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Minutes of Westfield Community Council
Wednesday 14th December 2016
Westfield Community Centre 7:30pm

SEDERUNT

A.Devlin (Chairperson); B.Lees (Treasurer); G.McDonald (Vice-chairperson); Cllr.
B.Chadha; Cllr. A.Masterton; P.C. McQuade, P.C. Doherty

APOLOGIES

K.Brennan; E.Hughes; R.Cadden; G.Cadden; R.Lees

MINUTES: November 2016

Proposed: B.Lees

Seconded: A.Devlin

MATTERS ARISING

CORRESPONDENCE

A.O.C.B.

1. **POLICE.** Police have visited St. Maurice's HS expressing concerns about the safety of pupils because of the new road safety measure on North Road. Head Teacher informed the Police that pupils were still crossing the road at various points and this was increasing drivers' frustration, coupled with the new road safety measure.
Various incidents were reported in the Westfield area, both the housing estate and the industrial estate. Youths were involved in several instances of drinking, public nuisance, a gang fight (3/12), and being drunk. There was a theft of a wheelie bin, and a playhouse, and a van was broken into and robbed. There were several incidents in the Deerdykes area of the industrial estate, including a robbery, a house breaking with intent. Travellers have proven to be a nuisance in the Grayshill Road area.
Questions were also raised about logs for 101 calls. There is concern that not all calls to 101 are logged correctly.
2. **SPEEDING.** Speeding remains a persistent problem in and around Westfield. Police Scotland have no unmarked vehicles in the county. The design of Westfield Drive makes speed enforcement by camera difficult.
3. **LITTER.** Fly-tipping remains a problem though NLC do respond speedily to requests to clear mess. The problem seems to have lessened in recent weeks. Littering around the shop has improved at the weekends.
4. **COUNCIL LETS.** The Cumbernauld church of Christ intends to help the community of Carbrain to pursue to access to the local schools for public clubs, events, etc. The community has no access to any community facility that can adequately serve the needs of all residents and the schools can facilitate this. Culture NL may be persuaded to may schools available when there are no community centres in the estate, e.g. North/South Carbrain.
5. **ROADS.** Tomtain Court crossing barrier on Westfield Drive has been restored. Thanks were expressed for the help from Cllr. Masteron, Cllr. Chadha, and Cllr. McCulloch with this matter. [Remove from agenda.]
The safety barrier at the crossing point on Inchwood Road between Inchwood Place and Craigside Court was removed without any consultation.
6. **SCHOOLS.** Patrol lights on Westfield Drive for Westfield Primary School are not working properly.
Speed limit warnings for St. Maurice's not properly synchronised for school hours (opening/breaks/closing).
Westfield Community Council remains concerned that new speed-reducing/traffic-control measure on North Road at St. Maurice's is dangerous, isn't helping with parking at school/bus stop, has increased frustration and congestion, and that overall pedestrian is compromised. Cllr. McCulloch expresses his concern that the new road restriction has made North Road more dangerous for pedestrians

and drivers.

Westfield Community Council will ask Roads Department to reassess safety of new road restriction and work closely with St. Maurice's to monitor this. Cllr. Masterton will make further enquiries.

7. **BACK O' HILL ROUNDABOUT.** G.McDonald expresses concern that poor lane discipline on the roundabout approaching from Craiglinn is dangerous and the lack of lane lines on the roundabout could result in drivers with poor lane discipline either causing or being involved in a crash as they encroach on other vehicles.

B.Lees will contact Roads Department to raise the issue.

Cllr. Masterton says a local roads inspector plans on visiting the site to assess the problem.

8. **PARKING.** Cars are parking on the grass between Mossywood Court and Westfield Drive. This creates a safety concern for cars on Westfield Drive when vehicles parked on the grass rejoin the road. This is further affected by a skip on the grass bank. Furthermore, the landscaping is being damaged by vehicles using the grass area for parking.

G.McDonald asks councillors for help on expanding parking spaces around Woodhead Court and Woodhead Road and will write to Martin Dickson and the councillors with further information.

9. **PUBLIC TRANSPORT.** There is a significant awkwardness in leaving Westfield by bus to anywhere other than Glasgow. The local McGill's bus arrives at Cumbernauld train station several minutes after the train leaves for Coatbridge/ Motherwell. There are no buses from Cumbernauld to Coatbridge, Motherwell, or Wishaw. While the train can get people to the other major towns in North Lanarkshire, the lack of a bus to arrive on time at the train station is a nuisance.

10. **SECRETARY.** Best wishes and thanks were expressed for Rose Cadden as she continues her recovery from surgery.