

**Minutes of Monkland Glen Community Council, held 24 January 2002 at 21 Monks Rd, Airdrie**

In attendance :- Harry Harper Margaret Keaveney  
John Peter Anne Glen  
Bob McCombe Betty McEwan

**Matters arising**

Dr Glen welcomed Mr McCombe and explained briefly the work of the committee.

Road Safety

The 20's Plenty Scheme has been introduced to the estates. At this stage it is only advisory but the intention is it will become compulsory in the future. There has been no word on whether the speed limit on Brownsburn Road can be reduced.

Playpitch

A meeting was held between Dr Glen and Walter Attwood, and Mark Forrest and Gerry Lewis from NLC regarding the plans for the playpitch. Graeme Anderson from the British Trust of Conservation Volunteers also attended. NLC who own the proposed site at the back of Monks Rd, were concerned at the lack of surveillance and suggested the play area be sited across Brownsburn Road where it could be seen by passing traffic.

They felt that the proposed site was too close to houses despite the fact it was at least 70 mtrs from the nearest home. It was pointed out to them that the land across Brownsburn Road cannot be seen from the road because of tree planting, and it would mean the children would have to cross an extremely busy road at a point where the speed limit is 60mph. The NLC representatives suggested that the area be planted as a wild flower meadow for the children to play on, to minimise maintenance issues.

SAGES intend to increase tree planting & replace hedgerows around the area. North Lanarkshire Forward are prepared to release £5k for the work if NLC release the land for the playpitch.

NLC intend to carry out a public consultation exercise to residents in the estate. MGCC will have input to the letter and the questionnaire going out.

No funding for the play area would be available from Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire (SEL) for the land at the rear of Monks Rd as they have already been involved in treating the ground. However funding may be available for Brownsburn.

It was suggested that Brownsburn might be an ideal site for a Disc Golf facility, a game played with frisbees. Again more planting would be required for this purpose but help could be available from other agencies.

Street Football

This continues to cause problems for residents, particularly at the junction of Abbey Place and Cloister Ave. The police have been called repeatedly but the matter remains unresolved. Youngsters are running through gardens and causing nuisance and damage to those around the junction. No Ball Games signs have been replaced. We will determine whether the byelaws can still be enforced.

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