



CRAIGNEUK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

EST: 2010

Jim Foley Community Centre

8th October 2018 7pm

Members

- Chair Person: Margaret Carlin Present
- Vice Chair: Neil Murray Present
- Treasurer: Elizabeth Young Apologies
- Secretary: Margaret Ann Murray Present
- Member: Mary Rattray Present
- Member: Ann Murray Present
- Member: Debbie Hendrie Apologies
- Member: Trudy (Lafferty) Grigor Apologies

Ex-officio Members

- Cllr Alan Valentine Apologies
- Cllr Agnes Magowan Apologies
- Cllr Nathan Wilson Present
- Cllr Kenneth Duffy Present

Invited Guests:

Diane Miller Routes to Work

Present:

- Dan Scott SocialTrack
- Susan Nicholson SocialTrack
- Des Donnelly Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- Rev: D. Pope Craigneuk & Belhaven Church
- Mick Batley CSGNT
- Diane Taylor Routes to Work
- Clare McCann Tenant

Business of minutes from previous meeting.

Passed by Mike Batley 2nd Dan Scott

1. Intro & apologies:

Welcome, introductions, apologies, minutes & matters arising. Can you please try and keep to your time and keep your questions until the end? Please switch phones off or put on silent. Thank you

Apologies given.

Peter McNally CL&D, Clare Adamson MSP, Jim Kennedy Keepmoat, Lizanne McMurrich Education, Elizabeth Young CCC, Trudy Grigor CCC & Debbie Hendry CCC

Objectives:

2. Cllrs reports

KD: Just two things: The toy giveaway: it is pretty clear there will be a toy giveaway in Craigneuk. Thanks to CCC for reaching out to Martine Nolan. You can imagine the demand for this is high. Although Craigneuk should have one, if Craigneuk has one somewhere else misses out, but we concentrate on Craigneuk. You have done really well to get that here. It won't be until the 3rd of December. The wreath for the service outside has been arranged. That's ticked off the to do list. NW: Infrastructure committee that me and Kenneth sit on, one of the things that was brought forward to the councillors was combined strategy for fly tipping, dog fouling and litter. So that's going to involve various promotional campaigns, various signage, various materials targeted at schools to try and create a greater education awareness why these issues shouldn't take place and the costs associated with them. There's a substantial financial expenditure and obviously in terms of staff time, they could be doing other things. This tends to take up a lot of staff time. Hopefully that will lead to an improvement in these various issues in the area.

Action

Promote Toy Giveaway when its confirmed

3. Fire report

DD: We will talk about not what has been but what's coming up as this is the busiest time for Scottish Fire and Rescue service and Police Scotland over the bonfire and fireworks period. The bonfire and firework period take's in the school holidays. It's just to highlight and remind ourselves there is a real demand and we only have the same amount of fire engines and it spikes this time of year. Just to remind everyone to be mindful and encourage people to go to organised events. Leading up to you find there is alot of fly tipping. Alot of fly tipping just to report that to the local authority. It's the time of year that things are gathered and set alight. While that solves one problem emptying closes and gardens it's not what we expected. This is part of the Civic Government Scotland Act and it's not allowed, it's against the law. So, if you see any areas of fly tipping or build-up for the potential for bonfires, report it. In terms of strategy there is alot of work going on to try and combat the problem around the bonfire period. We will be going out to visit 8 schools in the Motherwell and Wishaw areas. Previous years statistics where we know where we are looking to highlight. We know the areas we need to work on and the key age groups. P6 to S2 that is the target age groups to do some preventative work. We have a PowerPoint presentation and our crews will go out and they will speak to the kids. Again, there is two things there: it's breaking down the barrier and to get the message across about the dangers of the fireworks. Aerosol cans, deodorant cans right up to propane cylinders inside a bonfire explaining the dangers. We are pretty well planned for it with a fantastic website that gives loads of advice, downloadable leaflets and information leaflets powerpoints and video clips. Anyone responsible for schools or clubs can go on and have a look at that.

MC: Council workers were getting pelters for clearing it away. They were getting abuse. DD: They have to take it away. We are not trying to spoil it for the kids. It's the safety element and all the people round about it.

