

Westerwood

Community Council



Minutes of the public meeting held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 5th September 2019 in the Westerwood Hotel, 1 St Andrews Drive, Cumbernauld

Present

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

Councillors; Alan Masterton and Danish Ashraf.

Police Scotland; Catriona Blair and Adam Cameron.

Approximately 32 residents from Westerwood Community.

Welcome

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

Minutes

Minutes from the public meeting held on 6th June, 2019 were respectively submitted by Tom Law, approved by Michael Muir and seconded by Alan Burns.

Matters arising from Minutes

There were no matters raised.

Police Update

In the Westerwood area there were 2 reported incidents between August 5 and September 5. One instance of domestic assault, and the other a theft from a motor vehicle.

The police were also made aware of two recent attempted break-ins, at the same property, in Kings Drive.

Speed checks were carried out recently on Dullatur Road and several motorists were given a warning with no tickets issued. A number of residents complained about the speed of vehicles on Kings Drive, notably on one occasion when a driver lost control and swerved on to the pavement while avoiding a cat. The police asked for details of local speeding motorists to be passed on i.e. make, colour and registration number of the vehicle as well as the date and time observed. There is no provision for speed bumps on Kings Drive, however future speed checks on Dullatur Road will also include monitoring the speed of vehicles on Kings Drive.

Treasurer's Report

Liz mentioned that thanks to a contribution of £440 from North Lanarkshire Council the current funds in our bank account stand at £1,749.12 while there is £98.12 in petty cash.

Bollard Painting

One resident, at their own expense, has already painted a number of bollards outside their house. A question was asked if any other residents present at the meeting had dirty bollards outside their property. Tom said we already have paint and brushes, bought with our funds, available to any resident who wished to undertake the task of improving the look of the bollards. On the subject of improvements mention was made about the grass cutting and general maintenance that was now taking place on the land between Queens and Kings Drive. Also, further to the tidy up earlier this year at St Andrews Drive, there was a comment from one local resident that some trees alongside the pavement leading down to the Westerwood roundabout were now a hazard to pedestrians due to low overhanging branches.

Dog Fouling

Dog Fouling in the area remains a problem and residents are reminded that provision of bins to facilitate the disposal of dog waste has been made. Their cooperation on this issue is requested. Increased signage is proposed as a reminder to dog owners that it is their responsibility to tidy up after their pets. Residents are asked to suggest locations where additional bins or signs could be positioned to help minimize this issue.

Ogilvie Homes Update

Earlier today Tom had spoken to a planning officer at NLC's Planning Department to get an update on Ogilvie's current application for the land at Kings Drive. It was agreed there had been circa 180 objections and not one approval from residents for the proposed development. A draft Planning Department report was ready to be presented to NLC's Planning Convener and when approved would be submitted to the Planning Committee in time to discuss Ogilvie's application at their next meeting on September 26.

A question was asked if any residents had experienced difficulty trying to log into the Planning Department's web site in order to record their objection. Almost 50% indicated they had a serious problem navigating the Planning Department web page.

Cala/Bellway Update

A site on the Cala/Bellway Estate near to the Carrickstone roundabout has been put up for sale as a Commercial Development Opportunity. At the moment there is no information on what the future use of the site will be.

Autumn BBQ

It was announced we intend to hold another BBQ, weather permitting, on Saturday 14th September from 1 pm till 4 pm. Venue is on the former 12th fairway just off Kings Drive. All residents are invited to bring along their own food and beverage.

Any Other Business

No other matters raised.

Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is Thursday 3rd October at 7.30 pm in the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld.

Close

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