

QUEENZIEBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 1998
QUEENZIEBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: MR. HUGH SERVICE
MRS. MARLENE PROVAN
MRS. MARY CONNOR
MR. TOM ANDERSON
MRS. JULIE BONNAR
MRS. MAUREEN WILSON
MRS. LIZ DICKINSON
MRS. JEAN STRUTTON
CLLR. C. CRAIGIE

APOLOGIES: MRS. MARGARET GILMOUR
MR. D. McGUIGAN
MR. JOHN TRUTEN
P.C. S. WAUGH

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking those present for attending.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.
Proposed by Liz Dickinson, seconded by Marlene Provan.

POLICE REPORT: In the absence of Constable Waugh, no Police report was given.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported that the Audit of the Community Council's books had been completed, and that everything was in order.

A cheque for £495.00 had been received as a Grant, and had been lodged in the Bank. Bank balances are as follows:
Project Fund: £500.00
Cheque Account: £768.00

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary reported as follows:
AUDIT - Sec. had been contacted by Lark Associates requesting Bank Statement for the Project Fund. Statement sent.

MINUTES - Copies of the Minutes had been sent to N.L.C., Cllr. Craigie and the Police.

COMMUNITY FORUM CONSULTATION - Registration form sent to Robert McHarg advising approx. 8 persons would attend meeting on 22 June 1998 at Garrell Vale Centre.

KILSYTH AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY FORUM- Letter sent to John Milne, N.L.C., advising that two representatives from the Community Council will attend - names to be advised later.

GRANT - Cheque for £495.00 received, acknowledged, and cheque passed to Treasurer.

CONFERENCE - COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - Leaflet received regarding this, but date of Conference coincides with our meeting.

ASSOC. OF SCOTTISH COMMUNITY COUNCILS - Newsletter received.

GRIT BINS - Sec. phoned and asked for remainder of grit bins to be lifted. Confirmation received from Northline.

SCOTTISH WATER AND SEWERAGE - Cascade Newsletter received.

ZURICH MUNICIPAL - Community Insurance Centre Newsletter received.

INCHTERF - Letter received from Craig McIntyre, N.L.C., enclosing planning application.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE TENANTS AND RESIDENTS FEDERATION - Letter received re monthly meetings.

N.L.C. SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT - Letter from Susan Paxton received, enclosing leaflets.

N.L.C. TENANTS AND RESIDENTS FEDERATION - Communication received re up-dating records.

N.L.C. DRAFT HOUSING PLAN - Sec. asked for time to put this before committee.

CALOR GAS SCOTTISH COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR AWARDS - Forms to be completed.

N.L.C. COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS NETWORK - Notice of A.G.M. arrived too late.

LANARKSHIRE HEALTH COUNCIL - Newsletter received.

PATHS FOR ALL - Newsletter received.

PEOPLE AND PARLIAMENT - Booklet received. Form to be discussed and filed in.

AGE CONCERN SCOTLAND - Photographic competition leaflet received. Closing date for photos 18 September 1998.

JAMES RITCHIE, CLOCKMAKERS - Leaflet received.

N.L.C. BEST VALUE IN HOUSING SERVICE - Letter received from Aileen Gormley. Meeting on 20 August at Coatbridge. Sec. phoned all members of Committee. Liz Dickinson and Marlene Provan attended.

N.L.C. A-Z OF COUNCIL SERVICES - Letter and booklet received.

N.L.C. NORTHLINE - Reply to Sec.'s complaint re bridge at coal yard received.

PRESS TEAM, SCOTLAND - Leaflet received.

N.L.C. ANTI SOCIAL NEIGHBOURS POLICY - Letter received plus copy of draft guidance. Sec. asked for extension of time to reply, which was granted.

N.L.C. HOUSING DEPARTMENT - Newsletter received.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: INCHTERF - Sec. reported that she had replied to the letter from Craig McIntyre that we had no objections to the part of the land being used as applied for, but asked that we be informed of any further applications regarding the rest of the site and the access to Inchterf.

SPEEDING, KILSYTH ROAD - Mr. Watson, Planning and Development Department, who attended our last meeting in June, agreed to a further speed monitoring on the main road. He was also to check into the possibility of an 'island' on the main road to slow traffic down. So far there has been no communication received from Mr. Watson. Left with Cllr. Craigie.

CLEANSING - Cllr. Craigie to arrange for someone from the Cleansing Department to attend our next meeting.

