

New Cumnock Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 30th October 2014

1. Sign in by members and visitors.
2. Roll call for Community Councillors.
3. 3. Apologies: Kathy Morrice

	Actions
Police Report: Police officers from Cumnock briefed the Council on recent events in the area. There had been some vandalism, agricultural thefts, a window broken and the chemist's door smashed in again. CCTV was not clear enough to identify the thief. A shutter for the door was suggested. The police agreed there were not enough officers in the area and residents should do all they can to help each other. No update on the poaching issue.	
Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 September 2013. Minutes agreed. Proposed , Seconded .	
Minerals Trust () Update. There is now a shelter at the Railway Station. There are still about 7 manhole covers needing attention on the A76. About 400 copies of the News Letter distributed in the town. Newsletter checked by the Chair, Vice Chair and 4 members of the Council The next meeting of the Mineral Trust is 21 st November 2014 The next meeting of the Wind Farm Trust is 26 th November 2014.	
Steering Group () . Town Hall, Improving New Cumnock, Flooding. There was a meeting today along with 4 members of the Prince's Foundation. Prince Charles has recently been in the area and is very supportive. He expressed a wish to support a Civic Area here, also the Swimming Pool. The Town Hall is progressing well, although the plans are not ready yet but progressing well. There is to be an electric car charger which will be free of charge providing it is completed by April 2015, supplied by EAC. It can be relocated once all the changes are made. The flood group met today. Final plans approved. A Public Meeting will be held in November to finalise everything. Funding from the Scottish Government may be available up to 80% but EAC to fund 20%, but will take 3 years before it's complete.	
Coalfield Communities Federation. Apologies	
Opencast Liaison Groups. House of Water mentioned that House of Water started working 24 hour shifts on 13 th	

October. A report was made to EAC about lorries moving rock off site for a number of weeks in August. East Ayrshire Council investigating.	
Greenburn. Alana Dale (Kier Mining). Gave an update. Regarding the extension at Carsgailoch which had plans approved 2 years ago; if this site is not worked I would like to point out areas on the map for restoration. Dalgig site at the moment this site is an open void but we are intending to backfill the area, with a water feature on site. We intend to incorporate lots of local history. The initial assessment regarding flood. There is a workshop in the area and we intend to create a car park in the area to allow people to use the area. Speaking to East Ayrshire council to do it in January and get planning in March for Dalgig. So we have done an initial assessment at the Greenburn site and this shows that what we could do is leave some of the void plan would be floor relief where water come in flooded area and exit here ...tie in with the wider valley There will be a decision early next year. If it goes ahead. Opportunity this year mentioned that this was different to the original proposal and not what was promised. Alana agreed. The last part of the restoration will be the road opening in 2017.	
Netherton: NCCC was not accepted by the liaison Group	
Grievehill : East Ayrshire Council looking at restoration on all sites in East Ayrshire. East Ayrshire Council and Hargreaves are working to try and do an overall restoration Master plan for all sites in Ayrshire. Some work has been done. On the north face bank some remedial work needs done stabilising the area. A visit was made by NCCC members followed by a meeting Bob McIntosh FCS & SNH to investigate 'land swapping' SPA to mitigate opencast. (Special Protection Area) It will take time to resolve a new area to replace the area with fewer issues. Not a lot of work required to restore, SMRT will probably take responsibility for it. Master plan all sites with restoration to paif for with further coaling as yet to be mined. There are Planning issues so don't know when it will happen.	
Crowbandsgate: mentioned Stockpile of coal had come down.	
Braehead Site: Kier will assess flood alleviation capacity - as it is different from original plan. Difference in cost?	
Reports: Windfarms; 26 November is the date of the next meeting @ 6pm. Minerals trust gives £2000. This is a fund application has been made re specialist to value equity share for wind turbine application gone in and independent advice can start working next week so we will have independent advice working for us.	
Peel; Nothing to report at the moment. Will talk specifically art next meeting	
Calumn Pickford from Banks. (Equity share option new updated visualisations arrived today). Introduced new project manager and updated the CC. Regarding High Cumnock Windfarm. Between Cumnock and new Cumnock been in planning since 2015. Hoped to go before planning in October this year but recently were told there were some discrepancies which have been rectified We put 2 sets of visuals to the council. These had been corrected and we are hopeful it will go to committee in the next couple of months. Some of the benefits of High Cumnock will be 6 months traineeships for locals	

