

Westerwood Community Council



Minutes of the public meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 28th February 2022 in the Westerwood Hotel, 1 St Andrews Drive, Cumbernauld.

Present

Community Councillors; Tom Law (Chair), Bill Crosson (Vice Chair), Liz Coats (Treasurer), Tony Williams (Secretary), May Haggerty, and Marcin Ciechomski.

Councillor; Alan Masterton

Approximately 20 residents from Westerwood Community.

Apologies: Grant Wallace and Wullie Kenneth

Welcome

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

Minutes and Matters Arising

As this was the first public meeting for two years there were no previous minutes presented and no matters raised.

2022 Meetings

Public Meetings throughout 2022 will be held in the Westerwood Hotel on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm on the following dates:

31 March; 26 May; 30 June (AGM); 25 August; 27 October; 1 December.

There may also be occasions to hold Public Zoom Meetings if necessary.

Chairman's Report

The ongoing challenge to Ogilvie's application to build homes between Kings Drive and Queens Drive was finally resolved by the decision of the Scottish Reporter to conclude the site area was recognized as part of the Green Network Area within North Lanarkshire and therefore deny Ogilvie the consent to build thereon.

Ogilvie's application to construct 50 new dwellings on a forestry site at St Andrews Drive was rejected by North Lanarkshire Council. The site is currently the subject of a Restock Direction notice. As such, approval of the application would bring the permission into conflict with Ogilvie's legal requirement to restock the site in accordance with Scottish Forestry Restock Direction notice. The site is still under investigation by Scottish Forestry.

Treasurer's Report

Liz mentioned that thanks to a contribution of £440 from North Lanarkshire Council, as well as a Grant of £3988 for Garden Implements, the current funds in our bank account are at £6,102.43 while there is £95.69 in petty cash.

Update on Local Development Plans

There are currently two Proposal of Application Notices (PAN). The first, on behalf of Springfield Properties, is for housing on a site adjacent to Caulders Garden Centre. Reference number 21/01544/PAN. The second, on behalf of Scottish Enterprise, is for a mixed use site including residential, employment, open space, woodland and cycle network at Drum Mains Park, Orchardton Woods. Reference number 22/00040/PAN.

Local Scams

Recently reported scams include Facebook Buyer, WhatsApp, British Gas emails, Police Impersonation, Healthcare and Doorstep scams for Smoke Alarms. There has also been Ex – Offender Cold Callers operating in Kilsyth, Condorrat, Dullatur and Westerwood claiming to be on a rehabilitation scheme offering small items for sale.

Speeding on Eastwood Road and Dullatur Road

North Lanarkshire Council have recently carried out traffic volume and speed checks to determine what action could be taken to improve road safety in these areas. It was noted that some vehicles have been travelling well in excess of speed limits for built up areas.

Monklands Hospital Update

NHS Lanarkshire's vision for a replacement University Hospital Monklands has reached another milestone with the start of the process to seek planning permission. The health board has announced that, as part of the process, it will hold a public consultation in March before submitting a planning application for its proposal to build the state-of-the-art new hospital at Wester Moffat.

In line with current Scottish Government guidance, the four-week consultation will be online due to the pandemic. It runs from 2 March until 29 March, and the community can take part through a dedicated website www.keppiedesign.co.uk/mrp

The website will host two live and interactive public consultation events, with a "chat box" function to put questions to members of the Monklands Replacement Project (MRP) team about the plans to build the new hospital at Wester Moffat Farm, Airdrie.

The events are on Thursday 17 March, 4-8pm; and Saturday 19 March, 12-4pm.

The community can also provide feedback through a form on [the website](#) or by contacting the MRP team.

Email - MRP.Team@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk

Phone - 01698 752320

Write to - FREEPOST RTEJ-HZLK-AETZ, Communications Department, NHS Lanarkshire, Kirklands, Fallside Road, Bothwell, G71 8BB.

Call for New Volunteers for our Community Council

To ensure the continuation of Westerwood Community Council and build on our success there are opportunities to join us either as an office bearer or associate. No experience is necessary and volunteers would be most welcome.

Litter and Fly Tipping

The Scottish Government consultation, which was drafted in partnership with Zero Waste Scotland, Keep Scotland Beautiful and Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), is seeking views on the aims, objectives and actions that will sit under, the new National Litter and Fly Tipping Strategy for Scotland.

These proposed actions sit within three strategic themes that were agreed by stakeholders:

Behaviour change; Services and infrastructure; Enforce

The responses to this consultation will help shape and deliver the final strategy which will be published in 2022. Engagement and consultation with a wide range of stakeholders is a crucial aspect of the new strategy development. To take part in the consultation see link below.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-litter-flytipping-consultation/>

The consultation closes on 31st March 2022.

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Next Meeting

Next meeting is on Thursday 31st March at 7.30 pm in the Westerwood Hotel. Cumbernauld.

Close

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