

SHOTTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD WITHIN CALDERHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 16 December 1998

CHAIRMAN: Alex Forsyth

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Hannah, John Connor, Morag Forsyth, John Hannah, James Easton and Ellen Waddell

IN ATTENDANCE:
Councillor Frank Gormill
Inspector Hyslop
Constable Phil Mowitt

APOLOGIES:
Eileen King
Stephen Cooper
Elizabeth Wylie
John Leckie

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes are adopted as a true record by John Connor and seconded by James Easton

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:
Jim Easton has taken the idea of Football Tournaments up with the House Committee and discussions are on going

Jim Easton has taken the matter up with the Bon Accord about a recycling site and Bon Accord will come back to Jim.

POLICE REPORT: Inspector Hyslop advises of increase in crime. The majority of these crimes are car related and four youths have been reported. However, there is still a problem and this is being addressed.

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Constable Mowitt will be working hand in hand with other Community Officers to assess any drink and drug problems at School discos

Constable Mowitt hopes to be revisiting both Primary and Secondary Schools re: drug awareness during the month of January.

Changes to come in to force regarding Community Policing. There will be a Sergeant in charge of Community Policing.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Planning Applications - no objections

Draft Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils - copy to be sent to all Members to peruse before next meeting and any comments submitted to North Lanarkshire Council before 29th January 1999

North Lanarkshire News - Winter 1998 (Issue 13)

Letter enclosing Commission of Local Government and Scottish Parliament - Consultation Paper 2. Jim Easton to peruse.

Letter re: Environmental Projects in North Lanarkshire

Letter from Central Scotland Countryside Trust re: proposed new accommodation and demolition of Hillhouse ridge House

Letter from Motherwell & Wishaw Citizens Advice Bureau acknowledging receipt of Community Council enquiry about the possibility of the Bureau offering a service in Dykehead. Bureau state that this has been their aim for a number of years but there are no suitable premises. Secretary to write suggesting premises.

Letter from James Johnstone at Planning and Development re: bus shelters in Burnbrae Road. Mr. Johnstone has written to Strathclyde Passenger Transport and will contact Secretary when he has received a reply.

Letter from Planning and Development re: Rights of Way Nos 39 & 42. Problem regarding No. 42 has not been addressed and Councillor Gormill wishes a copy of this letter and plan.

Letter from Scottish Rural Community Transport Initiative

Letter from Mother & Toddler Group, Community Education Centre, acknowledging receipt, with thanks, of donation.

Copy of Minutes from North Lanarkshire Council

COUNCILLORS'
REPORT:

Councillor Gormill advises of Debate to take place shortly regarding Rights of the Child and, in particular, Rights of the Unborn Child.

Council to have Joint Committee with Strathclyde Transport regarding concessionaire fares. It is felt this will improve matters.

New format to be brought in for Prison Visiting Committee from May of next year i.e. advert placed in local press; Applicant will be sent Application Form; Applicant will be interviewed; Applicant taken on tour of prison; Application to be sent to Police to be screened and, finally, will go before a Selection Panel. Councillor Gormill points out the position requires time and commitment from the Applicant.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

James Easton gave Treasurer's Report and informs of Treasurer and Secretary's expenses to date. Treasurer's Report accepted by Ellen Waddell and seconded by John Connor. Accepted by John Connor that Secretary's expenses be paid and seconded by Ellen Waddell.

Alex Forsyth enquires, on behalf of Eileen King, about activity with lorries going out and in at Gillooly's property. Councillor Gormill will look into this.

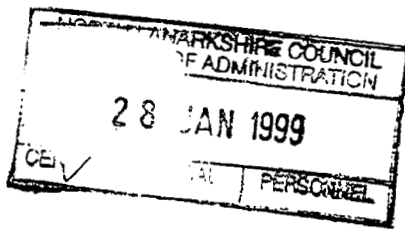
John Connor suggest changing Community Council Meeting to either first or last Wednesday of the month. Advised this should to suggested one month before the AGM.

William Hannah expresses concern regarding lack of service buses, in particular from Wishaw to Shotts Councillor Gormill confirms that this has been the subject of discussion within the Council and, in fact, appears in the Council Minutes.

John Connor raises dumping at Southfield pit. Jim Easton undertakes to look into this but advises that tyres could not be cleared. Inspector Hyslop advises that the Organisation SEPA would, possibly, deal with the dumped tyres.

Chairman Alex Forsyth wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New.

