

## **Westerwood Community Council**

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Minutes of the public meeting held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in the Westerwood Hotel, St Andrews Drive, Cumbernauld

### **Present**

Community Councillors; Tom Law (Chair), Bill Crosson (Vice Chair), Liz Coats (Treasurer), Tony Williams, Grant Wallace, and May Haggerty.

Councillors Alan Masterton and Tom Fisher.

Catriona Blair, Police Scotland

Approximately 26 residents from Westerwood Community.

### **Apologies**

Willie Kenneth and Martin Stone.

### **Welcome**

Tom Law welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

### **Minutes**

Minutes from the public meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 were respectively submitted by Tom Law, approved by Edith Crosson and seconded by Alan McDonough.

Minutes from the AGM held on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 were respectively submitted by Tom Law, approved by David Wiseman and seconded by Alan McDonough.

### **Matters arising from Minutes**

There were no matters raised.

### **Police Update**

Between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 7<sup>th</sup> February there were 5 crimes noted near Westerwood.

One assault (detected), one possession of a knife (at Dobbies), one road traffic offence (near

the Hotel), one theft from a shed (at Glen Lyon Court) and one case of fraud with details sent to Action Fraud, London.

### **Finance**

Liz Coats reported there had been 24 contributors, and more would be welcome, following our request for donations to support a number of projects to enhance the area.

### **Projects**

These include replacing the fence at the entrance to Kings Drive, cleaning and painting of weathered bollards, creating paths in woodland areas, potential to install benches along former 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> fairways of golf course.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Confirmation on date and costings are pending, however support for this event is slow and it may have to be cancelled.

### **Dog Litter**

Recently there has been an increase in dog ownership in the area and consequently this has led to an increase in dog litter being left or discarded on pedestrian routes. A request will be made to NLC to set in place more dog litter bins and notices to reinforce the message to clean up dog mess.

### **Website**

It is hoped to have our own website in the near future. We have received an offer of assistance with design and set up.

### **Any Other Business**

There followed a series of open discussions starting with suggestions that the Westerwood Hotel should consider offering discounted rates to local residents using the facilities such as membership of the golf course and the health spa.

A number of people complained about the lack of provision of bus services from Westerwood to the town centre as well to Glasgow. Councillor Masterton mentioned he had written on many occasions to bring this to the attention of SPT with no great success. Private bus

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companies are not interested in supplying services, however he offered to pass on to Community Councillors the contact details for SPT.

The problem of parking charges now in force at the town centre car parks was raised and met with a degree of anger and frustration from residents. It seemed a contradiction from the centre management who wish to see the spaces being freed up for shoppers but at the same time propose to take away around 100 spaces to make way for a cinema development. Councillor Masterton offered to contact NLC to determine the legality of debt collection if parking tickets are ignored.

Residents were asked to inform Community Councillors if they encountered any problems with Disability Access to premises in North Lanarkshire. It was mentioned that the lifts in the town centre were often not working, including those at the bus stances. With access to the centre closed in the evening this meant people having to resort to walking on Central Way.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in the Westerwood Hotel, St Andrews Road, Cumbernauld on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm.

### **Close**

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