



Craigneuk Community Council

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Community Council Meeting: 15th May 2017

Date: Jim Foley Community Centre 7PM

| | Members: | Present | Apologies |
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| Chair Person | Margaret Carlin | ✓ | |
| Vice Chair | Neil Murray | ✓ | |
| Treasurer | Elizabeth Young | ✓ | |
| Secretary | Margaret Ann Murray | ✓ | |

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| Clr Alan Valentine (SNP) | | ✓ | |
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| Clr Kenneth Duffy (Lab) | | | |
| Clr Nathan Wilson (Cons) | | | |

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| Pauline Boyle | | | |
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| Ann Murray | | ✓ | |
| Liz Nolan | | ✓ | |
| John Quinn | | | ✓ |
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| Dan Scott | Socialtrack/CASK | | |
| Michele Battersby | NLC Regeneration Manager | | |
| Andrew Rose | Scheme of Community Councils | | |
| Alex Pflu | Police Scotland | | |
| Michael Temlett | Wishaw Press | | |
| Jamie Reilly | Scottish Fire & Rescue | | |
| Brian Hughes | Scottish Fire & Rescue | | |
| Jim Maxwell | Craigneuk & Belhaven Church | | |
| Helen Hope | New Connections | | |

Cheryl Bell, Ellen Bell, Nicola Bell, Elizabeth Gilmour, Helen Gilmour, Lisa Gray, Charlene Glancy, Louise Healy, Marie Gary, Clare McCann, Faith Quither, Alexander Quither, Catherine Quither, Marie McEwan.

Business of minutes.

The minutes from the previous meeting were passed by:

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| Mary Rattray Elizabeth Young |
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| Chair MC | Welcome/Apologies/Matters arising/Pass minutes | Apologies John Quinn |
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| Clr report | <p>AV: Apologies from Agnes. Hopefully other Cllrs will get involved. We don't do party politics in Craigneuk. We work together for the community. The general rule of thumb is Craigneuk is above party politics and the people in Craigneuk deserve better than that. We will work together and the others will get involved too. Some issues: still really annoyed the Council are not putting pressure on the owner of the Flaxmill building. I have emailed again to do something about it. Unacceptable the owner will do nothing about it. It is a safety hazard especially to the neighbour. Glasgow Road: after the first rain, quite often we get puddles at the retail park. Trying to get something done and congratulations to the man who goes out and brushes it up. (George). In Ayrshire, a woman stood who was a litter picker: she does it that well she got elected onto the council. Maybe speak to George and see if he wants to stand. Your committee prompts us. If they require assistance they will ask. What I did enjoy was the walkabouts. Not available during the day but can do the evenings. Anything else I am happy to work with the committee.</p> | Request update regarding Flaxmill, ponding Glasgow Road and arrange a walkabout |
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| Fire report | JR: Thank you Michele and Gary. From last year to this year decrease in deliberate fires and decrease in road traffic collisions; secondary fires a decrease, right down to 33% in Craigneuk area; takes in some parts of Wishaw aswell. Most part helped with groups with walkabouts and also with the crews, going round chapping doors and giving advice. CCC help fire service to be proactive and help reduce these targets aswell. Brings the area up. False alarms decrease. Walk rounds we will get involved anytime. Long may it continue. | |
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| Police | AP: Looking at the figures for the last month: 38 offences reported in that time. Vast majority: 7 for possessions of drugs: 3 for Street drinking: 5 for Breach of the peace. The last time big problem: bin theft 3 in last month; 1 house break-in and 4 vandalism. Previous months figures: spike in vandalism. People having their windows smashed. Hopefully you see an increase in Police presence. Good weather brings increase in disorder. Figures going the right way. Police slightly changed operation model. We have started a local problem solving team. Alex and an number of cops. Previously community police were used for answering calls, aswell as dealing with community issues. That wasn't working as well as we liked. So we have decided on a smaller focus group dealing with community issues. | |
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| Mike Batley Wishawhill Wood | Want to focus on the Wishawhill wood through the railway bridge at Glencairn Aven and in respect we are in support of the pump track. The contract we procured through a new system that the council have to use, actually made things rather slow. There's been a communication with Network Rail where an agreement for contractors and materials to get to the site, need to have physical access. They have to protect the railway line. Things to be put in place first. The contractors working on the sites: both the pump track and the school site, that's breaking up the hard ground, contractors have been appointed and working on the details, for the track itself and the design for both sites. The track itself is being designed by as good a designer in the whole world, these guys are at the very top of their profession, from all around the world. The lighting, was felt from earlier on safety was a big issue, don't want it to be a dead zone at night. Michelle encouraged for the lighting and CCTV. This should allow the track to be ridden at night aswell. Ppl should be able to use the site. NWR will make sure the lighting will not affect their drivers. Council working on details, we expect the programme agreement to be sorted in the next 4-6 weeks. The formal construction to start around end of June beginning July. A 6 week programme from their. Expect to start end June. From then we expect 6 weeks later, we can promote, open, get going. NM. Only worry is security at that end. MB: That's a good point. Out of sight, out of mind. There is lighting and CCTV that should improve security. Pattern of use. A positive way of using the track. It's a huge asset to be proud off. | |
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| Dan Scott Pump Track | Myself and Neil have been working on Socialtrak which is a social enterprise. Sad to see Craig Miler local bike guy has shut up shop. Provides an opportunity for us to step in there. We have been talking to Glencassells about moving in there. Has to go through the board. The tracks going to be there, don't want it built then forgotten. Being part of Glencassells is getting a program and getting kids out there riding bikes. Glencassells age tops off about 12. 12+ need to get kids something to do. Wishaw mountain biking has been meeting at the Vennie on a Tuesday, 6 young lads on bikes. Young lads: these were the ones that people are concerned about. These are the kids we want using this park. The ppl building this are top class. Ppl will travel to get to this park. One in Edinburgh. Inverness Skate park. Both outstanding. Mix of kids all age groups, on scooters, skateboards, BMX's, mountain bikes. Socialtrak want to get programmes running and also get grants for funding to get some equipment to hire. Already donated bikes from Craig Buchanan Wishaw Police and Scott Baird working with us and keen to help with the security side. Keen to come out on Wishaw mountain bike rides because some local landlords don't know the local trespass laws in Scotland. Want to be in the community and see it running a long time. Want to help with repair's and teach ppl how to ride bikes, also skateboards and scooters etc. Any questions? HP: Is it for specialised bike or for everyone? DS: It's for everybody and as I said you can use a scooter on it. HP: The bikes seemed very expensive! DS: Yes. Bikes can be expensive. Looking at getting some good hire bikes as there is an element of safety. Any kids on bikes can use it. We need to look at safety for the bikes and helmets. Some bikes cost the same as a game console. £350-£450 for a good BMX. A lot of money but anything less than that is a waste of money. HP: Other areas has social enterprises with reconditioned bikes. DS: We've got both. Separated the good from bad. 14 children's bikes. Did Berryhill get their bikes? MR: NO. DS: Maybe see about Berryhill getting some of the 14 bikes. If there is a connect with PTA. Trying to get money for 40 bikes and helmets. Free to hire to local kids. If there is a charge it would be £1.00. Glencassells may sell rolls and sausage and | |
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| | MM: Update on costing and progress of the "Light up Craigneuk Campaign". £200 setup per lamp-post. Cost of each light £150-£1100 approx. each; AMEY to erect and store £67+. Initial costs high. Then each year approx. £4000. Big Lotto Funding application sent. Letters to businesses and update on bingo night. NB: Objects to the money being raised for the lights. We should give them half the money to do something for the kids that are causing problems in society. MM: If ppl do not want to donate to the fund, they are not being forced to contribute. NM: The kids get nothing here. They will love it. A wee thing in the hall and a Santa. Give the kids something for Christmas. Light the tree up to start the event. You will never please everyone. MC: A lot of things we do is personal and can not be discussed. MC: Spoke to Gordon Irving today. He is the person we liaise with regarding the lights. They are made in Spain and France. We need at least 10 | |