**NEXT. MEETING OF SHOTTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL 20th January 1999
WITHIN CALDERHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7p.m.**



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CENTRE ON 20 January 1999**

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IN ATTENDANCE:
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APOLOGIES:
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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:
Morag Forsyth advised of contact with Mrs. Cuthbertson at Citizens Advice Bureau when locations in the Dykehead area were discussed. Hopeful that a one hour Citizens Advice Clinic will be set up in the Dykehead area in the near future.

Morag also advised of contact with Mr. Johnstone at Planning Department. Noting Mr. Johnstone had now heard from Strathclyde Transport that the two bus shelters located at Stane corner only facilitate one bus per day and this was in the evening. Mr. Johnstone was optimistic that one of these shelters would be re-located at the Health Centre in the near future and would write confirming this.

Jim Easton advises that the Bon Accord had advised that they were not interested in having recycling facilities on their premises. Councillor Robertson will approach owners of ground to the rear of the Bon Accord as an alternative site

POLICE REPORT:

Constable Mowitt advises that the Police presence at the school discos was very successful and enjoyable.

Crime figures for the month of December. Stane/ Springhill and Torbothie - 26 crimes. Decrease in last month's figures of 41 and an increase in the same period last year of 16.

Dykehead - 26 crimes which is a decrease in last month's figure of 36 and a slight decrease in the figure for last year of 28.

Constable Mowitt explains that the majority of these crimes are car related and vandalism.

Chief Inspector Dyer will now be in charge of community policing under the title of Community Chief Liaison Community Officer and Constable Mowitt is enthusiastic regarding this appointment

Police Open Day will be 27th June when it is hoped that the weather will be more favourable than last year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Planning Applications - no objections

Letter from Strathclyde Police enclosing Questionnaire on "List of Policing Priorities". General discussion with Members when Questionnaire is completed.

Letter from Patrick Ross-Taylor, Prospective Scottish Parliament Candidate, Airdrie and Shotts Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association requesting that he attend at Community Council Meeting to answer any questions. Moved by Eileen King to invite Mr. Ross-Taylor to a meeting. Seconded by Stephen Cooper. Secretary will write inviting Mr. Ross-Taylor.

Letter from Millennium Forest and Scotland Trust regarding Community Opportunities and Millennium Awards. Agreed by members that this should be passed to Eileen King to be considered by the Nature Park.

Booklets from the Land Reform Policy Group - Recommendations for Action, January 1999

Newsletter from Association of Scottish Community Councils

COUNCILLORS'
REPORT:

Councillor James Robertson gave an in-depth Report on the re-organisation of North Lanarkshire Council. These proposals have been approved by the Labour Group but still have to be approved by the Council. Two Departments to disappear - Leisure and Environmental Services. New Department to be introduced - Department of Community Service. Also proposed is to take Community Education out of Education Department and into Department of Community Service

New Department for Planning and Environmental Services. Estates to be taken out of Planning and into new Department of Housing and Property.

It is suggested that these changes will reduce Chief Officials and make estimated savings of £200,000 on the overall budget.

No decision as yet on this year's Council Tax - still going through budgets.

Education Department to introduce Classroom Assistants before the new terms. It is thought that around 133 part-time jobs will be available through this.

Councillor Robertson had attended a Community Development Sub Meeting and it was noted that Shotts and Harthill are well up on the health deprivation scale. Noting this Community Development Sub. could be approached for funding to assist in setting up clinics for various health matters.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Eileen King suggests having a backup electricity system in the sheltered housing complex following upon an elderly resident suffering severe smoke inhalation caused by a fallen candle during a power cut. Noting there are many aspects of this accident that Councillor Robertson is looking into. Jim Easton suggests that every smoke alarm in a sheltered housing complex should also be connected to the Warder's home to avoid anything like this happening in the future.

Jim Easton gives a short Report on the Community Forum

General discussion on draft North Lanarkshire Council Scheme for Community Councils. An additional clause is suggested and moved by Alex Forsyth and seconded by Ellen Waddell that Secretary write to the Council outlining this clause.

Eileen King expresses her grave concerns regarding the activity of lorries at Gilhooley's property. Secretary will write to Planning and Development regarding this.

Alex Forsyth raises issue of a young the plight of a young Shotts boy with cerebral palsy who would be grateful for any donations in order to purchase a body suit to make life more comfortable. Ellen Waddell proposes donation of £500. Seconded by Eileen King.

**NEXT. MEETING OF SHOTTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL 17th February 1999
WITHIN CALDERHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7p. .**