

Westerwood Community Council

Minutes of the public meeting held at 7.45 pm on Thursday 4th October 2018
in the Muirfield Centre, 1a South Muirhead Road, Cumbernauld

Present

Community Councillors; Tom Law (Chair), Bill Crosson (Vice Chair), Tony Williams, Willie Kenneth, and Martin Stone.

Police Officers Adam Cameron and Catriona Blair.

- Approximately 20 residents from Westerwood Community
- Apologies: Fraser Morrison (Treasurer), Anne Clark, May Hagerty and Grant Wallace.
Councillors Alan Masterton and Tom Fisher.

Welcome

Tom Law welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.45 pm.

Minutes

Minutes from the public meeting held on 6th September, 2018 were respectively submitted by Tom Law, approved by Alan Wallace and seconded by Janice Muir.

Matters arising from Minutes

There were no matters raised.

Police Update

Police Officers Adam Cameron and Catriona Blair were introduced. Adam has responsibility for Ward 4, covering Abronhill, Kildrum and the Village. Catriona, our liaison officer, has responsibility for Ward 2, covering Westerwood, Carrickstone and Craigmarloch. There were 3 reported crimes in Ward 2 in the last month – a theft of a car, an assault and one case of anti-social behaviour. The Officers will be deployed in the near future to target speeding motorists in a number of areas that will include Dullatur Road and Eastfield Road. Speeding is also occurring on Kings Drive and Queens Drive, both 20 mph limit, and this too will be under scrutiny. Some residents were concerned about groups of youths congregating at drinking dens in the woods on the golf course during Friday and Saturday evenings.

Development Update

On September 12, Tom and Bill wrote a 3 page letter, on behalf of Westerwood Community Council, to the Scottish Reporter in response to Cala's latest appeal submission. This letter also contained a map of Q Hotels proposal for a 9 hole par 3 course on the former 10th, 11th and 12th fairways along with documentation showing NLC had given Q Hotels permission to proceed. However the Reporter returned the letter and accompanying documentation, claiming it to be inadmissible.

Commercial property agent Savills is preparing an application for Planning Permission for a proposed development at Westway Retail Park to include a cinema, hotel, leisure facilities, food/beverage outlet, retail, car showroom and business incubator unit. A public consultation is to be held on Friday 5th October 2 pm-7.30 pm in the Muirfield Centre and on Saturday 6th October 10 am-2 pm at Westway Retail Park. Exhibition boards are available to view at www.savills.com/westwaycumbernauld

Former 10th Hole Drainage

Concern was raised about the problem with a drainage ditch near the former 10th hole on the golf course. The ditch is overgrown and this could lead to flooding at properties on Muirfield Road. Tom and Bill have already met with the hotel manager to bring this matter to his attention and have been invited back to further discuss the problem and how it may be resolved.

Community Councillors

Following the resignation of Fraser Morrison and Anne Clark an appeal was made to the residents to fill the vacant posts of Treasurer and Secretary on Westerwood Community Council. Lynn Hunter volunteered to take on the role of Secretary but we are still seeking to appoint a Treasurer.

Any Other Business

A number of residents mentioned the recent tree felling in the forest areas on either side of the entrance to Queens Drive. The land is owned by Ogilvy and it appears a professional company had been hired to clear part of the undergrowth and some trees.

Martin reported seeing a red squirrel crossing his rear garden which is adjacent to the area where the trees have recently been felled. The sighting was reported to a red squirrel protection group.

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Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is Thursday 8th November at 7.45 pm in the Muirfield Centre, Cumbernauld.

Tom thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.