

Cumbernauld Village Community Council Minutes October 8th 2015

Present

Norman Egan, Adam Irvine, Jim MacLean, Ann McLeish, Pat Churches, Paula McCrae, Gillian Connolly, Nancy McEwan, Philip Morgan-Klein, Brenda Morgan-Klein, John Fleming (Police Scotland), Martin McInnes (Police Scotland)

Apologies

Margaret Hunter, Alan Russell

Police Report

Crime stats for previous month
68 calls, 15 crimes (10 detected, 5 undetected)
4 traffic offences
3 anti-social behaviour
2 possession of drugs
2 thefts
1 vandalism
1 bogus workman

There was no record of anyone having been threatened with a knife at the Main Street cash machine (a story that had been circulating on facebook) but Officers said they would check this. Officers said they intended to get out and about on bikes in the coming weeks. There was some discussion of areas where young people hang out (sometimes noisily) and general discussion of the geography of the village. It was pointed out too that helpful exchange of information between the community council and Police Officers is being hampered somewhat by lack of Officer continuity and Officers not knowing the area.

Community Council Inaugural Meeting – election of office bearers

The following people have been elected as members of the community council: Gillian Connolly, Margaret Hunter, Jim MacLean, Nancy McEwan, Ann McLeish, Brenda Morgan-Klein, Philip Morgan-Klein, Paula McCrae, Elizabeth Snedden.

The following people were elected as officers unopposed: Philip Morgan-Klein (chair), Nancy McEwan (vice Chair), Gillian Connolly (treasurer), Brenda Morgan-Klein (secretary)

Minutes and Matters arising

The minutes were accepted.

There was discussion of the lack of a loop system for people using hearing aids in the room we use for meetings. The large hall does have a loop system. It can be difficult to get but agreed to preference the hall upstairs when our next lot of bookings comes to an end.

Noted that we had agreed to buy a lap top and a laminator which we have yet to purchase. The community council also agreed to purchase some events banners that can withstand the rain.

Treasurer's Report

Bank £1,410

Cash £39.22

Total £1,450

Secretary's Report

Written report attached. It was decided not to respond to the new ward boundaries consultation as there were no strong feelings either way and we would not be losing any representation in the new ward. The secretary also drew the attention of the CC to digital engagement sessions for community councils. It was noted that they were not in accessible locations.

Communication

Events banners to be purchased. Plans to store all files online (minutes etc) to improve access. Noted that the website is dated and needs attention. There has been a surge in likes for the FB page.

Cumbernauld Village Action for the Community

Work continues getting the allotments cabin up to scratch. Nancy McEwan, Pat Churches, Ann McLeish, Philip Morgan-Klein and Norman Egan have worked hard on this. Norman was formally and gratefully thanked for all that he has done on this. Philip also noted thanks for local Labour Party volunteers who came to help get the second coat of preservative onto the cabin including Councillor Stephen Grant and Central Scotland MSP Mark Griffin.

Ann McLeish said that the Family fun Night in September had gone well . The 2016 Village Calendar is also selling well.

Any Other Business

Adam reported that Margaret Stirling is very happy to lay the wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the community council. Philip will pick up the wreath from the Session House and meet with her on the day.

Philip agreed to contact Property Services NLC on the subject of the derelict property on Roadside with a gas canister outside and to ask for an update on the school buildings.