

Real time apps will be provided first in the city and larger towns. It will be a considerable length of time before this is available in smaller towns and semi-rural neighbouring villages.

Much has been done to update their fleet with newer buses. 15 of the 53 newer buses are in service on the 212 route through Plains. Some buses are still older and shabbier but this is an area of profit investment the company will continue to address. The cost per annum of running a bus was £150k, and since most off peak services were non profitable, the profits made from peak time services had to be used to offset losses.

Additional buses late evening would only be considered if demand grew, and this was unlikely given the late evening passenger figures. Also, the late evening 312 service is already subsidised by SPT which does not have the funds for any additional subsidisation.

The problems facing McGills were problems facing all bus companies, but McGills were outperforming most of the other companies, and would continue to make every effort to address and improve the service. He reinforced his willingness to respond to any further complaints from the council, on behalf of villagers.

Members accepted ND's report as an honest update of the problems the company is facing has made, and its commitments to build on the improvements in service already made. PCC will continue to monitor the service.

MD, on behalf of members, thanked ND and GM for their voluntary attendance at the meeting.

6. NLC Report by Cllr. Morgan.

Housing development:

NLC had refused permission for the purchase of land to the east of the village for housing development. Refusal was on the grounds that land was unsuitable for such development in terms of Placemaking, Economic and Environmental factors. This can be appealed to a Government Reporter. If this is the case NLC will pass on its objections to the Reporter, but ultimately the Reporter's decision is binding on the council.

Application had been submitted for housing development on land adjacent to St Philip's. Members agreed with Cllr. Morgan that this was a positive development given the present unsightly nature of the site.

Cllr Morgan emphasised that NLC does not, unlike big private developers, have the money to purchase land for housing development.

Members also agreed that the application for housing development at Airdriehill by Hallam Land Management was also a positive development with the provision of pavement areas to lessen the danger of injury to walkers and provide much needed housing.

Cllr Morgan to seek clarification from Martin Dickson as to when structural work to start on Arden St.

Cllr Morgan stressed that he makes every effort to allocate his allotted Community Grant allowance fairly among Clarkson, Plains and Caldercruix community groups. His allowance was cut last year from £3500 to £2700, and he expected a further cut in the new financial year.

In response to members' complaints, Cllr. Morgan to contact the necessary NLC Departments regarding:

Overhanging foliage on the new golf course road and on the back road between Meadowhead Rd and Arbuckle Rd. He will also look into lack of road signage/road name of new road to golf course.

Spillage onto road/pavements of stone/gravel from lorries from Caldercruix Quarry at east end of the village

Issues raised by members:

IR complained that speeding still as bad on Main St and flashing speed limit signs still being ignored especially by heavy goods lorries. Cllr. Morgan advised that this was strictly a police matter.

IR further complained that lorries were travelling through the village as early as 6am to await the opening of the quarry at 8am. Suggestion made that CC send a letter of complaint to Tarmac To be further discussed.

Macrocom Application (Director of company is Ronnie Bartlett:

Application is for an amendment to the existing planning permission for a change to the archaeology and finished materials for the Greenhills energy from waste incinerator. Bartlett to use this energy for its new factory/associated developments.

Main concern of members is the length of time that has expired since Amey Cespa was granted planning permission with no sign of any progress being made, amid reports of substantial construction problems. Neighbouring communities which made strong objection to this development have been left in limbo regarding this development. MD to make enquiries regarding the present situation.

7. Treasurers Report: Not available

8. Correspondence: Dealt with in NLC report above.

9. A.O.C.B:

Station for Plains:

Re CC article in objection to Government's rejection of pursuing the provision of a station for Plains in favour of improved bus services. Article to be published in Advertiser this week, four weeks after submission, following complaint from MD to reporters about non-publication. Article also placed on Face Book pages of Plains Community Council, Beverley Park Residents Association and Community Futures. MD to leave additional copies in local shops and chemist's.

Clean up adjacent to Smartways on Main Street and Jarvie Ave:

MD had contacted John Whittaker who confirmed that the Cleansing Dept. would provide gloves, litter pickers, bags and transport to remove the collected litter. Cllr. Morgan said there had to be professional NL supervision of this to comply with Health and Safety Regulations to prevent contact with possible dangerous content of litter e.g. discarded injection needles. Members in full agreement with this. Cllr. Morgan to contact John Whittaker again on this matter.

Proposed Meeting on Fracking 9th May:

Agreed that CC meeting time in May should be dedicated to this important issue. Meeting to be facilitated on behalf of CC by the Community Chartering Network. MD expressed her concern about one of the handouts which required attendees to list present village 'generic assets'. MD had informed representative of the facilitating team, that given the long term negative response on a national and regional planning policy level to both objections to, and support for developments when they did not accord with national/regional policy, residents felt they had no remaining generic assets, nor any near future aspirations of the village acquiring assets. MD to discuss this part of the presentation with representative.

Government Consultation on community involvement in the planning system:

Reason behind this consultation was the Govt's concern regarding the lack of involvement of communities, particularly community councils, in planning applications. Members agreed that MD should respond to the consultation, but agreed, given planning policy comments already made, that response should strongly reflect this as the main reason as to why communities and community councils feel disempowered to the extent that they view any proposed engagement in planning is nothing more than lip service.

10. D.O.N.M. June 13th 2017

MD thanked all for their attendance and closed meeting.