



Cleland Community

Minutes from meeting 27th April

Chairperson: Robert Arnott

Vice Chair: John Daly

Secretary :Patrick Ferguson

Treasurer: Margo Young

Meeting cancelled to hold public meeting on Network rails intention to use Biggar Rd site.

The meeting was attended by John Pentland, Megan Gallacher, Clare Adamson, Councilors McKendric, Taggart, Shevlin, and Community council members. The meeting was chaired by Cllr Mckendrick.

Approximately 100 people attended this meeting. A very lively meeting followed, many questions were asked, many concerns raised far to many to list.

Concerns for possible job losses from local businesses with no local jobs being created. Many road traffic concerns were raised including 3 way traffic lights for three years. Other concerns were voiced such as noise and light pollution with the intention by network rail to work 24/7.

It was agreed a second public meeting should be held to allow Network rail to attend as they were not able to attend this meeting.

2nd Public meeting wed 4th May.

This meeting was attended by all the above plus MP Marion Fellows and Owen Campbell and his assistant from Network rail. As before about 100 people attended all the same concerns raised and questions asked. Owen Campbell of Network rail answered the questions but told us nothing new, then dropped a bombshell the Biggar Rd bridge will be closed to all traffic from sometime in June until possibly November.

He assured the meeting that all concerns raised would be passed on and reiterated that the final decision had still to be taken. Everyone at the meeting was asked to e-mail the transport minister and NLC planning and transport dept. Heads and Chief executive and anyone else they thought could be of assistance Cllr Mckendrick thanked everyone for attending and assured the fight would go on.

Next Community Council Meeting Wed 2^{5th} May.