

strategies to combat the anti social use of quad bikes, with the provision of CCTV being one of the main strategies.

5. NLC Report:

No formal report in the absence of Councillors Morgan and Beveridge.

Other Related NLC Issues/Concerns:

New Waste Bin Collection Programme.

Several complaints were made about this:

Too many confusing rules relating to specific contents of different bins.

No compostable food bags available for brown bin depositing.

Brown bins would be largely empty during the long winter months when there was no garden waste.

Smaller green bins were too small to contain the variety/volume of waste to be put in them. Larger bins were available on request but there was a considerable backlog of requests.

JW stated this was poor planning, that all of this should have been organised/put in place before the start of the revised waste collection programme.

Cllr. Cullen advised that this had been a huge logistical task, and that problems were being addressed by NLC Waste. He was confident that matters would be resolved in the next few weeks. Compostable bags had been ordered and would be delivered in the near future.

Main Street Flats

MD had met with Jane McGahan, NLC Environmental Health Officer. The site was mysteriously looking the tidiest it had been for some considerable time. MD unsure if this was related to her email the week before to Future Property Auctions complaining about the site, or if it had been done in anticipation of the flats finally being sold at auction. Jane McGahan made the following comments:

The road between the flats and Smartways, including the flooded area towards the back at the fence area was a NLC road.

J Mc Gahan was doubtful as to whether the land on the Jarvie Ave side belonged to the same owner of the flats since it was fenced off from the flats. Members who were long term residents of Plains concurred with this. She felt this required further investigation

The water lying at both sides of the fence area was clear and so was not contaminated drain/sewage water associated with the flats, but she would request that it was tested again.

Given that the site was tidy – no litter, grass cut, no overflowing bins or dumped household contents, there was no cause for complaint on this account.

The matter was to be passed to another EHO for further investigation

The area behind the shop was again badly littered. Her intention was to speak to the shop manager before leaving.

To be further discussed in the presence of Cllr. Morgan who is familiar with the long term problem.

Broken glass from the bus shelter in front of the flats has been removed after a letter of complaint from Councillor Morgan. Glass not yet replaced.

Planning

Application by Macrocom Ltd (director Ronnie Bartlett) to modify conditions relating to the archaeology and finished materials of the Greenhills Energy from waste incinerator.

Members were confused as to the purpose of this application given that there was as yet no evidence of any start of construction even though planning permission had been granted in 2009. In response to an email by MD stating these concerns, Gordon Arthur, NLC Planning Officer (major developments) made the following response:

The application by Macrocom purports to follow the existing Amey Cespa Environmental Statement which may well have lost some of its relevance given the length of time which has elapsed since approval was given.

Macrocom now wishes to submit an 'environmental validity statement to supplement information already on record'. This will be considered and put to the Planning Sub Committee on 19th October 2017. Cllr. Cullen stated that Amey Cespa no longer have a sound business case to build the incinerator since Virador won the Glasgow and Clyde valley contract to recover waste from the landfill and recycle it at its own already existing recycling and incineration facilities. Given this, members remain confused as to the purpose of the Macrocom application. Situation to be monitored.

Network Rail - 3 Applications for Housing development on line side sites required for any possible construction of a station in Plains

MD had reminded councillors at the September Local Area Partnership meeting that NLC had committed to any future talks with Transport Scotland in relation to the future provision of a station for Plains and therefore any consideration of these applications was 'shutting the door' on any future possibility of a station. She was informed that this was only an outline application and taking it further would require a full Committee discussion. Members agreed that however tenuous the possibility of a station was, that some kind of closure on the matter was necessary before any such applications were accepted.

MD also expressed the following concerns at the same LAP meeting:

Transfer of the Mental Health Unit from Monklands to Wishaw:

Maggs Thomson, NHS Locality Service Manager gave the assurance that although staff at Monklands specialised in dementia cases, they were fully qualified to deal with people in crisis with other mental health problems coming to the unit at Monklands for help and diagnose their clinical needs whether it be transfer to hospital or referral to other mental health services.

Transfer of the Smoking Cessation Clinic from Monklands:

Cllr Cullen clarified that it was not a transfer but an extension of the service into an outreach programme, the reason being that the level of smoking related health problems throughout Airdrie and district was substantial. There would still be a clinic at Monklands.

6. Treasurers Report:

£2731.94 in account including £500 ring fenced amount. MD had received a call from Clare Louise McDonald, NLC Corporate Services asking for additional information about the ring fenced £500. She provided as much information as she could

Information obtained from members in order to access a Bank mandate form for change of signatories.

7. Correspondence: Dealt with in NLC items above

8. A.O.C.B:

Members expressed their pleasure in the Scottish Government's decision, following a national consultation in which CC participated, to extend indefinitely the existing moratorium on any such development. MD stated she would have preferred an outright ban but was however pleased with the decision.

Muirhall Energy Ltd:

Memorandum of acceptance of conditions of community benefits sent by Peter Marshall to MD for CC's consideration. MD had copied this to other members. If anyone had any objections against MD signing this on behalf of CC, they should contact MD within the following week.

Speeding on Meadowhead Road:

CC has been receiving complaints about this for over ten years. With increasing traffic, especially heavy goods traffic in the last year or two to avoid the traffic lights at Clarkson, and the largely failed efforts of NLC Roads Dept to address this effectively with the several speed calming measures put in place, the CC needs the concerted effort of affected residents to press for speed bumps on this Road e.g. individual letters from residents to the CC which could be grouped and passed to local councillors to put forward in support of the provision of speed bumps.

Cllr Cullen to look into this.

Speeding on Main St:

There was further discussion, in the presence of Cllr Cullen, of his suggestion that an increased speed limit to 40mph on the stretch of the A89 between Caldercruix and the bridge before entry to Main St Plains. A vote by members resulted in a slight majority against this suggestion.

Cllr Cullen stated he was to approach Caldercruix Community Council on this suggestion. MD stated that the situation in Caldercruix was not comparable since the main street there was removed from the A89 and not an integral part of it as was the case of Main Street in Plains where speeding was the real problem.

9. D.O.N.M: 14th November 2017

