

Westerwood Community Council

Minutes of the public meeting held at 7.45 pm on Thursday 8th November 2018 in the Muirfield Centre, 1a South Muirhead Road, Cumbernauld

Present

Community Councillors; Tom Law (Chair), Tony Williams, Willie Kenneth, Grant Wallace and May Haggerty. Councillor Alan Masterton.

- Approximately 20 residents from Westerwood Community.
- Apologies: Bill Crosson (Vice Chair), Lynne Hunter (Secretary), Martin Stone. Councillor Tom Fisher. Police Scotland.

Welcome

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

Minutes

Minutes from the public meeting held on 4th October, 2018 were respectively submitted by Tom Law, approved by May Fitzpatrick and seconded by Liz Coats.

Matters arising from Minutes

There were no matters raised.

Police Update

No one from Police Scotland was available to attend the meeting however a crime report was submitted. Between 5th October and 8th November 2018 a total of 10 crimes were committed in the Ward 2 area. 3 of these crimes have been detected. The breakdown is as follows – 2 x Vandalism; 1 x Misuse of Drugs; 2 x Assault; 1 x Communications Crimes; 1 x Breach of the Peace; 1 x Breach of Bail; 2 x Theft by Housebreaking.

The Theft by Housebreaking is still being investigated and no further information can be provided.

The Police have recently been targeting speeding motorists on Dullatur Road and they intend to continue doing so, as well as tackling housebreakings, over the coming weeks.

Golf Course Maintenance

On 2nd November Tom met the hotel manager Bill Burden to discuss the ongoing problem with a drainage ditch near the former 10th hole and close to Muirfield Road. An inspection of the ditch identified the problem and it was agreed that the greenkeeper would arrange to clear and widen the ditch at the point it is piped under Muirfield Road. A further adjoining ditch would also be cleared and deepened. The greenkeeper confirmed he has continued to cut the grass on the new path down the centre of the 12th fairway created earlier this year by Tom and Willie. It was also pointed out that there was a need to cut back some branches of the trees near the pavement at the bend in Kings Drive.

All of these issues were attended to by the following week and photos of the completed works sent to Tom.

Westerwood Hotel

Agreement has been reached with Bill Burden that the Westerwood Hotel will be the venue for our Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 10th January 2019.

Any Other Business

A question was asked about the date for a decision on Cala's appeal to the Scottish Government. Tom had raised this with the Reporter's Office in Falkirk a few weeks prior and was told the decision was due to be made public on 15th November. We would be notified if the Reporter had reached a conclusion earlier than this date.

Winter Gritting has been an issue over the years and Tom presented a copy of the North Lanarkshire Council Policy and Procedures for 2018-19.

This details the gritting routes to be serviced by the local authority in the Westerwood area. The Primary Road Network includes 'A', 'B' and some 'C' classified roads, Eastfield Road and Dullatur Road through to Kilsyth fall into this category, also access roads to hospitals, ambulance depots, main police stations and fire stations and main bus routes. Secondary Road Network include, among other access routes, spine roads into residential and industrial areas as well as residential areas with road gradients steeper than 1 in 12.5 (8%). Treatment on other roads will be dependent on resources and changing weather conditions.

The A725, A8 trunk roads, and the M73, M8, M80 and M74 motorways are all the direct responsibility of the Scottish Government.

There is currently only one Grit Bin located in each of Rosemount, Kings Drive and Birkdale Wood whereas other areas such as Dullatur and Carrickstone appear to have a greater number of bins at their disposal. Tom approached Councillor Alan Masterton about the provision of additional Grit Bins; these will be assessed on the suitability of locations in due course.

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Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is Thursday 6th December at 7.45 pm in the Muirfield Centre, Cumbernauld.

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