

**Plains Community Council**  
**Meeting held Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7.00pm**  
**in Plains Community Centre**

**Present:** Jan Stewart(JS), Andy Stewart(AS), Harry Wilson(HW), Eileen Grier(EG), Ann Patricia Kane(APK), Jim Walker(JW), Elaine Tennent(ET), Mary Doris(MD)

**Attending:** Cllr Alan Beveridge(AB), Stephen Murray, Community Sergeant Police Scotland(SM) Colin Napier, McGills Buses(CN), Stephen McGuinnies, McGills Blantyre Depot Manager(SMG), John Grant, resident(JG), Andy MacKenzie, Assistant Head of NLC Waste Solutions Dept(AMK),

**1. Apologies:** Catherine Doris, Cllr Morgan, Fay Kerr, Thomas Peden

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Proposed EG            Seconded JS

**3. Matters Arising:**

**CC Mobile Phone:** ET reported no calls in previous month, EG to take control for April/May period. Discussion on whether to continue use or not, given no calls since initiated. Agreement to continue till publication of proposed CC Newsletter with contact number included.

**4. Police Report:**

SM offered apologies for absence of police attendance at previous meetings. He acknowledged feedback at CC meetings valuable to local police. He will attend meetings personally when possible or email crime report to chair. Any particular concerns can be emailed to him.

18 Reported crimes: 2 thefts( house break-ins), 1 theft(cable wire), 1 theft(expensive motor vehicle), 2 assaults, 4 Breach of the Peace, 1 for carrying offensive weapon, 1 possession of cannabis resin, 3 vandalism, 1 willful fire-raising (£18,000 worth of damage), 1 under Protection of Livestock, 1 possession of alcohol container.

SM also reported complaints re loud music at Affric Ave .It has been reported to Housing. MD reported previous complaints to CC re lack of CCTV at communal greenat back of the building which is in total darkness at night with the additional problem of unsecured access to the vacant house at west end of property being used as pathway to shop on Ballochnie Drive. Complaints of back doors being banged on at night .All agreed with SM that tenants must report any such incidents to police to investigate/record.

Quad bike issue: SM gave reassurance that refusal to give name in phone call complaints did not make the call low priority. He emphasised however the importance of asking for an incident number for the keeping of records on the problem. He also reiterated the importance of any information to help identify offenders.

Members again complained of speeding on Meadowhead Road, particularly early in the morning. SM to look into matter. Noted that all promised safety measures on this road have now been implemented, but apparently been ignored by many drivers.

MD asked about article in the Advertiser about a named convicted pervert. He was named as a Clarkston man but given address was Station Road, Plains. Both MD and her neighbours who reside in Station Road have never heard of this person. It was also mentioned that there was a Station Road in Clarkston, and therefore possibly some mix-up. SM to look into.

SM said he could supply additional information to members on crimes reported. Email address available from MD.

**5. McGills Transport:**

CN reported on new 212 Service. This is a commercial service which began on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 .Service provided at fifteen minute intervals from 7am till 7pm and all journeys will include a stop at Monklands Hospital. Reported traffic congestion at hospital, by previous bus companies to explain impossibility of hospital stop has so far not proved a problem. From 7pm the 312 SPT supported service will take over and run hourly till 11pm. Question was raised over possible expansion of hourly service after 7pm. CN said there were plans for the expansion of this service, but they were a business for profit and expansion would therefore only be possible if demand for it made it financially viable.

Company's aim is to provide a quality service with quality vehicles, regularity of buses, training for drivers e.g. in courtesy, timetables and safety rules posted in buses, mobile ticketing, and inspectors to check purchase of tickets. MD, a regular bus user, had noted a much improved service and complimented CN on this. The takeover has been highly publicized and journey timetables available on buses and have also been distributed to all households in Plains.

To maintain a quality service, it is important for passengers to report any dissatisfaction with services.

On behalf of members MD thanked CN and SMG for taking the time to attend meeting, and for clarifying details and aims of the new service.

## **6. Correct Usage of Domestic Waste Bins:**

AMK gave the following information:

NLC Waste Solutions Dept follows national directives of achieving zero biodegradable waste to landfill by 2020. Currently, they are performing very well in domestic waste recycling targets.

Blue bin waste: all paper, cardboard, empty aerosols, metal tin/can containers and lids, cartons, plastic bottles. Also food containers but NO flimsy stretchy plastic wrapping e.g. cling foil or carrier bags which do not produce quality recycled material. Material should not be put in bin bags but disposed of loosely in bins. Rinse materials with residue content for cost effectiveness. Cost to NLC of clean waste is £20 to £30 per ton. If material dirty/contaminated cost is £80 to £90 per ton. Refuse collectors should check bins for waste placed in bags and for dirty material, and can red tag and refuse to empty such bins. No blue bin material goes to landfill. Sent to recycling plant in Bargeddie where separated for appropriate recycling. Cans/tins have 100% recycling rate.