BRIDGE OVER BURN AT COAL YARD, MILL ROAD - Following a complaint that a child playing in the burn had been knocked face down into the water by a brick falling from underneath the bridge, Sec. reported same to N.L.C. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Craigie deal with this.

The fact that there was now no safety barrier, such as a fence or wall, was raised. Left with Cllr. Craigie to look into this.

COMMUNITY FORUM - The Chairman attended with the Chairman of the P.T.A. Decided that people from the Community Councils should join the Forum. Two representatives from each of the surrounding area Community Councils and Kilsyth, plus four representatives from other Kilsyth organisations.

After discussion it was decided that we should have a Public Meeting to ask if anyone in the village would like to join the Community Council with the intention of representing us on the Forum.

Cllr. Craigie to arrange Public Meeting for Tuesday 22 September 1998 at 8.00 p.m.

N.L.C. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS - Liz Dickinson and Marlene Provan had attended this meeting and reported back to the Committee.- Minutes of the meeting are to be sent to us.

FOOTPATH ON MAIN ROAD AT MILL ROAD - This footpath is on schedule to be repaired, but the Community Council have been asked by a number of people in the village if, when the Council repair this footpath, they will be lowering the kerb for those with driveways, at no cost, as per markings on the footpath. If this is the case it is unfair on the people who have already paid for the kerbs to be lowered. Left with Cllr. Craigie.

ABANDONED VEHICLES - There have been two complaints of vehicles being left unattended or abandoned. One is a car left in the Back Park behind Anderson Cres. and the other is a van left behind the old folks' houses in Kilsyth Road. Left with Cllr. Craigie.

TARRING OF DRIVEWAYS - The Committee had been asked as to why

N.L.C. were resurfacing certain driveways in the village and not others. Cllr. Craigie was unaware of this and it was left with her to look into.

BACK PARK, ANDERSON CRES. - It was reported that the Council were still not cutting the grass four feet back from the fences at the rear of the houses backing onto the Back Park, as previously agreed. Cllr. Craigie to look into this.

DRAIN, MEADOWSIDE ROAD - It was reported that this drain was worse than ever, and had still not been repaired. Left with Cllr. Craigie.

WHEELIE BINS - A demonstration was supposed to have taken place to let people in the village see and handle wheelie bins. It was left with Cllr. Craigie to arrange for a demonstration at the Public Meeting on 22 September.

NOISE - A complaint was received about milk boys playing football in the streets about 5.00 a.m. After discussion it was agreed that when the milkman dropped the boys off after their work, they were no longer his responsibility, but that we should ask the milkmen to speak to their boys and ask that they do not disturb people who are still asleep.

A complaint was received about loud music coming from a car which was frequently parked outside the Community Centre late at night. After discussion it was agreed this was a Police matter.

There was also a complaint about taxis sounding their horns outside the Beacon Inn in the early hours of the morning, particularly late Sunday nights and early Monday mornings.

COMMUNITY POLICE - Various members of the Committee had been questioned about, and had noticed themselves, the absence of the Community Police Officer, Constable Waugh. Items already discussed at this meeting such as the abandoned vehicles, and loud music, would have been dealt with by the Police. It had also been noticed that youths were again drinking in the streets despite the new Law. It was decided that the Sec. write to Insp. Gowans at Kilsyth Police Office regarding the policing of this village.

AGE CONCERN, SCOTLAND - It was agreed that the photographic competition leaflet be given to Mrs. Connor to hand to the Old Folks' meeting on Monday night.

FLOWER BEDS, KILSYTH ROAD, OPPOSITE BEACON INN - Numerous complaints had been received as to the way access was gained to resurface the footpath in front of the houses in Dumbreck Terrace immediately above the flower beds. A wide path of grass had been cut and traffic lights placed on the main road. After discussion it was agreed that the Secretary write to the Housing Department complaining strongly about the way this was done and the state the grass was left in. No one had been advised that this was to take place.

STATE OF THE VILLAGE LEAFLETS - Members of the Committee agreed to deliver leaflets from the Community Council to each house in the village.

KITES IN THE CAMPSIES - Leaflets were received from Sarah Watts, N.L.C. Dept. of Leisure regarding the forthcoming event 'Kites in the Campsies'. These to be distributed with the Community Council leaflet.

PUBLIC MEETING - It was agreed to hold a Public Meeting on Tuesday

22 September 1998. Left with Cllr. Craigie to advertise.

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking those present for attending.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 1998 AT 8.00 P.M.