

Monkland Glen Community Council Minutes of Meeting on 26 April 2018

Robert McCombe took the chair.

Attendance: 10 residents were present. There were 2 apologies

Matters arising:-

1. Planning issues: Concern was expressed about 'Green Belt' being eaten up by volume housing by Barratt and Persimmon at Carnbroe – 400 houses Houghton at Sykeside 70 plus – these developments are not 'affordable' houses.

Beattie Media/Orchardbrae is trying to steal the 'Country Park' idea, but at the same time continue with 2,600 houses splitting the green belt into patches. This is 'ruse' is completely unacceptable.

Action was requested to oppose the Cogen EfW proposal at Carnbroe.

2. Tree Preservation Orders –TPOs - have been obtained by the Woodland Trust, SWAF and others to protect the woods and arboretum at Woodhall. These cover 31ha and have now been made permanent. Graham Simpson MSP has assisted greatly with this process.

3. Path Improvement – There is urgent need at the rear of Monks Road where portions of the path on the old Railway Line are often under water. Application for funding is in progress and a quotation has been obtained. The collapsing bank on west side of Monkland Glen worsens and the path is closed.

4. Tree issue at rear of Monks Road – the Taylor Wimpey negotiation continues and although repeated attempts have been made to satisfy TW with quotations, risk assessments, inspections and the like, there is no real progress to report at present.

5. Access issue: There is total opposition to this removal of barriers on the towpath along the Monkland Canal. These barriers prevent motorbike use and car access. (Residents recalled the removal of 32 burnt out cars from the canal) The answer is to make the historic railway line – the Monkland & Kirkintilloch Railway of 1826 – on the north side of the canal into a bridle path. This would also give access to the basin where the 'Vulcan' was built with scope for interpretation.

6. Brownsburn Community Park: Work is to be done on further enhancements but seats are a priority. Kirsty Mooney is the 'Green Space' officer now. A major problem is the failure to empty the litterbins, especially the one accessed from halfway along Ayr Drive. It is usually overflowing with poo (and stinking), being a health hazard. Repeated phone calls to Environmental Services have failed to see this bin put on the emptying rota on a regular basis. Some residents continue to use the park and Monkland Glen as dumping grounds.

7. Those residents who had assisted in distributing the notices calling this meeting were thanked for their help.

AOCB There will be a meeting in June and a Newsletter prepared for residents.