SG: From Ladywell CC Secretary. Since the park has had the fire in Strathclyde Park, I'm a resident, we have asked for the parking to be sorted. There are a lot of elderly people with no access to an ambulance. I've had 8 cars park in our access. It's been reported to Police and when we approached management of park they say the fire services gives it the ok. I am asking for some leeway with Council, Fire service and Police. It's time we had some support in the areas around Strathclyde Park. Wanted the councillors the Police and the Fire Service to take away from this that we are fed up with this issue. We are at the stage we could take legal action to stop it. We don't want to stop it. It's time they looked at outside the park and not just in, traffic measures. I've asked for support for these areas around the park. We are usually invited to the meeting about the park but this year we were not invited.

DD: Thanks for raising your concerns with me, you will be well aware, I am not the person to raise it with. Parking is a decriminalised issue that has now been passed along from Police Scotland it was never ours to NLC with the introduction of parking wardens. There are safety advisory groups who meet for big events like Strathclyde Park and Dalziel House, those types of events and each organisation has the opportunity to say their peace. So, it's just to clarify from yourself, you said you had asked for help from the Fire Service or are asking?

SG: No not from the Fire Service from Police Scotland and the Council.

NW: My Colleague was one of the councillors for your area. She has been working on the parking issues. I understand there will be a parking permit scheme in place to try and address some of those issues.

SG: We asked for the same as Hampden no parking except residents. If an older person became ill, the ambulance service could not get access to the area.

SR: I was involved in an incident trying to get an ambulance through when I worked with a care company, he is absolutely right and it is beyond what you even imagine.

KD: Stuart is bang on. it is a historical issue. I have friends in Greenacres who have reported similar things. At the last full council meeting it was agreed that officers would go away and look at a feasible residential parking permit. the officers will come back to a future infrastructure committee with a paper. Both myself and Cllr Wilson both sit on that committee. And hopefully we can start to see something resolved. It is an issue that has been happening for a long time, so hopefully we will see something resolved.

MB: Something that came up at the last meeting, Paul was saying how much of a difference the Pumptrack has made in terms of the number of incidents. One of the stats that my organisation would like to collect to pass to the Scottish Government is to demonstrate the value of the projects like this is savings, actual financial costs. So, the question is, is there any means that you have or someone we could contact directly to see how much compared with the situation last year, what's the financial savings? They would be very powerful statistics to use. DD: Yes. Firstly apologies. You have emailed me and I haven't gotten back to you. If it was an unwanted fire alarm signal it would be £1870: Secondary fire we use around about bin fires I haven't been able to get a figure on that yet. I would be able to pull a figure but not in terms of sharing full figures. Paul reported in August there was a marked reduction like for like in the same quarter as last year. Another 2 months of that quarter we have incidents. I can have a look at that. I am aware of the requested.

ACTION

Share bonfire awareness material on FB.

4. Police Report

No report available

Action

5. Wishawhill Wood, H&WB Event, Pumptrack & Club365

MB: Not saying much more about Wishawhill Wood to what was in the last minutes. We are continuing to speak to NLC and Sustrams to sort out one or two design issues with the new site link between the Pumptrack and Main Street Wishaw. Once it's all agreed, I will come back to the meeting with full details. What I did want to mention is the Night after the next CCC meeting, the CSGNT is hosting a parliamentary event down at the parliament, Alex Neil is our sponsor for that event. It is principally about getting the message out about CSGNT. It's got a very high profile in particular it's important to highlight projects we think that make a real difference to communities and what

