

**PLAINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January '03.

**Present:** J Eyre, P.C Pringle, K O'Neill, E Brophy, C McLaughlan, D Smith, P Kilpatrick, E Greir, R Boyd, E Wright, M Waddell, Clr Morgan.

**Apologies:** E McLaughlan, A Grier, P Lynch.

Minutes of meeting proposed as correct by R Boyd, seconded by E Brophy.

**Matters Arising:** None

**Police Report:** over the last two months, there has been an increase in violent crimes. Vandalism is also a problem with window breaking of houses, cars and buses. There is still a problem with parking at Meadowhead road.

**Financial Report:** None

**Council Report:** Housing: 2-3 years waiting list for housing repairs grants, minimum grant 10% of costs. Band F houses are now included. Lock-ups: increase budgets to help with improvement, rent and council tax levels to be set. G&M planning application objection been lodged. Community Services: graffiti removal from houses, schools, community centres and private premises. To be included labour cost taken up by council.

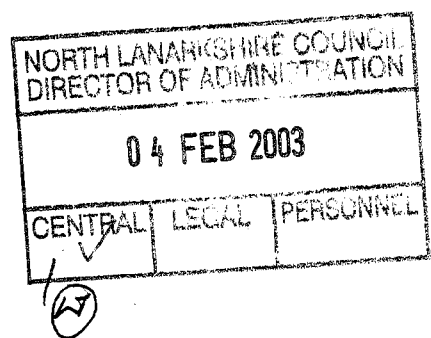
**Correspondence:**

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Planning Objection  
Roads Guidance  
Strategy Draft  
Lets

**A.O.C.B:** planning aid Scotland can give advice on report submitted to planning department. Dust sensors to be changed monthly. Dog's dirt a problem throughout the village. Street lighting becoming a problem. Information is required for newsletter. A working group to be set up.

Date of the next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> February.



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**Minutes of previous meeting proposed by M Waddell, seconded by E Brophy**

**Present:** C Lambert, M Waddell, C McLaughlan, PC Forrester, PC Ritchie, Sgt Mungell, Cons Pringle, E Brophy, K Whitefield MSP, E Wright, E McLaughlan, Cllr Morgan, E Greir, P Fitzpatrick, D Young, Mr & Mrs Boyd.

**Apologies:** J Eyre, L McLaughlan.

**Matters arising:** A.O.C.B, chairperson been in contact with Planning aid Scotland and has a questionnaire to fill out.

**Police report:** 1 crime of a violent nature, 1 house break-in, 2 vehicle nature, and 4 cases of vandalism. Down on last months with exception of vehicle crimes, vandalism down partly due to school visits where discussions took place on out of school behaviour. Step programme also started in schools.

**Financial report:**

In the bank	502.46
Petty cash	<u>28.17</u>
Total	530.63

**Council report:** cllr Morgan contacted planning dept re street lighting, was given Northline number. Lighting being attended to. Leaflet coming out with this number and other relevant information and numbers. No development on planning application for open cast to north of village. Reported on developments; re – abandoned vehicles, graffiti, dog wardens etc.

**Housing:** work started to decrease flooding in Victor Street area and will continue. Change in administration with a positive result re – repairs etc. Plains fencing programme to be continued in new financial year. Upgrade planned for ‘electric houses.’ Anti – social task force – first year 1096 cases, last year – 1449. Terms have been doubled due to additional funding.

Budget: better neighbourhood fund – from executive, Plains and Caldercruix to not fall into this category. Rent levels have been increased by 4%, council tax to be increased by 3.5%.

**Cllr Morgan:** will be unable to attend next month. He expressed in his disappointment in regard to boots closure. Economic development unit have staff to support individuals.

**Q & A:** planning in for bus station is as retail area.

**Road Gritting:** Query as to why one part of road cleared, while other is not. Cllr Morgan replied by explaining priorities.

**Newsletter report:** had a meeting since last C.C. meeting. Police submitted a report on surgery and crime rates. Input into schools to improve out of school behaviour. Issues regarding Springbank view estate and the positive effects on the village. Chairperson outlined ideas being worked on. Resident association of new estate to contribute. Discussion on lane between new estate and existing one.

**M.S.P Report:** report on positive aspects of anti social task force. Street wise – initiative council given money and they, matched it.

**Boots:** have been good employer in the past but no notice given to unions, workforce, MSP or Mp re closure. Knew about review but had expected this to be positive. Company have agreed to meet with executive and look at any alternatives, but may not be able to change. Joint initiative to support workers.

**Transport:** M8 to be upgraded. Decision to reopen railway line no later than 2010 but hopefully by 2007. Where line to go has to be decided. 15m service station in Plains and Caldercruix. Some properties may be affected by this but this will depend on feasibility studies. An opportunity for resident to discuss will be given later in the process.

Correspondence: SEEPUS service charter. Letter from director of planning environment.