

**Cumbernauld Village Community Council
Minutes September 14th 2017**

Present

Adam Irvine, Norman Egan, Jim McLean, Gillian Connolly, Elizabeth Sneddon, Ann McLeish, Brenda Morgan-Klein, Philip Morgan-Klein, Councillor Gillian Fannan

Apologies

Nancy McEwan, Pat Churches, Councillor Paddy Hogg

Police Report

There were no officers available and activity statistics had not been sent

Minutes and Matters Arising

Noted that the Ross Dunn visit to talk about the play park project is postponed as we have Gary from the children's care house tonight. Philip noted the need for us to establish a group to work on the play park project and people should think about friends and people they know. Councillor Fannan had inspected sites with NLC Officers. Jubilee Park is too waterlogged and it was agreed that Springfield Park would be the better site.

Elizabeth agreed to order a wreath for Remembrance Sunday through the church. Philip asked people to suggest nominations for someone to lay the wreath at our October meeting.

Residents' Concerns

The perennial problem of cars parking on double yellow lines at the Glasgow Rd/Main Street/Baronhill junction. There has been no news on traffic wardens.

A number of broken paths and drains were mentioned. Brenda asked for written details by email.

The Children's Care House

This was an opportunity to discuss relevant issues with the manager Gary Marshall. On the issue of calls to the police emanating from CCH, Gary said that he did not recognise the police statement at our August meeting that most of 72 calls were from the CCH. He thought there had been more like 30 calls to the police. These calls are not necessarily about criminality but may typically be about following missing persons procedures when someone is late returning home. Also he pointed out that some of the calls were about criminal elements in the community behaving suspiciously. There had been no emergency calls from CCH to the police in the last 3 weeks. Gary pointed out that one young person who had been disruptive had sadly been unable to settle and has moved on. Gary also said that youth misbehaviour incidents in the village had not increased overall since the opening of CCH.

One resident had asked questions about costs. Philip provided data which shows that North Lanarkshire outperforms other local authorities in Scotland on looked after children. NLC successfully supports children at home more often, all performance indicators are marked excellent/superior, NLC has the highest proportion of community placements and has the lowest costs. NLC does not send children outside of the local authority area and has been improving educational achievements of young people in care. Gary noted that most of the CCH residents go onto employment or Further Education.

There was a discussion of how children who refuse to come home may be managed in care and family settings where the law was clarified.

Gary emphasised that he would like people to get in touch if they have any concerns at all saying that it takes a village to raise a child. Philip thanked him for taking the time to come to Community Council.

Councillors Reports

Councillor Hogg is unwell.

Councillor Fannan

A written report was tabled.

There was a discussion of the bin changes which are designed to meet environmental targets. Very many concerns were raised. The lack of preparation by NLC was of real concern as well as the number of bins. Agreed that we would review how things have gone at the next meeting.

There was discussion of a possible play park project which would involve raising funds and working in partnership with NLC. There is a real chance of achieving a multi sports facility in Springfield but it will need a group of individuals willing to work on the project.

Noted that Our Lady's High School has a new safer drop off point.

Treasurer's Report

Bank £1710.25

Cash £27.67

Total £1737.92

Secretary's Report

A written report was tabled. Brenda apologised for the lack of circulation of papers. Computer failure and changing from PC to Apple systems to blame. Agreed to discuss low emission zones consultation in October/November

AOB

Norman pointed out some inadequacies of the induction loop system. The janitor does not charge it and Norman has to come early to do this himself. It then runs out of power within an hour. Brenda said she thought this contravened equalities legislation and agreed to take it up with NLC.

Next meeting

12th October 7.30pm in the Village Hall.