

# Westerwood Community Council



Minutes of the public meeting held at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 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, Grant Wallace and Wullie Kenneth.

Councillor Alan Masterton

Approximately 30 residents from Westerwood Community.

Apologies; 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 November, 2019 were respectively submitted by Tom Law, approved by Paul Duncan and seconded by Alan MacDonough.

## **Matters arising from Minutes**

There were no matters raised.

### **Police Update**

Crime update – 2 Housebreaking incidents in Carrickstone plus notes of suspicious characters being recorded in the Queens Drive area, Residents are reminded to keep their homes secure at all times to discourage opportunistic thefts.

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### **Ogilvie**

Residents were informed of a further letter sent to the Scottish Government Reporter requesting rejection of Ogilvie's appeal. Compiled by Bill and Tom and hand delivered prior to the deadline for comments.

### **Westway Retail Park**

A further presentation by property agent Savills was held in the Muirfield Centre on Monday 2nd December between 2.30 pm and 8.30 pm and a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) has been submitted to NLC with regard to mixed use development proposals at Westway, Cumbernauld. Confirmation on the consultation arrangements identified in the PAN is awaited from NLC. With the aid of a slide presentation Tom highlighted a number of recent changes that had been made to the location plan.

### **Speeding**

Speeding continues to be an issue on Kings Drive and following further requests NLC have now repainted the 20 mph roundel at the entrance of Kings Drive. A further two new 20 mph roundels have been painted on the road surface and once again an appeal has gone out to residents to slow down especially on approach to the bend in Kings Drive. One resident raised the issue of potential 'traffic calming' measures and a general discussion ensued. The difficulty of introducing effective retro-active measures was emphasized and the implication for general use was highlighted. The general conclusion was that the regular offenders are mainly local residents and delivery services, and the potentially most useful action would be a general appeal to residents to highlight the issues and a request for more consideration of other road users.

### **Email Scam**

An issue was raised regarding awareness of an email scam currently in circulation relating to messages purporting to be from BT. These messages harvest contact details and can lead to fraudulent access to bank accounts. Residents are asked to be vigilant, avoid giving out personal, private information and report incidents.

### **Traffic congestion**

A point was made about traffic congestion and pedestrian issues, particularly at the exit from The Links at St Andrews Drive, when School Transport collect and deposit children at the start and end of the day. The nature of this traffic and the behaviour of some parents dropping off and collecting their children has given rise to some concern. This is a confined space

### **Christmas Raffle**

There were over 20 great prizes on offer and our thanks to Councillor Alan Masterton for drawing the winning tickets. Our appreciation also to the generosity of the residents whose donations made for a great raffle. In addition The Westerwood Hotel provided 3 gifts – A Spa Day for 2 plus Tea; A Round of Golf for 4; Dinner for 4 in The Restaurant, however due to their value we will hold an auction for these items at the AGM on January 9 2020.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is the AGM on Thursday, 9 January at 7.30 pm in the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld. Arrangements have been made to provide a welcome drink and a light buffet to all in attendance.

### **Close**

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