facilities are available in the area. On that basis the Pumptrack is going to be one of the projects that will be promoted at that event. So Craigneuk will have a profile on the 4th December. Dan is going to come down with a couple of the kids from the track and be able to talk to MSP and so on. Neil is getting as many MSP's there as possible to raise the profile of some of the positive things happening here. DS: Just had another Successful September weekend Club365 session. And we also had our Health and Wellbeing event which was a bit wet but still had a bunch of people there and it was great for networking even though numbers were low there was alot of good stuff happened. DW: I signed up a guy for his CSCS card DS: Some of the older regulars there turning up showing their commitment. Couple things, 24th November we are having an event in partnership with Scottish Cycle as part of the winter series of events. So, we plan on working with active schools for all the schools in the area so we will be covering Motherwell and Wishaw. We are running on the theme of something like the Craigneuk Coronation or something like that. It will be a timed lap competition where we will find the King and Queen of the track. 24th November we fully expect rain. Not sure of time but we will probably start at 12 o'clock. Club 365 starting on Saturday again. Numbers were great again. Maybe a bit of a cheat but we kept the first years, you're not supposed to be counting the first years who turn up. The point is we are trying to show that we get those 12-13-year-old kids who don't go to the other CLUB365 sessions. We can get a whole different bunch of people coming to our sessions, our numbers are pretty good. So, it's to show we are appealing and supporting to a whole group of young people, especially young men and they come from all over Wishaw and North Motherwell. Some came from Law. They are coming from all over the place. It's definitely got an impact that other things are not having. And we are continuing to have good news from the Golf club and that sort of stuff. WMBC are hopefully releasing funds to have a couple of sessions during the week. We spoke at the LAP meeting to see about getting someone more permanent there. The worry is having people there to show a presence to show that it is still going. The busiest day for Club365 I was there the night before, when they see it being used they go. We want to keep that engagement up. We want to calendar a meeting with the CCC. MR: Next meeting is 6th November with Jonathan. DS: If we can get something by then that would be great. 30th March we want to launch a BMX team. Over the last 2-3 months we have had 45-60 kids that we could engage with a BMX team which would make up the biggest BMX team in Scotland. We have managed

to taken 7 kids to races with different kids and the same result. In the first race they both came away with second place. They got lots of criticism for the type of bike and being from Wishaw and all the rest of it but by the second turn that had all stopped. Where we have failed is to get the most disadvantaged children from Craigneuk and Wishawhill there. It's very hard to do and not from the lack of trying. I spent 4 hours on Sunday looking for them a couldn't find them. We know there is going to be alot of hard engagement and hard work. I have spoken to someone from Police Scotland and Motherwell FC and the idea is by March next year we may have some sort of booking of a free minibus. Someone that has a minibus sitting there that they don't use very often or have it free at least once a week. The reason being is we can have one day a week we can practice at the Pumptrack and one day a week they practice in Broadwood Cumbernauld. Until we get our own track built. Whether that's Ravenscraig or up the Wishawhill Wood we've not much decided where the best impact that will make with parking etc. and whether the community will want it. There's things afoot but also, we've spoke about a cycle hub we have actually been approached by a funder. We will meet with Jonathan, there's a potential if we can meet, with March funding there is potential to build an actual cycle hub. Looks quite promising but obviously its funding but you can't guarantee it but the fact that they contacted us. They want to write the application with us. If we got that matched by the council it would be great. Susan: And the plan is for a proper timetable next year from March all the way through to October where there is structured time and structured ages groups at the track. We need to find a way to pay the wages for everybody. The coaches are great, you have seen them they are all great, Dan is great but he needs to feed his own kids. DS: On that Fred who has been with Club365 since the start has just been picked up by Sport England, because Scotland wont fund him, to be part of the British BMX team, as a coach. So, we do really have the Crème de La Crème at the Pumptrack. Helen who coaches there aswell is the 8th in Britain for her age category, and she loves it because it's the over 30's and she is more than over 30. We have top class people. Once that is sorted we are going to have an open day for development, where we are going to ask if people want to volunteer. The main thing we will focus on is attitude and determination rather than bike skills. We just need people who actually want to help young people. Part of that is so we can take the cream of the crop and employ them. AM: We live on Meadowhead Road and just recently we have noticed a lot of children and

young ones riding their bicycles up and down. And I watched a parent who has 2-3 children with him so it's getting popular now. DS: The busiest day we had with Club365 there were 46 people at the Pumptrack. The club sessions will start again with high 30s and 40s as well. The fact it's floodlit makes a massive difference. Consultation at Ravenscraig tomorrow night. Would like to hand in a report. Let's get rid of the "Pishie Wishie" attitude. Susan: Let's make Craigneuk the place with the cool bike track. That's within the grasp of this Community Council. It is a cool bike track and if you change the perception, you are not far off that. DS: The jealousy from the other bike clubs are hilarious and the kids going to the races has been amazing. Kids going are being noticed and are very talented. Giving them opportunity is giving them support. People who see these kids can't speak but we know there are a lot of people talented that need moral support. When you give the opportunity, it is a pile of support for them. CB invited DS to children and families meeting. They are really keen to get involved. What we go to the LAP with will help. Susan: We need to feed these kids because they can't be on the track without any food. Not saying this is impossible but I might be going round looking for soup.

