidy and unkempt condition of the play park were noted, matters are to be relayed to North Lanarkshire Council.

POLICE RESPONSE

18. Various concerns were highlighted regarding occurrences in the village. The Police are to be invited to a future community council meeting to address the concerns.

SALSBURGH HALL HIRE

19. Matters were highlighted that the community council had been informed that facilities would be made available to accommodate requirements relating to meal and/or bar service from the recently refurbished and considerably reduced in size kitchen facility. Members noted that no action had been taken to assist service by installation of a half door from the kitchen area nor was the proposed moveable bar construction to place outside the kitchen progressed further.
The community council are concerned that the present provision to accommodate service provision for functions within the large hall is completely inadequate and could be

potentially hazardous for health and safety due to reduced operating space and the requirement to accommodate service.

AIRDRIE AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM

20. A number of matters from the forum meeting [16 April 2002] and from the Airdrie Area Committee meeting [8 April 2002] were noted including comment on the veracity of reports presented to committee for deliberation.

Members decided to continue to endorse H. McColl as the appointed village representative to the Forum and O. McAvoy as the community council representative to the Forum.

SURGERY RENOVATIONS

21. Various concerns were highlighted that renovations and building upgrading in the community hall to accommodate the surgery, although complete, are not to a satisfactory building standard to allow for contract settlement.

As matters stand at present no lease of the premises at Salsburgh to the doctors practice can occur and the local community are still to be subject to considerable inconvenience, costs and delay before they can once again have access to local medical facilities in the village.

WARD 52 BUDGET ALLOCATION

22. Members were presented with the Ward 52 budget allocation figures.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FUND

23. Members noted newspaper reports containing various information relating to the £158,834 lottery windfall payment to allow for developing computer skills and support learning in isolated communities around the Monklands.

Six areas were highlighted in the article including Salsburgh, where field workers will take eight laptop computers around community centres where it is hoped 500 persons will use the equipment. The lottery grant should be able to pay for 4000 hours of usage, staff costs, accommodation, Internet and e mail use.

Comment was made as to why North Lanarkshire Council had not as yet informed the community council or the local community when Salsburgh can have access to the skills development opportunity.

Members also noted correspondence on the varying idea in West Dumbarton and the Highlands where the councils concerned distributed 2500 computers free of charge in each council area to rural and isolated local homes, with the addition of phone lines for Internet connections to facilitate computer development skills.

SIP AREA

24. Members noted correspondence from Karen Whitefield MSP relating to discussions with the Chief Executive of North Lanarkshire Council confirming that Salsburgh was not and never had been within the areas designated for grant or other assistance under the Social Inclusion Partnership areas of eligibility.

There being no further business the community council meeting concluded.

The next community council meeting will take place on Thursday 9th May 2002.