

Central Wishaw Community Council

Meeting

Of

2nd October 2018

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
CORPORATE SERVICES

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LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION

Central Wishaw Community Council held their regular bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, 2nd October 2018 at 7 00 pm in Houldsworth Community Health Centre Library, Wishaw. The chair was occupied by the Chairperson, Carol Anne Foley who welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped that with their assistance we would get through the business as quickly and as efficiently as possible.

Apologies: Catherine Brown and Catherine Cusack

Sick: Margaret McNeil

Bereavements:

Minutes of the last stated meeting

The minutes of our September 2018 meeting were then read and adopted on the motion of Cathie Inglis and seconded by Kathleen McFarlane.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Backcourts Wishaw Main Street

The secretary reported that some backcourts of Main Street were still being used to consume alcohol and by intravenous drug users and he had since met with one of the owners of these properties and made them aware of the situation.

The community council also welcomed the news that plans to build on the site of the old "Wishaw Market" which should bring an end to fly-tipping in the area behind Stewarton Street and Caledonian Road.

What continues to be a concern was the many properties around the town centre with shrubbery and saplings on roof tops and guttering which appeared potentially dangerous to the public using the footpaths below. There was also the dilapidated state of many buildings and empty shops including the old Crown Hotel in Caledonian Road, once a focal point for young people in Wishaw was now nothing more than an eyesore that blighted the centre of our town which in its present state could only attract vermin.

Councillors Report

Councillor Fotheringham attended late as she had a surgery to attend. Although a report was not to hand Councillor Fotheringham distributed her newsletter to everyone present.

Police Report

There were no police officers present nor was there any report to hand.

Correspondence

- Correspondence from Catherine Johnstone on behalf of Head of Business for Legal and Democratic Solutions regarding Payment of Annual Administrative Grant – Submission of Community Council Minutes. It referred to paragraph 8. 2 of North Lanarkshire Council's Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in relation to the submission of agendas and minutes of the Community Council to North Lanarkshire Council. She went on to advise that in order for the Community Council to be eligible for the receipt of their annual administrative grant, the Council must receive no less than six minutes of the meetings held by the Community Council for the calendar year. To date they had only received the Minute of the meeting of Community Council held on 5th June 2018 and therefore required a further two sets of minutes as a matter of urgency to allow the progress of our Annual Grant.

The secretary informed the meeting that he had produced the minutes requested to a representative from Business for legal and Democratic Solutions and had also confirmed in writing details of the name and address of our treasurer resulting in this matter being resolved. The secretary made it clear in his written reply that he was at a loss as to why Legal Services were not in receipt of our minutes as they were all hand delivered?

On the day that I met with a representative from Legal Services, I handed in copies of our minutes for our four elected members yet none of them received a copy. The secretary advised that all future minutes would be sent electronically.

- Correspondence from Scottish Health Council regarding a public consultation that was being undertaken for plans to replace or refurbish Monklands Hospital. The consultation will end on 15th October 2018. The Case for Change created a lively discussion with several members contributing to the discussion regarding the positive and negative aspects of the logistics of moving to Glenmavis or Gartcosh while one member was of the opinion that it was a decision for the people of Airdrie and surrounding villages to make. The Chairperson raised the issue of wards closing due to staff shortages, bed blocking and some NHS Board's throughout Scotland being unable to meet their targets while others were experiencing severe financial difficulty.
- Letter from Greenhead Moss Community Group requesting a donation to help with their annual Winter- wonderland scheme which last year provided for 120 children, including gifts from Santa. Following some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Community

Council give a donation of £300. Councillor Fotheringham and community council member Barbara Vincent also suggested that they apply for funding from Lanarkshire Area partnership, Friends of Cambusnethan Priory?

- Minutes of Meetings of the North Lanarkshire Council, Committees, Sub Committees and Panels to be submitted to the Meeting of The North Lanarkshire Council to be held on Thursday, 4th October 2018.

New Business

The secretary informed the meeting that he had now replaced our old PC with a lap top, a decision that had been approved at our meeting of 7th April 2015.

A member and concerned mother and grandmother raised her concerns about open drug dealing within Central Wishaw.

This being all the business the chairperson was congratulated for the very capable manner in which she had conducted the business.

Next meeting Tuesday, 4th December 2018 at 7 00 pm prompt in Wishaw Library

