

NEW CUMNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25th October, 2017 in the Town Hall, New Cumnock.

Present:

Apologies:

Cllr. Crawford (EAC).

In Attendance:

(Business Group), Cllr. Young (EAC), Cllr. McMahon (EAC), (CAP), Elaine Miller (EAC – Vibrant Communities), PC F. McCann, PC E. McDonald (Police Scotland) and 11 members of the public.

- 1. Police Report:** The Police Officers gave a verbal report on the situation in New Cumnock. They had been called out 54 times and there were 16 reported crimes. The Officers later answered questions on matters ranging from, burglary, drug problems and speeding.
- 2. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th September, 2017 were agreed as correct. Moved by _____ seconded by _____ .
- 3. Lorg Wind Farm:** A discussion was held regarding the planning application by E.ON for a 10-turbine windfarm at Lorg.

Concerns were raised both by members of the Community Council and the members of the public who were present especially for this item. Items of concern included traffic problems on Afton Road, lack of traffic management and volume of traffic through the village. Members were also incensed about the way the application was being handled by E.ON who appeared to have disregarded the views of the local community.

(Ayrnet/E.ON) stated that he was unaware of the local concerns but would rely them to E.ON headquarters at Coventry.

Cllr. McMahon agreed to take the matter up with East Ayrshire Council. He would also visit the site and speak to the residents of Afton Road.

Cllr. Young also said he would reply the concerns voiced at this meeting to East Ayrshire Council.

Elaine Miller said that while she had some sympathy with our predicament there was not much East Ayrshire Council could do to help but she agreed to speak to Michael Keane to see if anything could be done to assist with the workload involved in dealing with planning applications of this kind.

On a vote being taken it was agreed to submit a planning objection to East Ayrshire Council for this proposed development. **Voting: FOR 7 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN 1.**

- 4. Keir Mining:** A discussion was held regarding the resubmission of a Planning Application by Keir Mining for a revised plan to restore the opencast site at House of Water.

On a vote being taken it was agreed to submit a planning objection to East Ayrshire Council for the application. **Voting: FOR 8 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN 1.**

- 5.** Elaine Miller, East Ayrshire Council Vibrant Communities, was welcomed to the meeting.

- 6. Comments from East Ayrshire Councillors (Ward 8):** Cllr Young reported that the Council Chief Executive (Fiona Lees) had visited New Cumnock on Friday 13th October and was given a list of concerns gathered from interested parties.

Cllr. McMahon gave a report on the recent meeting with the Head of Ayrshire Roads Alliance regarding flood prevention measures to be undertaken in New Cumnock.

Cllr. McMahon also reported on the recent budget meeting of the Council which would involve £55m worth of cuts over the next 5 years.

During a general discussion it was felt that a housing ‘conversation’ needed to take place between East Ayrshire Council and New Cumnock stakeholders regarding the housing provision for New Cumnock over the next few years.

- 7. Correspondence:** The Secretary reported that he had circulated items of correspondence since the last meeting.

- 8. Treasurers Business:** Written report was submitted – **Noted.**

The Treasurer claimed £58.75 for paper and 3 wreaths for Remembrance Day.

The Chair claimed £50 for flowers as previously arranged.

Agreed.

9. Business Group: A written report had been submitted -**Noted.**

The Business Group recommended that two members of the Community Council be appointed to the Interim Board of the Development Trust.

It was agreed **Unanimously** that and be the two Community Council appointees.

The date of the next meeting would be Wednesday 29th November, 2017 at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Treasurer

25th November, 2017.