Green bin for Glass. None to landfill. Sent to large recycling plant at Newhouse. Almost 100% reuse as glass containers for whisky and soft drinks industry.

Brown bins: Gardening waste but no thick hard wood. None to landfill. Sent to centres for recycling into compost.

Food Waste Bins: Sent to private company treatment plants for compost production. Will be a statutory requirement from 2020 when biodegradable material will no longer be accepted at landfills.

Black/Grey Bins: everything else that does not go into other bins.

Only a small amount goes to landfill where it receives recycling treatment. Cost is £100 per ton. Residual waste from landfill is then collected by Virador and taken for further treatment to their centre at Bargeddie, and then on to their incinerator at Dunbar. In response to MD questioning whether Virador also collected residual waste from FCC (owner and operator of Greengairs Landfill) plants, AMK emphasized they are two distinct companies. Virador are contracted under The Clyde Valley Waste Plan (5 authorities involved) to deal with residual waste from the landfill.

On behalf of members, MD thanked AMK for attending and for clarification on the subject

## **7. NLC Report:**

Cllr Beveridge reported the following:

Reports that Orrs building in Airdrie had finally been sold – development plans to include retail outlets and residential flats.

### Wellwynd Medical Practice:

Due to long ongoing and increasing complaints from patients about the difficulty in accessing communication with Wellwynd Practice at Airdrie Health Centre, he is setting up a meeting for patients to collate the level and breadth of these complaints. Members who are patients in this practice fully concurred with the totally time consuming and unacceptable lack of adequate communication with all depts in this practice, especially in relation to telephone communication with GPs.

### Moffat View Road Collapse:

Investigation is still ongoing. Services involved are Scottish Water, Scottish Power, Coal Authority and NL Roads and Safety Environmental Dept. Power will not be restored to affected houses till broken sewer repaired, investigation completed and an engineering report submitted.

Resident JG angry at water being pumped from the hole into adjacent marsh. As a developer himself he stated the

water' will only go in circles since it had no place to go. All present agreed. There was also unanimous agreement that not enough consideration had been given in the past to new housing development to the east and northeast of the village in relation to the instability of the land due to past coal mining. Most present also felt that past disturbance of peat/marsh land during forty years of opencast mining has damaged any drainage capacity the land held. They also felt that development and construction at the landfill and the water from the landfill which flows into the main sewer system are additional causes of this problem, and other flooding problems in the village.

#### Europark Village:

A Proposal of Application Notice has been submitted to NLC by Orchard Brae for the development of a huge Europark Village adjacent to the M8 and Eurocentral to the south. AB stated development would stretch all the way from Cairnhill to Calderbank and Carnbroe. Development to include 3000 homes, hotel and conference facilities, retail facilities, a new school.

Members commended Cllr Beveridge for his sustained efforts and final success in achieving the Clarkston to Plains Cycle Path. Go ahead still subject to owner's permission which is being sought by NL officers.

Information given to MD by Cllr Morgan prior to meeting:

He had requested that all agreed road safety measures be put in place at Meadowhead Road. Member commented that they had been put in place.

Station: STAG report: Stage 1 had been completed and Stage 2 to be completed by end of June. MD felt that a positive outcome from Stage1 was almost definite since survey based on social, economic and educational deprivation in the village and inadequacy of existing bus services, but not as confident about a positive outcome from Stage 2 since she understood that factors to be considered by both Network Rail and The Scottish Transport Dept included: financial viability, value for money, minimal disruption to existing rail operations, fit in with rail industry plans and have an affordable whole life cost.

#### **8. Treasurer's Report:**

Bank balance is £3090.68 (£500 ring fenced). MD to enquire about honoraria payment which she has never claimed in four years. Cllr Beveridge suggested she might be setting an unwelcome precedent for future chairpersons.

#### **9. Correspondence:**

Dealt with in NLC Report above.

#### **10. A.O.C.B:**

Post Office: MD to pursue any progress made and report back at next meeting.

Landfill Issues: MD is still pursuing this matter with NL Planning. She will update members on any further correspondence and proposes to work on a formal letter which will include a list of questions relevant to NLC Planning. She has also contacted Greengairs Community Council on the matter.. Representative from SEPA expected at May meeting but still to be confirmed

#### Food bins for Lunch Club:

Tony Burns from the Waste Dept advised that main caretaker contact him on the matter, but temporary replacement caretakers unwilling to accept responsibility and main caretaker is off long term due to illness. MD advised Tony Burns to contact Jane McFarlane, Manager for Community Facilities in North Airdrie, on the matter. MD will report any progress on the matter.

#### Proposed CC Newsletter:

EG had costed this with VANL printing services. Costs very reasonable. MD felt this required a concerted effort from members and further discussion on allocated/designated tasks necessary before any submission to VANL for printing.

Complaints received from members re recurring non-attendance at meetings of newly elected members. MD to contact them to express members' displeasure.

**11. D.O.N.M:** 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016