

Cumbernauld Village Community Council

Minutes

11th April 2013

Present

Ann, Mcleish, Sheila McGhee, Sandra Brady, Adam Irvine, Gillian Connolly, Nancy McEwan, Alan Russell, Paula McCrae, Elizabeth Snedden, Philip Morgan-Klein, Brenda Morgan-Klein, Police Officers Tollan and McElevay

Apologies

Wilma Shepherd, Pat Churches, Margo Barr, Norman Egan, Jim McLean

1. Police Report

There were 61 calls in the previous month. Of these some were for assistance and advice. 17 led to recorded crimes. These included assaults and careless driving. Of these crimes, 7 were detected. There was an extended of road safety in relation to the new play park including enforcement of the 20mph speed limit. The police officers suggested that they would keep an eye on speeding on Glasgow road to gauge the extent of the problem. The general problem of careless parking was also discussed and the difficulty of enforcement now that the village has lost its traffic warden.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

There was general discussion of the Link group Public Information event which had taken place. Some errors were noted in the minutes in 4.3. The relevant section now reads:

Mr Ashcroft noted that rather than changing the direction of flow within the village it may be better to explore waiting restrictions on Baronhill again as this appears to be the main area of concern.

Glasgow Road – Mr Ashcroft is aware of the road condition and has plans to carry out resurfacing in the new financial year, and will inform VCC once dates are set for these works.

3. Treasurer's report

Bank £1,764.26

Cash 100.65

Total £1,864.91

The treasurer noted that the decrease in the bank balance reflected the fact that the bill for design, creation and maintenance of the website had been settled since the last VCC meeting.

4. Secretary's report

4.1 Brenda reported that she had a meeting with John Ashcroft the following week to discuss the 20 mph zone on Glasgow Road and traffic flow generally. Adam and Nancy indicated that they would like to attend.

4.2 Contact had been made with Visit Scotland on the possibility of a tourist sign for the village on the motorway. The process by which these are approved is somewhat obscure but the cost is prohibitive at around £10,000. It was agreed that this was not a priority at present.

4.3 Brenda reported on the Jubilee Playpark sod cutting ceremony. Photographs are available on the facebook page.

4.4 One planning application on Roadside was discussed. No issues were noted.

4.5 Cumbernauld Living landscape Launch date noted on 7th May. Activities in evening and invitation only event in the afternoon. Get tickets by emailing Brenda.

4.6 Play park maintenance at Springfield and Carrick Road. No one had checked to see if this had been carried out.

4.7 There was a discussion of dog fouling which has become a very significant problem. It is to be hoped new bins will help. A number of actions were agreed:
Get publicity material and bags from NLC for use in the village
Discover if dogs can be kept on the lead in Jubilee Play Park.

4.8 It was noted that the Main Street was badly littered. There was some discussion about whether or not this was mainly an issue outside pubs. No clear action agreed and to be discussed again.

5. Conservation area Regeneration Scheme (CARS)

Brenda had been in touch with Richard Cartwright re the winding up of the project and mechanisms for giving feedback and noting lessons learned. He advised that signage is being manufactured and installation of bins and benches imminent. Some grant work is yet to be completed such as work on the Circle's roof. RC gave assurances that the work would go on until the project is satisfactorily completed notwithstanding the deadline. It was agreed that it would be helpful to invite RC to the June meeting of VCC.

6. Website

Brenda reported that the website is fully designed and that she is filling it with content. It is on the designer's server at the moment and will be switched over when we tell him that it is ready. Brenda explained related papers which had previously been circulated including a diagram showing the different media and their relationship, a table summarising properties and activity, and a draft policy document covering content on twitter, facebook and the website. It was agreed that people could contact Brenda with comments on the policy draft and that it would be finalised at the next meeting.

7. Cumbernauld village Action for the Community (CVAC) Report

7.1 Philip has met with Ian McKenzie, the project officer for Cumbernauld Living Landscape to discuss the work being done in the village and future potential. CLL is funded by the Scottish wildlife Trust and part of its work is to encourage cooperation between organisations and and make better use of the local area. One possibility is improving habitats for amphibians. CLL could organise a local workshop on this. There was discussion of a new pond, making better use of existing ponds and the wildlife potential of the burn. It was agreed that it would be useful to test the pH of the burn as there were questions about whether it currently supported any aquatic life at all.

7.2 Philip reported on meetings had taken place between CVAC and Cumbernauld House Trust (CHT) on progress with obtaining funding for the school. CHT's recent public meeting had not been a great success and more ground work is needed on funding and securing the capacity of CHT which had undergone some changes in recent months. CHT will be organising an AGM and a recruitment drive for members in the near future. One continuing question is the retention of the name Cumbernauld house Trust which was seen as confusing by those attending the public meeting. This is under consideration by CHT. CVAC will continue to work with CHT to support funding bids and to stay in touch with the community. Liz suggested investing in a banner to advertise the fact that community groups continue to work to transform the school. The banner would be displayed on the building. Liz to action.

7.3 Philip reported that there were two half plots left on the allotments and the at meetings and clear up sessions were planned. There will be an open day later in the year and possibly an end of summer or perhaps Halloween event on the Langriggs for families. Any ideas for this very welcome.

8. AOB

No other business

Date of next meeting

9th May 7.30pm Village Hall