

Westerwood Community Council

Minutes

- Present: 9 Community Councillors, Cllr Alan Masterton, Cllr Tom Fisher, Sgt Steven Shanks, PC Alan Hendry

- Approximately 70 residents Westerwood Community

- Welcome

Tom Law welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Community Councillors.

- Police

Sgt Shanks advised that PC Hardeep Delai is the main community police officer for Ward 6. Local problem solving is the emphasis of the community team based at Cumbernauld and the intention is to start holding monthly community meetings in various locations. Sgt Shanks explained that the community police aim to have a 'less responsive, more liaison' approach.

During January there was 1 housebreaking incident and 1 incident at a private function within the hotel.

The email address for the community team is:

lanarkshire1pstcumbernauld@scotland.pnn.police.uk

- Q Hotels

Tom advised that Q Hotels have changed ownership to Aprirose, a London based property investment group and the running of the hotel is by RBH Hotels. A programme of upgrade and investment is underway within the hotel and leisure facilities and the eventual update for the Golf Course.

- Current Planning Applications

CALA currently have a planning application pending for 71 houses situated on a disused part of the golf course between King's and Queen's Drive. There were initially over 200 objections from the community and NL objected to the proposed access. CALA and submitting an amended plan which was originally due to be discussed at the January meeting

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of the Planning Committee. The application has been delayed and is slated to be discussed at the March meeting. There is also an issue with green space and it is understood the Woodland Trust have requested that no mature trees be removed.

OGILVIE have been rejected twice for the land between the entrances between King's and Queen's Drive. It is thought that they may be planning on going to the Scottish Office to appeal.

Q. A resident advised that they have a letter from NL confirming no further action can be taken on the part of Ogilvie.

WALKER - outline planning applied for 14.16 or 22 houses near the farm.

Bill Crossan address the group and asked for a show of hands vote for those for and against the current planning applications. A unanimous show of hands voted against the planning applications.

Tom Law advised that currently the 3 sites are designated 'amenity' under the current Local Development Plan(LDP), however, there is a hope that the new pending LDP will move these sites to Greenspace designation.

The Planning Democracy campaign was explained and postcards handed out for any residents wishing to fill in details and hand them in.

Q. A resident advised that she has received a planning notification for Ogilvie houses beside the 'old 1st hole' down beside Edenside.

Q. What are elected representatives intentions regarding the planning applications?

Alan Masterton explained the Planning Committee make up and also advised that he intends to object to the applications.

Tom Fisher advised that he is on the Planning Committee and advised everyone in the community to object to as many Councillors as possible.

Tony Williams advised that the Hotel currently has a notice in the foyer advising of Red Squirrels in the area. He will contact the Scottish Wildlife Trust and request a copy of their most recent wildlife survey for the Cumbernauld area.

Q. A Birkdale resident complained that they were not notified of the proposed CALA development just metres from their house.

Tom advised that now that we have reformed the Community Council, there is an obligation for us to be notified of all planning applications and the milestones attached.

Bill Crossan explained the types of groups applicable for planning objections.

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Bill Crossan opened the meeting to questions and issues concerning residents:

Planning

Health/education Provision

Croy Station Parking / Bus Link

Cumbernauld Infrastructure

Snow response

Broadband Speed

Sewage Systems

wildlife

Road Congestion

Tom and Bill thanked everyone for their attendance. The next public meeting is planned for Thursday the 8th March.