| Christmas lights | <p>weeks to order. Once we have picked the design, what we want, how many etc., he will liaise with the companies. There is a possibility we may not raise the £40,000, We need at least 10 weeks. There is a big meeting with the Councillors on Thursday, so things are on hold at the moment. We will have a community meeting where you can come and pic the lights. Tenant: Can the lights not be bought in the UK? MC: No they are sourced overseas. Gordon is the man who deals with the lights. Tenant: See if you don't raise the £40,000 will there be no lights go up? MC: It depends on how much we raise. There is a possibility we won't get 40 lights but we will get as many as we can with the funds. AM: Spread them out. NM: Once you get these lights, they are yours. MC: Yes they are ours and the £40,000 is the initial cost not every year. They have to wire up the lamp post etc. and that's costly. Each year after that it is the storage you pay for. Amey will erect them and store them. Am: I think with the School closing and the library its to give Craigneuk a bit of a cheer. That we are still alive and not dead. That's what the idea is. NM: The Cllr said last year anything came up at the Civic, cut this out cut that out, Craigneuk shut their library, Craigneuk shut their Schools. Always seems too be us. MC: We are also going ot run an information day and a summer fayre. Liaising with NHS for that. We will have people from the CAB office, Benefits, routes to work, all different organisations will come on the day. Regarding benefits and your rights, they will be there to help you. NM: e.g. was the Warm Homes discount that no one knew about. We told people its £140. MC: Also found out you can apply for free white goods. AM: phone your energy supplier and ask if you are eligible.</p> | |
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| AOCCB | <p>MC: Going onto AOCCB: Marie and Sandie are here as they have something to say regarding a premises. MMcE: on behalf of her sister from Glasgow Road, received a letter regarding a fast-food outlet on Glasgow Road. Straight across the road at the former Fireside Shop. Last thing Craigneuk needs is a fast-food outlet. There are many worries like the traffic situation; ppl will not use the carpark and park in the main street, consume and discard, opening hours 7am-9pm 6 days Sun 9am-9pm. Already on busy main road. Litter, noise traffic, not an asset. MC: Did you receive a letter. CCC have objected. KQ: I did not receive a letter. AV: Do you have the letter? MMcE: Letter dated 28th April. AV: Have the planning app number. MMcE: Speaking on Sisters behalf. MC: 12 food places in Craigneuk. It is to be a hot food place. MC: AV will you look into this? Your first job. LN: Handed in a letter. MB: Couple of things on behalf of the council. At previous AFC meeting issues were raised Meadowhead Road, and the opening up of Meadowhead Road, at the meetings it was agreed that would be a good idea. Reduce traffic on main road. A prohibition of entry order which takes a while to uplift. Planning app expected mid June from Keepmoat. No idea of what it contains. Are we still interested in getting the road opened up? (Picture to see where it is). Is it generally what you think? Yes by all. Bring back to the council to make sure we are behind that. Housing will probably want a roundabout. LAP meeting to tie down money for hasps and padlocks for sheds. Door alarms. Bike chains. All ordered. Tomorrow deliveries should be in. Do you want for the bingo night? Free to community for community safety. Money to paint one of the bridges in Craigneuk. Muir Street has just been painted. Could do similar in Craigneuk. People have started throwing bikes on the lines at the Wishawhill bridge. Something to improve the image. Based on different sporting images. Community to decide what they want for their bridge. It's a blank canvas. £5000 guaranteed payment. MO'B: Back to Meadowhead road big safety concern. Meadowhead and Glenclelland used as a short cut. MB: Speed was an issued raised by your colleagues. We will look at that as a design. Can be lifted. What bridge do you think? DH: How much do you think railway bridge would cost, if we came to a decision for Wishawhill? MB: What bridge would you like to improve? All agree the White Bridge. Ask Cllr Valentine to seek some funding for other bridge. NM: Three accidents at the fence at the bottom of Meadowhead Road. Ppl who don't know the road flying down it. AV: Fence damaged on Meadowhead Rd. Keepmoat looking to build houses had a open day in here. It's in their best interest for traffic calming. Easier for buses can get onto the roundabout. Waiting for a while to get onto the main street. That was one of the reason we discussed it with CCC aswell. Keepmoat have two entrances to their estate. Hoping traffic calming as part of the planning. MB: Like to say thank you genuinely been a pleasure working in Craigneuk with the consultation and chapping the doors. Wishing you all the best for the future. HP: Just to say the kids have been painting this representation about the good things about Craigneuk. These boards can be worked on and added too. Any one doing anything in Craigneuk the boards are yours to use.</p> | |
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| Close the meeting | MC: would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for coming. Closes meeting at 08:55 | |

Date of next meeting: 24th July 2017 7PM
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| Chair starts AGM meeting | Welcome/Introductions/ Apologies/Matters arising/Pass minutes | Apologies from John Quinn |

