

Central Wishaw Community Council

Minute of Meeting held in Greenhead Community Hall on 3 June 1998.

Present: Carole Ann Foley, Sam Love, Irene Love, Betty Flannigan, Janet Tyrie, Scott Robertson, David MacFarlane, Canon McGovern and Constable Paul Bennie.

1. Opening of Meeting and Apologies

- 1.1 The chair welcomed everyone in attendance and accepted apologies on behalf of Councillor John McGhee, Catherine Cussack, Richard Gordon and Joe Bradburn.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- 2.1 The minutes of the last stated meeting were moved true and correct by Irene Love seconded by Janet Tyrie.

3. Business Arising

- 3.1 A letter is to be sent to the Council's Leisure Department to find out when they are going to replace the tree that was stolen from the Cairn at Moss Cottage.
- 3.2 A letter is to be sent to the Council's Director of Administration to find out why we are not being sent the minutes of the Area Committee's meetings.
- 3.3 The chair gave a report on the "Clean Up" which took place on the 25 May 1998. The event was well supported, successful and finished with the children playing prize bingo.

4. Police Report

- 4.1 Constable Bennie reported that there had been two houses broken into, two thefts from cars, and one attempted theft from a car and four individuals arrested for drinking in a public place.
- 4.2 It was reported that there have been recent problems at Cambusnethan Cemetery and Tinto Crescent caused by gangs drinking, resulting in vandalism.
- 4.3 Constable Stan Boyd is to be asked to produce a poster encouraging people to use the Council's uplift of rubbish service due to the continuous dumping at Perchy Pond.
- 4.4 The chair said that the anti social problems at the Greenhead Community Hall are reported almost every day and said that the response from the police when reported was very poor. Constable Bennie said that he was not aware of any problems at the hall being reported. Thursday nights were identified as worst time of the week.
- 4.5 Canon McGovern reported that numerous windows within the Church grounds have been broken by someone with an airgun. Members were reminded that this is not the first time the Church buildings have been subject to such vandalism, which resulted in thousands of pounds of repairs.
- 4.6 Canon McGovern also reported that the Council building across from his house on Campbell Street has had many of its windows also broken. It was made known that the local Credit Union had in fact asked the Council for the use of this building which would be most suitable to meet their needs and serve the local community. It was agreed that we send a letter to the Council supporting the Credit Union as it was felt that the Council could give them short-term lease. This would meet the needs of the Credit Union and protect the long-term future of the Council's building.
- 4.7 Canon McGovern asked Constable Bennie if the police could visit more often the car park at the rear of the new job centre on Kirk Road as local residents, some of them old and frail are constantly receiving abuse from youths playing football in the car park.
- 4.8 Scott Robertson asked if police patrols could be increased in Hawthorn Drive as six or seven cars had their tyres slashed through the night recently.

- 4.9 The secretary will check the Cairn at Moss Cottage as someone had reported that it has again been the target of vandals.
- 4.10 The chair thanked both Constable's Paul Bennie and Tom McNicol for their assistance at the "Clean Up" at Perchy Pond. A letter is to be sent to Chief Inspector Hyslop complimenting both of his officers for their assistance on 25 April 1998.
- 4.11 A letter is to be sent to the Council's Planning Department asking them to have the boundary fence between Patterson's and Perchy Pond repaired as it is often used as an entrance and exit by vandals and car thieves.

4. Correspondence

- 5.1 Letter from the National Lottery Charities Board enclosing brochures and poster which information for groups who wish to apply for Lottery Funding. These brochures are to be distributed to community groups. The secretary is to make an application on the Community Council's behalf.
- 5.2 Letter from the Law Hospital NHS Trust inviting us to attend a public meeting at Law Hospital on 9 June 1998 to hear their presentation of the Health Improvement Plan for Lanarkshire. A presentation on the new planned Law Hospital will also be given. Irene Love will attend this meeting.
- 5.3 Letter from the Council's Director of Administration regarding the non-attendance of elected members at our meetings. Another letter is to be sent to both the Director of Administration and the Council Leader regarding the continued non-attendance of elected members.
- 5.4 Letter from the Director of Planning with an enclosed brochure on the new Structure Plan for Glasgow and the Clyde Valley. Invited comments are to be made by 26 June 1998.
- 5.5 Letter from the Director of Leisure Services informing us that Old Cambusnethan Cemetery is currently owned by Lord Belhaven and Stenton. The correspondence also states that we would need the permission of Lord Belhaven to relocate the headstone of Arthur Inglis, the districts most famous covenanter.
- 5.6 Letter from the Chief Executive's Department informing us that our grant application was considered by the Area Committee on 6 May 1998 and it was agreed that our application be continued to their next meeting.
- 5.7 Letter from the Director of Administration with an enclosed copy of The Commission of Local Government and The Scottish Parliament - Consultation Paper 1.
- 5.8 Letter from the Council's Finance Department informing us that we have to forward our financial records to Lark Associates to be audited.
- 5.9 Letter from the Council's Planning Department informing us that the Planning Application for a change of use from a retail unit to a food, ale and wine bar at 62-66 Kirk Road, Wishaw, which we supported was granted.
- 5.10 Brochure from the Council titled Children's Services Plan Summary 1998-2001.
- 5.11 Letter from the Environmental Service thanking us for taking part in the "National Spring Clean 1998 Campaign". They have also requested to borrow any photographs which were taken. Photographs are to be forwarded to Mr Fergie.

5. AOCB

- 5.1 The memorial stone to Arthur Inglis (covenanter) which is to be located within the RP Church in Kenilworth Avenue should be erected in the near future.
- 5.2 A letter is to be sent to Frank Roy MP and Glasgow Council regarding the return of the bones of the Unknown Soldier for burial.
- 5.3 The Council's Planning Department is to be contacted as soon as possible to request a meeting regarding their proposed changes to the town's roads.
- 5.4 The chair informed the meeting that the pair of swans who have nested at Perchy Pond for many years have recently appeared with seven signets.
- 5.5 As there will be no further meetings till September the office bearers were granted permission to take any action they deemed necessary for the good of the Community Council.

As there was no other business the chair then closed the meeting.

All present recorded a vote of thanks for the capable manner in which the chair carried out her duties.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 2 September at 7pm in Greenhead Community Hall.