

Cumbernauld Village Community Council

10th March 2022, at 7:00pm, Cumbernauld Village Community Hall

Attendees: Elizabeth Snedden, Brenda Morgan-Klein, Paula McCrae, Lisa Snedden, Sheila Gallagher, Pat Churches, Cllr Paddy Hogg, Gerard McLaughlin, Donna Fleming, Kelly Ann Rhu

Apologies: Cllr Tom Johnston, Cllr Claire Barclay, Cllr Gillian Fannan, Philip Morgan-Klein

Chair welcomed the visitors to the meeting.

Police Report

None forthcoming.

Minutes and matters arising

Future Meetings – Funding application has been submitted to the NLC Digital Inclusion Fund for a laptop, hearing induction loop and subtitling software

New bin rollout – Lisa to request additional bins for Old Glasgow Road – opposite the Spur. Brenda's contact indicated that there would be a further consultation.

Family Learning Centre– offers from the group to help the FLC with their garden. A local resident has offered to do baking with the children – Sheila to pass on details to Lisa.

Old Primary School Site – the building of the flats has been delayed due to insufficient funds. The project is now due to start in 2023 with completion in 2024.

Cemetery – Pat contacted Frank McCool regarding the reinstatement of the bothy. He intimated that it may be demolished as not considered safe. This building is part of the heritage of the cemetery, and it was felt that it should not be demolished. Request the elected representatives to take this matter forward. Frank is now winding down with his successor being Kirsten Bonar, an invite will be extended to her for a visit.

Calders Development – No update, carry forward.

Dog fouling and litter – still an issue where bins have been removed – especially in Springfield Park and the grassy area in Smithyends. NLC have engaged with Keep Scotland Beautiful on a litter campaign. Pass to elected representatives to take forward.

Website – ongoing

Old Glasgow Road SUDS – the area has not been satisfactorily remediated. Request action by Miller Homes.

New gritting route proposal – FLC and Nursing home are not present on the current gritting route. Philip looking into this.

Proposed Paula McCrae and seconded Brenda Morgan-Klein.

Community Champion

Gerard McLaughlin introduced himself as the Head of education for NL North including Coatbridge and Airdrie. He is the Community Champion for Cumbernauld, a new role for council officers to develop links with local communities. He advised that upcoming budget cuts – even to essential services means that the next couple of years will be challenging. The repairs to the boundary wall of the old primary school site will be going ahead and is currently being costed.

Family Learning Centre

Donna Fleming introduced herself as the Head of Centre and advised that the children have settled in quickly at the new building and are thriving. She looks forward to the FLC getting involved in community initiatives and build on the existing relationships with the allotments, Children's home, sheltered housing and the Community Council. They are keen to develop a space in the Langriggs as a forest school area.

Brenda, Paula and Donna are going to meet to discuss the development of the FLC Garden.

Treasurer's Report

Total £23,265.82

Petty Cash £22.05

Allotments £9835

NLC Recover Fund £1153

CVAC £1769.19

CC £608

Campsie Fund £9,900

Allotment rent is paid, and hall lets for the year ahead.

Secretary's Report

Monkland Replacement Project - The consultation for this project is now live and closes on the 29th of March.

<https://www.keppiedesign.co.uk/mrp>

Orchardton Wood Consultation is live, this proposal is for the area between Drum Mains and Blackwood. It includes residential properties, community uses, open space, woodland planting and managements, footpaths and cycle paths.

www.ironsidefarrar.com/orchardton/event.html

Scottish Census 2022

This can be completed online now.

Councillor Reports

Councillor Fannan

Burngreen Terrace – 2 owners did not want to participate in repairs to the building and NLC have no funding to make the repairs.

Traffic Review – Speed and accident survey carried out on the Roadside. Results mean no change. No update on other traffic concerns.

Councillor Hogg

Advised that financial restraints on the council are hitting services. The council are moving to hybrid meetings. He also praised the work of Councillor Fannan who will not be standing for re-election.

Resident's concerns

Parking – a local petition requesting an extension to the 20-minute waiting time has started. General discussion about parking issues and the feeling was that people could be encouraged to use Old Glasgow Road. This might be something that the Community Board might consider funding signage – Lisa to investigate.

Community Projects

Community Growing – Maureen Kinloch has been appointed by NLC to assist in the implementation of the food growing strategy, working alongside community groups.

Recover NL plants still to be purchased. Street planters have been replaced and filled. Trees to reinstate boundary hedges in the Langriggs are due to arrive next month.

Bog Stank Flooding – Stuart Barr and Jim McGuire from the Flood Management team at NLC are taking this forward with a redesign of the drain that leads to the culvert under Old Glasgow Road.

Litter Pick – Living Landscapes have organised a litter pick on the 26th and 27th of March. See their Facebook page for more information.

Funding for the Year of Scottish Story Telling - the fund is now open. An application will be submitted to develop stories about the Village which will be recorded as a podcast.

Mural – Initial discussion on getting a mural painted on the tunnel opposite the Spur. Approached would need to be made to NLC and SWT and at the moment, with a focus on the Bog Stank project, there isn't availability to do so. Carry forward.

Allotments/Village Veggies – we are now members of Garden Organic which specialises in rare and heritage seeds.

Planning Report

Permission sought for a bifolding door in a property on the Roadside – no issues.

AOB

Easter Egg hunt and craft market at the Manse on the 3rd of April.

Swift boxes – Brenda suggested that we look into the possibility of siting new swift boxes before their current nesting site at the school is demolished.

Town Centre is now in Council ownership and is to undergo extensive redevelopment.
Amendment: at the May meeting Cllr Smith advised that the purchase of the Town Centre was only agreed in principle and that the actual deal could take several years.

It was minuted that the duly constituted Village Community Council stands in solidarity with the people and communities of Ukraine.

Date of Next Meeting

8th April 2022