NM: Redevelopment of Ravenscraig they are looking for ideas for sports facilities, that would be ideal. DS: Whether it is more viable to put the BMX track there. Is the social impact if it is at Pentland Road where the school was, then the social impact to the people of Wishawhill and Craigneuk would be massive? If it's close enough it maybe a good benefit, not the same impact but a wider spread impact. Susan: Cumbernauld charge £4 a go. If it's in Ravenscraig it becomes an NLL track.

ACTION:

6. Fundraising, Bingo and Events

MC: Myself and Mary starting the fundraising, the begging letters are out. Will go back this week and see if anyone will donate towards the prize bingo. For the Christmas Event everything is booked for 23rd November. Been in contact with stall holders and they are looking forward to it. Social track, Church, Trudy, Katrina, School and PTA all want stalls. Routes to Work will do

something: Lucky dip for kids. KD: Toy giveaway will have a stall for fliers. (bring a toy) DS: We would talk Fred into doing a one on one coaching session, that won't be cheap. DW: That was an uplifting moment at the team meeting me at the Pumptrack. RTW: will donate to event.

MC: Couple of members missing but we will have a word with them we are thinking of having a fundraising committee as Margaret Ann is left with everything and it's too much. A social committee that can organise everything. MC and MR will do the footwork. It's ongoing. MM: The hall is booked and The Les Hoey Foundation are giving us money towards the Christmas Tree which is brilliant. DS: Is it here? MC: Yes. We are going to try and contact the roundabout again. MM: One of the councillors with the long hair could maybe do Santa and others could be elves. Last year was brilliant. MC: We have tins to put in the shop and more begging letters. The Glassman have phoned, they have a donation to be picked up. We are getting there.

ACTION

7. AOCCB

- **Drainage**

- MM: Been in contact with David Strang regarding the odour on Shieldmuir Street and Scottish Water have opened an incident report on it. I will keep on with this. Think the odour is more on Shieldmuir Street and Glencairn Avenue. NW: Any idea of cause? MM: Not any idea but it has been ongoing. Lots of complaints and it has been ongoing.

- **Toy Giveaway**

MM: Sent letters out to all local groups and organisation, church and chapel to say CCC are supporting Martine and NLCs Event. We are looking for volunteers. Glencassels have said they will help, Fr Kris is willing to help. We need volunteers like the way the Autumn Fayre runs. Everyone sets up the night before and the event will be held the next day. Martine is doing the big part of contacting companies and organisations. She is working really hard with Kenneth. It will hopefully be running this year Kenneth. KD: 100%. MM: We are looking for preloved toys and anything at all. They are trying to get storage facilities. The teenagers are the hardest to get for. KD: Toiletries, the

ones at £4 like the lynx. MM: Anyone that has lynx sets that are lying about. Every year you get gifts you don't use. DW: We will do that with our secret Santa this year. MM: It is our local community we are doing it for. When it is a definite we will get it out there with posters etc. It is a time of year that everyone is struggling. Kenneth will keep us updated. KD: It is 100% happening in Craigneuk, all down to your hard work. You are going to be amazed when you see it all come to fruition and see it all laid out. It is great because it is all outcome driven. As much as it is about giving kids gifts, it's about making sure families don't go into debt. I know everyone here will be helping out in some capacity but when you hear some of the folk telling their stories. It's only went from strength to strength. MC: Mary and I went to the fayre in Gowkthraple and they had nowhere to put it they have run out of storage. AM: Was speaking to a man in the SVDP who said you have no idea the poverty round about here. MM: Dan has seen that first hand with the Pumptrack. DS: We saw kids wearing the same close every day Susan: (Club365) Do you mind if I take a sandwich home because I won't be getting any dinner. DS: People just don't think that level of poverty exists in Scotland. It's hard to put that across and Funders don't believe that exists. MM: There is alot of mismanagement of funds. We had parenting classes at St Matthews. There should be classes in schools. Basic cooking skills. DS: even more basis than that, some had a learning diagram to make a piece and cheese. Susan: I had someone ask me how to make scrabbled egg. And that's not the only time that has happened to me. MM: At the toy giveaway will they be giving soup packs? KD: There were soup packs, there was selection boxes, bread, tunnocks. MM: Could there be someone showing them how to make soup? Maybe a basic cook book. AM: Talking about the poor country and we are talking about this country. Susan: How to shop for less than £30 a week. CM: Does the CL&D not do that? MM: People don't want to admit they can't do it. They will not tell you they are hungry. DS: All the kids were slagging a kid about his Mum who had a problem and it might be the only Mum that comes to the Pumptrack to make sure her kid is alright. She might be struggling but who knows why. No one can predict what is going to happen. There can't be any judgement. NM: We struggled after the war, everybody pitched in and gave you a turnip or a carrot. Susan: When was the last time these families seen someone making a pot of soup. What you see is what you will become. DS: At Club365 Gordon Thomson Lanarkshire Health Coop they had taken the lead on Club365. They have money there to

