

Westerwood Community Council

Minutes of the public meeting held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 7th March 2019
in the Westerwood Hotel, 1 St Andrews Drive, Cumbernauld G68 0EW

Present

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

Approximately 28 residents from Westerwood Community.

Apologies

Martin Stone. Councillors Alan Masterton and Tom Fisher. Catriona Blair, Police Scotland.

Welcome

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

Minutes

Minutes from the public meeting held on 7 February, 2019 were respectively submitted by Tom Law, approved by Alan McDonough and seconded by Patricia McKenna.

Matters arising from Minutes

There were no matters raised.

Police Update

Between 7th February and 7th March there were 4 crimes reported around the Westerwood area. 1 of these crimes was detected.

Vandalism – Cathkin Crescent, Carrickstone smashed glass on front door.

Theft – Westerwood Hotel, items stolen from insecure locker within changing room.

Vandalism – Advertising board on Napier Road bent backwards.

Minor Assault – 69 year old male issued with a recorded warning for his actions.

North Lanarkshire Council Plans and Policies

A slide presentation by Tom and Bill showed NLC map details for the Westerwood area, taken from the modified proposed Local Development Plan. These maps define locations which include potential for proposed future housing development on Castlecary Road (opposite Shell Filling Station) and new proposed protected Green Belt areas (such as the land behind Kingsbarns Gardens, Westerwood Golf Course and surrounding land, as well as land at St Andrews Drive which is owned by Ogilvie Homes) together with new proposed protected areas within Green Network Space (including the former 12th fairway, and land between Queens Drive and Kings Drive which is owned by Ogilvie Homes). At the moment there are no proposed new housing development sites listed for the Westerwood area.

The modified Local Development Plan sets out the Policies and Proposals to guide and meet North Lanarkshire's development needs over the next 5 – 10 years and can be viewed on www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/nextplan and is open for consultation until 4.15 pm on Friday 5th April 2019.

We strongly recommend this opportunity for members of the public to post comments, before the deadline, in support of the modified plan which offers more protection to the open green spaces in Westerwood.

Ogilvie Homes

Adjacent boundary neighbours to the land between Queens Drive and Kings Drive have received notification that Ogilvie intend to remove a section of trees that have been planted and maintained by local residents for a number of years. The planting of trees and the subsequent maintenance of the immediate grassed area was carried out in an effort to enhance the look of the site as Ogilvie had not been forthcoming in carrying out regular grass cutting. Conversations have taken place with Ogilvie without much success, correspondence has been submitted from Stuart McDonald MSP with Jamie Hepburn MSP also involved in an effort to have the trees remain in place.

Website Information

Our latest member of the Community Council, Marcin Ciechowski, demonstrated the new website he has produced for Westerwood Community Council - www.westerwood.uk - which includes a list of Community Councillors, a link to our Facebook site as well as details of meetings and the opportunity to post comments. There is also a link to NLC's modified proposed Local Development Plan which again can be used to record comments.

Dog Litter

A request to NLC for more anti dog fouling notices was successful and these are now attached to a number of lamp posts on Dullatur Road as well as a dog litter bin located at the corner of Kings Drive and Dullatur Road.

Activity Proposals

Overgrown grass from the golf course along the inner kerbs of Kings Drive has now been cut back with the assistance of local residents.

NLC Roads decision on responsibility for painting concrete bollards is pending.

No immediate maintenance to be undertaken on fences on Kings Drive until outcome of Ogilvie's proposal to remove trees on site at Dullatur Road.

Any Other Business

The Westerwood Hotel confirmed there are membership discounts available to local residents who wish to use the Health Spa or Golf facilities. Future events at the hotel include Mother's Day Lunch, Easter Egg Hunt and various Tribute Acts appearing over the next few months.

Further to a discussion last month about the lack of provision of bus services from Westerwood to the town centre as well to Glasgow, a request has been made to SPT to report on the possibility of setting up a new service or extend current services.

Residents from The Links/Edenside raised the issue of an increase in tree debris and street litter on and around St Andrews Drive. An offer of assistance to clean up the area was made by the committee members however this was dependent on support from residents in the area. A resident asked for anti-litter/dog fouling signs to be supplied and a litter bin to be located near the mailbox on St Andrews Drive.

NLC are supporting this year's Keep Scotland Beautiful campaign and community groups are being encouraged to take part during April and May. A request for clean-up materials has been made to NLC. Further information about the campaign will follow in due course.

There has been very little support for a community-led Easter Egg Hunt and consequently this event has been cancelled.

It was suggested a get together barbeque may be held in either June or July, details to follow after discussions with Community Councillors.

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Next Meeting

Due to the Easter holiday there will be no meeting in April and therefore the next meeting will be held in the Westerwood Hotel, St Andrews Road, Cumbernauld on Thursday 2nd May at 7.30 pm.

Close

Tom thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.