<p>for basic skill opportunities. 60 new trainees locally. After 5 years if successful it could go on to 25 years. Also been in discussion with the University of Scotland regarding jobs, education and schemes that support local business and education. Hoping to work directly with them.</p> <p>We are finalising Lethans site, EIA in end November Local benefits £ 105 million to build. 20% to local contracts. Fencing, access, catering etc. £5000 per megawatt community benefit. 15 mil to community local contracts 100% delivered into local contracts. 50,000 mil to come back into the community. Providing they are competitive.</p> <p>Calumn. There was a Public event on 20th August which unfortunately was poorly attended. So there was little feedback. There was a Meeting in August regarding equity share . 5% of local communities. High Cumnock Lugar we could provide or if you are quite happy. . Once we have cares funding we will be in touch. A word that keeps cropping up is COULD. Do we have a commitment that this will happen?</p> <p>Calumn. Provided that all is going through our normal process should be able to get that contract. In return what INCA have said is they would take on a supervisor and double training ships. There is no reason why they should not satisfy this. It could equate to 15 mil over 25 years.</p>	
<p>Cares This is the fund application to hire a financial and legal specialist to evaluate New Cumnock taking part in an equity share in a turbine. The application is in and we should get confirmation that the independent advice can start working for us. The local rep will be in touch. Training and jobs could Commitment to actually make it happen utilising local contracts</p>	
<p>half million to community. 11 million from Lethans? Part of community utilising local contacts etc ? some sort of return</p>	
<p>EON panel – Contact details required.</p>	
<p>Afton - EON has been given permission from the Scottish government to go ahead with Windfarm. There is a report out by Dr Rachael O’connor – which is a presentation on Windfarms, water and the smoking gun on youtube. The problem seems to be that when the ground gets disturbed by building the Windfarm that water runs into the reservoir and Scottish Water have to remove all impurities by adding chlorine and the chemical cocktail reacts with natural chemicals and creates a potential carcinogenic effect. Wrote to EON to check out that this is not the case. Scottish Water will be writing to us. This is of grave concern and has EAC has referred to the public health committee. to keep us updated.</p>	
<p>News letter group: CC to assist with payment for Xmas edition of Newsletter. Newsletter distributed throughout the village stores.</p>	
<p>PEOPLES PARTNERSHIP FORUM. (PPF). . explained that the PPF is the Volunteer arm of NHS. There is a meeting on Monday which will enable her to</p>	

give us more information.	
Christmas Lights. Cost £3589.87. We have received an email request for lights to be placed outside the lamppost between no and Castle. This is for who has autism. The post outside house does not have a socket. I have contacted transerv and asked if one would be fitted. Awaiting a response. Lights to be switched on, on Pantomime day on 8 th December. £2000 grant from Minerals Trust may be available..	JM & CHAIR
Facebook: No report	
Communication with wider community: No report	
East Ayrshire councillors report: Eric Ross: No report	
Treasurer Nothing to report- books sent to auditors before taking over accounts.	
AOB. attended a training seminar last week regarding the roles of the CC in the community which was very informative. Explained that EAC properties which run at a loss are closed, groups disbanded. Villages have no libraries, no bank. Locally there is to be a mobile bank which will be computerised. The Town Hall is supported by Princes' Foundation but the Community Centre will be missed. suggested that clubs that are shut during the week may offer a room. RE Fund. East Ayrshire Council needed to seek expertise before speaking re Vibrant Communities and NCCC give it 2 weeks more then to send an email to chase. stated sufficient notice needed to invite other CC and groups eligible for grants. Meeting before end November. Meeting best be in evening.	
Correspondence Off Licence at Castle - This was discussed in depth - no objections.	
wishes to be co-opted as a member of the council. As one of the councillors has not attended for 6 months we have a vacancy. He needs to be present at meeting before he can be voted on. Intends to be at next meeting.	
Allotments. Only 6 people at the meeting site at Legget. Going to planning late November.	
Armistice day: 3 wreaths to be laid by the Council. One at the Church laid by the Chair. One at the Cemetery () and one at Banks school.().	
Timber lorries – A points system is in place for those vehicles not using the bypass and they could be banned for 1 month. Council adamant that they stick to the rules. Up to community to provide evidence.	

David Rush – Miners Memorial. No meeting arranged as yet. CC discussed costs again. The Steering group to take it up.	
The fence at river near the school is broken and the PTA are concerned as it is dangerous. The previous fence was vandalised .	
Date of next meeting 26/11 2014 @ 1900	
MEETING CLOSED	