

**Plains Community Council  
Business Meeting June 13th 2017 at 7 pm  
In Plains Community Centre**



Present: Mary Doris (MD), Jim Walker (JW), Elaine Tennent (ET), Jan Stewart (JS), Andy Stewart (AS), Patrick Lavelle (PL), Eileen Grier (EG), Anne Patricia Kane (APK), Catherine Doris (CD),

Attending: John Grant (resident), newly elected Councillor Davie Cullen

**1. Apologies:** Councillors Morgan and Beveridge, Irene Reid, Harry Wilson

**2. Previous Minutes:** Approved AS Seconded APK

**3. Matters Arising:** None

**4. Police Report: April – June 2017**

NB: These are figures for a **two month period** and not the usual monthly report of crime figures, hence the much higher than normal number of crimes reported.

**Thefts:**

Security cameras removed from dwelling at Beescraig Way – enquiry ongoing. Tools stolen from vehicle overnight at Dalcross Way – enquiry ongoing. Bank card with pin stolen from Millhall Court with money withdrawn – enquiry ongoing. Forced entry to garage at Ballochney Drive to steal trail bikes – enquiry ongoing.

**Road Traffic Offences:**

Jarvie Ave – detection of person driving without licence and insurance and without permission of owner. Dalcross Way – person reported for careless driving. Springbank View – person stopped and reported, no vehicle insurance. Ballochney Road – person reported for no road tax. Killearn Crescent – person traced driving with no licence and insurance. Bruce St – person reported driving with no insurance and road tax. Affric Ave – person arrested for drink driving. Main St - offending vehicle failed to stop after a road crash and not identified.

**Vandalism:**

Kintyre Crescent - brick thrown at living room window – no suspects identified. Aberfeldy Ave – window smashed – no suspects identified. Jarvie Ave – vehicle wing mirrors/window damaged overnight – no suspects traced. Orchil Dr – vehicle tyres slashed and bonnet scratched – no suspects identified. Affric Ave – vehicle tyres slashed – no suspects identified. Beescraig Way – living room and car window smashed with bricks – enquiry ongoing.

**Disorder:**

Meadowhead Road – arrest for verbal abuse. Wallace St – person arrested for spray painting a vehicle and threatening residents with a knife. Brownieside Place – Vehicle attended with persons within reported with weapons. A disturbance ensued. Persons detected and arrested. Wallace St – person arrested for causing a disturbance in possession of a knife and resisting arrest. Jarvie Ave – person detected for causing a disturbance in a dwelling and smashing items within. Affric Ave – person causing a disturbance with banging on a door = person interviewed and released pending enquiries. Day to Day Store – person under the influence causing a disturbance detected. Affric Ave – person detected shouting and swearing at police.

**Violence:**

Orchil Drive and Killearn Crescent – Assault and robbery. Persons forced entry to properties carrying weapons – vehicle stolen. Three persons detected. Affric Ave – person assaulted with a wooden plank – assailant traced and charged. Wallace St – person bitten to the ear – assailant traced and arrested. Northburn St – intoxicated person stuck on the head – enquiries ongoing.

Drugs: 5 offences, one in each of Meadowhead Rd, Almondbank, Ballochney Rd, Main St, and Stamac Lane. In each case a person was found in possession of a small quantity of controlled drugs.

Other:

Woods near Ballochney Rd. – Report of a dog not controlled attacking another dog and its owner – no suspect identified. Affric Ave: person detected failing to provide name and address to Police.

#### **5. NLC Report:**

Cllr Cullen reported that overgrown vegetation on Airdrie Hill Road had been cleared and Main St had been cleared of debris from passing lorries from Tillicoultry Quarries.

Planning:

Members expressed concern over Network Rails' planning permissions to sell land for housing development at three line side locations essential for the possible future development of a station in Plains. Councillor Morgan had also expressed his intention to write to the Planning Department regarding this concern.

Greenhills Incinerator:

Members also concerned re recent application from Macrocom Ltd (Director is Ronnie Bartlett) seeking amendment to planning permission to modify the archaeology and finished materials of the facility, along with a year's extension to the start of construction. The date outlined for the start of construction of this facility was May 2017. Both members and the community in general are utterly confused as to what is going on regarding any progress in this development, initially granted planning permission in May 2009. MD to seek information from NLC Planning Department.

#### **6. Treasurers Report:**

Bank balance of £2886.55 (£500 ring fenced). MD suggested that this long standing ring fenced amount needed to be addressed. She had made previous unsuccessful efforts to find out the source of this money from Corporate Services. MD to contact Corporate Services on this matter.

Members also agreed on more spending of available cash balance in the interest of promoting the CC to the community.

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

Members agreed that CC should continue to monitor and pursue the following matters/issues in the next session:

Monitoring of McGills Bus service. CC has received no further complaints which indicates a considerable improvement in services. CC also aware of, and sympathetic to the company's difficulties in maintaining normal services in off peak services when buses are empty/almost empty of passengers.

Clean up projects to address litter/dumping hot spots in the village. CC agreed that given the very poor response from villagers to help in these projects. Groups of volunteer residents wishing to clean up other hot spots can approach CC to actively support any such clean up and liaise with NLC Cleansing for support. Residents to be informed of this via CC Face Book page.

Speeding locations in the village: Meadowhead Road, Airdrie Hill Road, Arbuckle Road and Main St.

Members agreed that we have to persevere to obtain satisfactory solutions to these long term problems.

New Monklands Hospital: CC to continue to closely monitor this promised development.

Fracking Meeting:

Despite poor attendance/support from villagers, all agreed that this was a good constructive meeting. MD to submit CC's response to the Government Consultation on behalf of other members and the community of Plains.

#### **8. D.O.N.M: September 12<sup>th</sup> 2017**