



High Cumnock Community Council

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING 26th AUGUST 2015

Meeting was opened at 7:30pm by the Chairperson M. Walker who thanked everyone for their attendance and hoped they had a restful Summer break.

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Apologies

Attendance

E. Ross (Councillor) -
d - K. Geggis (Pencloe) - G. Parker (Eon) -
T. Kennedy - P. Wood (Scottish Power) - R. Carr (Burns Lines)

Police Report No Police attended the meeting, no written reports

Previous Minutes Approved: 1 - Seconded: 1

Matters Arising Letter to Kirklandside Health Care hospital concerning a meeting with Doctor from Valley Health Centre, a letter must go to Valley Health care first before they can be involved.

Vandalism Knockshoch Monument, this is quite extensive. A cost to repair/replace has to be priced up for consideration.

Flooding, there is still a problem with land ownership which will need to be addressed before further work can be completed

Guest Speakers Calum Whiteford from Banks renewables spoke on the High Cumnock Wind farm which was turned down by East Ayrshire Planning. Went on appeal to the Scottish office and was unfortunately also rejected. On the Lethens Wind farm Project has been submitted to the Scottish Office for approval with a reduction on the output from 39 Turbines to 26 turbines. Only 4 Turbines will be visible the remainder will be behind Corsencone. Access to the site will be along the Mansfield Road. The benefits envisaged are estimated to be £15 Million payback over the next 25 years, it was also suggested that 5 windmills could be purchased by The local communities involved and therefore could end up the largest Community Wind farm in Scotland.

Tracy Kennedy from Scottish Power informed the Council that the Hare Hill Extension has been approved with a further 39 Turbines and that after a full discussion with East Ayrshire Council it was agreed that Regional Fund

Would benefit by £3000 to to E.A.C and £2000 into Regional Fund with calculations over a 15 Kilometer area, this caused an immediate response from the whole Community Council and is contrary to all the pre negotiations agreed between the Community Council and E.A.C at several meeting held on the subject of funding and spheres of influence within neighbouring areas.

Councillor Ross left the meeting to find out who in E.A.Council was involved in these arrangements as they were contrary to his knowledge of the agreements with Council.

K.Geggis from Pencloe Windfarm after receiving the support for Pencloe Windfarm asked the Community Council if they would be prepare to write to the Scottish Office in Support and also fill in letters of support.

<u>Correspondence</u>	Planning Committee Variation Kelly's Store	Noted
	Vibrant Communities Smartcare	Noted
	Village S.O.S	investigate
	East Ayrshire Council Agenda	Noted
	The Scottish Government Fairer Scotland	Noted
	Pencloe Wind Farm	Support
	Vibrant Communities Funding Assistance	Noted

Reports Fun Day was a great success with twice the number of people attending than Previous years , the weather although dull kept dry, there was agood number of rides and slides which kept everyone very happy.

Greenhead Pavilion the Amateur Football Team is in the process of taking over the building, it was the impression of the Team that the building would be brought up to an agreeable standard which is not happening only miner repairs and touch up painting is being done Council should be contacted as this was not the spirit of the agreement on Local takeovers of buildings,

Pathhead Memorial Seat it was proposed that a seat commemorating the WW11 should be designed to sit beside the WW1 seat the Primary School should be approached to see if the Children would like to design the seat and costs should be identified and a grant applied for.

Railway Bridge A.Ingrahm M.P has been contacted as to the amount of time it has taken to get work started on the repair of this dangerous bridge with lorries, trucks and cars approaching on the opposite side of the road due to the steel structure cutting down the width of one side of the road.

Richard Carr from bringing the Railways into the Communities spoke on stations and how Communities can become more involved in usage, time-tables and the running of stations.

A request by the contingency Planning Officer to speak to the Community Council. This was agreed and a date to be set.

Date of next meeting 7pm 30th September.