pay for fruit and veg at the sessions. They take the lead with delivering the service etc and they are willing to help out. Stuart. The cafe in North Motherwell, the people who run the cafe could not make soup but now make the best soup. Mr Popes church in North Motherwell. DP: They really felt ill equipped it was a process of building relationships and introducing these skills. We get about 90 people through that cafe every day and it is not just soup they do and now they are employed. It's a process it doesn't just happen. NM: I made soup for my grandson's football team and the kids say they love it because they don't get that at home.

Action:

- **School Leavers Support**

- MM: At the recent opening of RTW there were people taking about the work in the community. I was wondering where the support was for children leaving school. Spoke to Paul Kane and Robin and spoke on behalf of my own situation. Son left school with no support. Des Murray apologies that my son wasn't supported and put me in contact with Lizanne McMurrich who is the Head of Education (South) Senior Leadership Team Education Youth and Communities. They are supporting kids at the top; high achievers and the children who are from troubled families. There is no support for the large amount of kids in the middle. She agreed with all issues, and will have meeting with her colleagues and schools to get things in place for school leavers. I asked that NLC get out into the communities with pop up careers tents, into schools primary and high school, the Pumptrack etc to engage with youth. DS: Schools development Scotland I spoke to them up north and Aberdeen and the response is completely different. We had spoken to them for over a year about making a cycle mechanics apprenticeship and the closest we got to a meeting was an IT guy who never turned up. And their Facebook page is full of stuff happening in Coatbridge, Airdrie and Cumbernauld but nothing is happening here in Motherwell and Wishaw. We will keep you updated. DW: Had council out discussing child care apprenticeships that are coming up due to Scottish governments announcement that every child will get (1140 model) of childcare from 9 o'clock til 3 o'clock, so we need apprentices for that. Council will put training in place and we will train from that. (Discussion regarding apprenticeships.) DP: You say kids would benefit from support helping them towards employment and routes to work have

something to offer them there, what i would be interesting in knowing is how many children in Craigneuk 12-25? Young people leaving school but out of work, not in education or employment for an extended period. MM: I could not put a number on it. DP: Reputedly it is said there are apprenticeships around, again you would like to test that. Is that true and are these apprenticeships available to these youngsters that we are talking about. MM: That is what I have asked. Susan: Why do people have to apologise for having to feed their kids. We need to make sure we are a living wage employer. DS: I have just thought of 23 people 15+ at the Pumptrack. DP: Not in the right direction as yet. You wonder is there should be some sort of mentoring for these youngsters to help them and if there are no opportunities available then it becomes a political issue. Susan: You cannot get to Bellshill food park or eurocentral from here. CM: If they can't get to Bellshill or Viewpark and they are only working in Motherwell or Wishaw is it not very difficult to get benefits now? KD: It is Clare but without straying into a political debt, it has to be a joined-up approach. from council from Government. Margaret Ann raised the issues with Des Murray and you have a whole lot of faith in him as I do. MM: The children are our future and who are going to be your future nurse, Doctors, Politicians, School Teachers. If you are not going to give them that opportunity who is going to look after us in old age. The world is going to be a mess. Then they have to go to routes to work after leaving school. DW: A lot of referrals come from Skills development Scotland but if they are not referring in from the High School we don't know about it. MR: You are going to be picking up the pieces. NM: Since the closure or the Ravenscraig she has killed the whole area and there is no work for the kids. KD: There is a big problem in society now across the UK about work paying. Where is that incentive to walk up to the Eurocentral because it's the only job to work for £6-7. The work should pay and they should feel a reward from them, they should see the wages and say I can pay my bills and I can go buy that new coat or go that holiday at the end of the year that's the way it should be. NM: When we left school 42 left Friday 40 walk into a job my Monday. DW: We put over 100 people a month into work.

