



Minutes from meeting on 2nd August 2022 in Cumbernauld & Carbrain Community Hub, Town Centre

Attending: C Train, A Cardno, E Fleming, K Davidson, W Goldie, W Homer, A Smith, B McCulloch, P Reed

Apologies: M Hazlett, A Ballinger, S McLeod, LPST

Minutes from 7th June read. W Goldie reminded us that the no parking zig zags at school will soon be a compulsory. List of Councillors involved in various NLC committees will be available on NLC website.

LPST sent us last months crime report (attached). Anti social behaviour on the increase in Cumbernauld. Plain clothes and uniformed officers, including some on horseback have been intervening in groups of up to 60 people in N Carbrain. There was a shortlived quietening down. W Homer has said there will be a meeting arranged with S Rae to discuss the way forward with this. We will be notified and invited to this as the groups involved cross over to our side of town centre when they are dispersed. Licensing have become involved as underage drinking is an issue although the agents buying for the groups are a problem. Bottle marking schemes are being discussed as a measure to monitor this. Town Centre security have CCTV footage of vandalism and antisocial behaviour and I will follow up with them what will be done next to control this.

Boy racers continue to be a problem. Large meetings are being organised on social media. One took place recently in the town centre car parks with up to 100 cars, loud music, speeding and backfiring cars being a nuisance. Police are now aware of the social media element.

Bin management is to be reviewed. 3 weeks is too long between them being emptied and siting needs to be looked at. The bin beside St Mungo's Church has now been removed as it was not in a suitable position and hadn't been emptied for 3 months. There is a request outstanding to put a bin in Muirfield playpark. They are never cleaned and smell awful.



The vandalised bin store at the Muirfield Centre has been repaired.

Two of our group did a litter pick in St Marys woods. It's getting more difficult to access there but we will try to keep on top of things. There is a group organised (by Councillor McPhilemy) litter pick in Westray, Ravenswood on August 6th.

There has been a meeting organised by living streets but nobody was able to attend. I can email A Docherty for any news on the bench to be added in the Ravenswood area.

A Cardno was looking for information for funding to help a self organised mental health group for young people discharged from Foster Care. Adam Smith was able to point her in the direction of this. She will feed back on what she can do to help.

There will be another meeting re the free breakfast Café which will start on the last Thursday in August in St Mungo's church. This should be around August 12th to finalise volunteers and their varying roles and training needs. P Reed will help with admin of the group.

W Homer gave us lots of info re the Cumbernauld and Carbrain Community Hub. They are now a registered Charity. The Pantry has been running every Thursday but he anticipates it will be increasing its output due to rising need. We had a discussion about how to raise funds for essential food items and I will publicise the donation site on our social media. We could also try to reach out to residents who are not on social media who can help by donating. They also have a clothes bank and swap shop there. R Reed has volunteered to tidy up the old ATM room in the hub. It needs the walls patched up.

They also have various groups who meet there and I asked if there were any NLC plans to provide warm spaces but nothing is happening so far.



Beautiful Scotland have been out to look at the work done by Carbrain and Hillcrest Community Council and Craigieburn group. They will hear the outcome in due course.

There is a plant swap at Broomlands Family centre this Saturday at 11am till 1pm Cumbernauld Living Landscape have lost most of their staff so it will be up to volunteers to keep on top of things in the interim. The Wildlife Trust manages the Seafar woods and Ravenswood reserve. I will try to find out what is going on about replacing the staff who left.

I have offered some help to local residents who wanted to manage neglected spaces in the landscaping around the local area. I conveyed my concerns to the Councillors about the blanket use of Round up even around areas that are being community managed and was told there are discussions taking place about this. There are instances of people putting their own time and money into small projects only for the council to kill off the area with weedkiller. This is not acceptable. I have asked that a ban on Round Up be reintroduced, alternate methods of weed control put in place and individual small projects be protected from destruction when it's obvious they are being looked after.

Councillor Adam Smith submitted an update of his assistance with issues since the last meeting(attached)

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Our next meeting will be on 4th October 2022