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| Chair MC | MC: Matters from the year. Homes for heroes is now finished and occupied. Disappointed we didn't get to view as we were involved in first cut. Closure of Library; we tried but wasn't good enough. We have lost a valuable resource for Craigneuk. Next the War Memorial; as Jean was part and parcel for this group. War memorial fell away. We approached various organisation that said not really interested. We are still in contact with Jean and we are awaiting her reply. Ongoing issue. we had a problem with kids hanging around shops at Hillcrest Ave. Sgt Gray addressed that issue and it was dealt with very quickly. We still keep up the walkabouts. Found alot of overflowing bins with wrong material and contacted for special lift. Ppl should be getting lettered for this. Loss of Gary O'Rorke big shoes to fill. looking for elected members to continue the work and support. Michelle Batersby who has been an immense help to us. Thank Cllrs, Police, Fire Service and Michelle, everyone for help and support in the past year. | Speak to Jean regards War Memorial. |
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| Secretary MM | <p>It's been a very quick year. Sadly, seeing the closure of our beloved Library and the Action for Craigneuk, after a decline in attendance, we decided to keep the projects going. We are working with Craigneuk Amateur Football Club regarding the Humph (Stalker Street Project); Mike Batley Wishawhill Wood Project; Dan and Neil regarding the Pump Track. We have attended MLAP Meetings - with other groups and services - involved in discussions and receiving extra funding for Craigneuk. We will be meeting an artist who will be painting a mural on the bridge to try and brighten it up.</p> <p>Sadly, due to loss of members, the War Memorial Group was looking for new members and sadly no one was interested. The CCC have put forward a plan and are awaiting word from Jean. This group also deal with the Christmas Tree. That brings us to the "Light up Craigneuk" project. The group has been working tirelessly for the past few months on a schedule of events to raise money for the lights, which will be at a cost of about £40,000 incl: a Christmas concert and Fayre for the community. Members met with Gordon Irving; they will update you at the meeting. It will be up to the group and community to raise the money. Our smaller businesses have been very generous in providing us with beautiful gifts for the bingo. We have impromptu walkabouts to see what issues we can pick up on when the streets are a bit quieter, sometimes it is easier at night. We have seen a rise in community members approaching us with issues. We have supported them with issues regarding lighting, repairs, extra parking spaces, empty properties, gardens, fly tipping, domestic waste dumping and a variety of different housing issues.</p> <p>We have sadly lost Gary O'Rorke who helped us tirelessly in every issue brought to us by tenants. He will be very sadly missed and the new councillors have VERY big shoes to fill!</p> <p>I would like to thank members of the CCC for their hard work. We have a great family in this group. So, thank you to you all and to the Councillors, sadly not all here tonight, in supporting this group and the community, and hope that it continues for the next year. Thanks also goes out to the services who support us and our community especially Michele Batersby in supporting us and also the AFC Group and we wish you a very long, happy and stress free retirement. And a thanks to WP Michael and Ross for giving us some positive press and hoping that continues over the next couple of month with our "Light up</p> | |
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| Financial report | EY: Grant £584; brought balance to: £587.59. Petty cash is £69.87. Balance as stands now is £657.46. | |
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| Andrew Rose Community Councils | Just falls to me to ask the council if you are willing to continue as office bearers for the next 12 months? All attending agreed that they would. AR: Office bearers will carry on their positions for the next 12 months. | |
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| AOCCB | NM: would like to congratulate Alan for getting re-elected onto the council. Alan was on the same line of thought as Gary was regarding Craigneuk and the School etc. AV: Obviously after the elections: ppl made their decisions. I can assure you, you will get my support as I have done in the past. Agnes Magowan has a previous long standing engagement. She is disappointed she couldn't make the meeting but I can assure you she will be along, We will continue to work with CCC with the walkabout. I get the emails from the members pestering the council to get different things done. I don't need to put my tuppence in sometimes as you have a very persuasive Chair and Secretary, as Michele will verify. As and when required I can assure you I will be there. JR: I would like to thank Gary and Michele too. They have been very helpful also Alan. And I hope that it continues where we have been going with the group. We will continue with the walkabout too. | |
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| Meeting closed | Chair closes the Agm at 7:25pm | |

Date of next meeting: 2018 7PM
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