ACTION:

- Get update from Lizanne McMurrich
- Apprentiships from Diane at RTW

- **Ravenscraig Schools Provisions**

- MM: Schools have been an Issue since St Matthews. The revised master plan for the Ravenscraig I noticed it has two schools and a possible 5th site. I asked question is its non-denomination or denominational, will it affect St Thomas and Berryhill, is there rezoning. I send an email which went to Charles McCabe and he send back an informative email.

KD: Possible 5th site as the development grows. MM The funding will be released for the first school within 5 years. (Email available)

Reply from Charles McCabe in revised version:

“I can confirm that it is the understanding of the education service that the current proposal includes a two primary school joint campus at the Carfin end of the site (one Non-Denominational Primary School (ND) and one Denominational Primary School (RC)). Furthermore, it has been identified that a second primary joint campus, around the central-east area of the site, is also required (again one ND and one RC). Finally, a fifth site has been requested by the Education department at the south end of the site but the developer has yet to confirm the proposed location for this school. Analysis of required provision in the area will determine the type of primary school (ND or RC) required at this fifth location.

The Education service has programmed a catchment review of the Ravenscraig area, including the existing settlements which surround the Ravenscraig site, and hope to have a desktop analysis of the area completed by the end of the current calendar year. All known significant developments will be included in this analysis (including the impact of Wemyshill Farm on the St Thomas’ PS catchment area) and it is confirmed that the service will look to achieve a socio-economic balance of school populations where practically possible as part of this review.

Lastly, to address your final point, I can confirm that Craigneuk will be included in the analysis of local provision due to the close proximity of the Ravenscraig development and as part of the existing St Thomas’ PS catchment area. Any rezoning in the area would follow on from the desktop analysis and would require a statutory education consultation.”

MM: I will keep you updated.

- **Drains, Potholes Ponding, poo bins & rubbish**

- MM: Flaxmill Avenue has been purchased and work has already started.
MC: I thought the Council had purchased it?

ACTION:

- Contact Scottish Water for an update on the drainage discussed earlier.

- **Keepmoat Development**

- Jim Kennedy has been keeping us updated with the progress of the development.
- “by way of an update, we are making good progress through the statutory consents, albeit we are still negotiating with Roads to a degree. We have programmed a site start date for November this year, this in the first instance will just involve site security and some enabling works. We have some business objectives to overcome also, however I don't see an issue with these. If anything changes I will keep you informed.

- **AOCCB:**

- CM: Streets lights out on Broompark Road and outside my house. MC: There is an upgrade to street lights. You need to get the pole number and report it.
- DS: LAP meeting going to be some feasibility for cycling paths in Wishaw and Motherwell and one of the things we have come across very early on, the bollard that block paths. They have been put there to stop motocross bikes etc but it is just stopping people with wheelchairs and prams. Forgewood have a lock on them. We feel there is a time and place for these things. They are a hinderance to the accessibility to paths. Starter of looking at how we can remove them. We don't want to repeat that when we come to the SUSTRANS park. The valley in Forgewood is beautiful but anyone in a wheelchair can't get into it. Looking at how we can change that. There are bits in Craigneuk that are the same. At Meadowhead Road there's that wee sty bit that is pointless that stops

people in a wheelchair getting access to the Pumptrack or the Wishawhill Woods. Susan: The bollards as you go under the bridge it maybe an idea to get them sprayed up, because the speed the kids go through them could be an issue of safety.

Chair closes meeting at 20:54

Next Meeting:

Monday 3rd December 2018 7pm

Jim Foley Community Centre