

Westerwood Community Council

Minutes of the public meeting held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 2nd May 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, Grant Wallace, Martin Stone and Marcin Ciechomski.

Councillors; Alan Masterton and Tom Fisher.

Police Scotland; Catriona Blair and Adam Cameron.

SPT; Kenny Hogg and Mark McGarvey.

Approximately 31 residents from Westerwood Community.

Apologies

Wullie Kenneth and May Hagerty.

Welcome

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

Minutes

Minutes from the public meeting held on 7 March, 2019 were respectively submitted by Tom Law, approved by Paul Duncan and seconded by Charlie Watters.

Matters arising from Minutes

There were no matters raised.

Police Update

During the month of April there was 1 crime reported in the Westerwood area where a stone had broken a house window in Carnoustie Way.

On one occasion in April The Police were in attendance at Dullatur Road to continue their crackdown on speeding motorists. This resulted in 7 drivers being warned about their speed and tickets were issued to a further 3 drivers.

When questioned by a resident if the police could take action against individuals who repeatedly speed on Kings Drive, Catriona replied that if the police receive details of the offenders then they would follow this up but it is preferred for the police to witness the perpetrators for themselves.

Tom then mentioned he would forward details of a vehicle which has been seen, by a number of residents, regularly speeding on Dullatur Road.

SPT

Tom introduced Kenneth Hogg, SPT Senior Network Planner, who went on to explain to residents the reasons why SPT cannot improve or add to local bus services. It is not within their remit to supply a service where Commercial Vehicle Operators already provide such. SPT can only provide a service where none exists. He then spoke of the existing bus services which operate locally to the town centre as well as to Croy Station, where onward services are provided either by bus or train. He confirmed Commercial Vehicle Operators will not provide a service which is not financially viable.

A resident asked why a particular bus stop has no perch style seating and Kenny replied this would be investigated by the Infrastructure Team. Another question was raised about the 348 timetable around Carrickstone Road and again Kenny stated this too would be explored.

Both enquiries will be answered as soon as possible.

Kenny also responded to an enquiry about the potential for a service from Westerwood to St Maurice's High School by suggesting a placement request should be directed to the local education authority.

Clearance at Kings/Queens Drive

We asked for support to help clean up the area of land, owned by Ogilvie Homes, between Kings and Queens Drive. On Saturday 20th April around 20 residents came along and in two hours a great improvement had been made at this location. Substantial thanks were extended to all the residents who turned out to help make a significant difference in this area.

Hopefully it will set an example for future projects.

In addition other improvements have been carried out at Kings Drive including the cleaning

of street signs, repairs to the fence and maintenance of grass areas.

The cost for cleaning products and materials for Kings Drive signage – Brick and Wall Cleaner, Hand Sprayer and Wire Brushes – amounted to £38.99 and was paid from Community Council funds.

A slide presentation was scheduled to show the result of these enhancements, however due to an unforeseen technical hitch this had to be postponed.

Proposals: 11th/12th Paths and St Andrews Drive/Edenside

Next on our list of cleanups are the paths and surrounding land on the former 11th and 12th fairways on the golf course to take place on Sunday 5th May.

Looking further ahead, following a request from a local resident, we will carry out work to tidy up the area around St Andrews Drive and Edenside. This is due to take place on Sunday 19th May. A question was raised about moving the date to a Saturday, however Sunday was thought to be the preferred day.

Once again support from local residents would be greatly appreciated to assist with these proposals to spruce up the areas.

Responses to Modified Development Plan

A question was asked about how many people had responded to NLC's Proposed Modified Local Development Plan. A number of residents indicated they had lodged comments related to the plan and most agreed it had not been easy to access NLC's website to complete the questionnaire document. Apparently somewhere in the region of 700 responses had been received by NLC, however this covers comments from the entire North Lanarkshire area.

Dog Fouling Notices/Litter Bins

A request to NLC for more anti dog fouling notices and litter bins in the St Andrews Road and The Links/Edenside area was successful and these are now in situ.

Hotel Info

No information was available other than the flyers that had been left to promote future events at the hotel.

Activity Proposals

A proposal to hold a Get Together Barbeque for local residents on the site of the former 12th fairway was met with general agreement. This will be carried forward to the next meeting when we hope to finalise arrangements and confirm a suitable date in July to hold this event.

Any Other Business

One issue put to Councillor Masterton was to determine which grass/landscape areas were responsibility of NLC to maintain, in particular the roundabout at the junction of Muirfield Road and Turnberry Gardens which was covered in weeds. Another resident raised a complaint about the amount of litter being dropped on the grass verge between Muirfield Road and Eastfield Road, allegedly caused by taxi drivers.

Alan noted the details and assured he would pursue both matters.

Treasurer's Report

Liz provided an update on the Community Council Bank Account. Current funds in the account stand at £1439 and petty cash is £185.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Westerwood Hotel, St Andrews Road, Cumbernauld on Thursday 6th June at 7.30 pm.

Close

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