

Minutes of the Meeting 28th August 2013

The Chairman opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending. Raised the matter of coal trucks from Glenmuckloch Opencast travelling through the Town and informed the Council that an Email had been sent to Dumfries and Galloway Planning Department. No reply has been received and it may have went astray as he was not sure the correct address was in order, a new Email will be sent when he has the correct address. Chairman also raised the matter of the amount of meeting and proposed that the September and December meetings should be cancelled bringing the total of meetings to 10 per year in Line with other Community Councils. (agreed).

Apologies

(It was reported that _____ was in Hospital. A get well card to be sent)

Police Report

P.C Cadwell gave a comprehensive report on the criminal activities in the Town
2 Assaults Ashmark Avenue and Afton Bridgend 2 Males Arrested
2 Breach of the Peace 2 Males Arrested
2 Drink Driving offences 2 Males Arrested
1 Fraud Castle Area Enquires Continuing
3 Thefts 2 in Castle 1 Glenafton Drive 1 Male Reported others under enquiry
4 Cases of Vandalism Mason Ave. Glenafton Dr. Blarene Dr. Stellhead Ave.
Several questions were put concerning adherence to 20 mph. Past Schools,
Situation concerning amount of heavy Opencast vehicles likely to be travelling
through the Town, and what, if any Police restrictions which can put in place,
Heavy Vehicles driving over the mini roundabout at Greenhead Road whilst
Cars are being booked and fined for the same.
Can the police intervene and get traffic lights in place at the dangerous railway
Bridge.

P.C Cadwell answered majority of concerns and would report to next meeting on any outstanding concerns
(A letter to Transport Scotland showing concern for safety at railway bridge and the need for Traffic Lights)

Minutes of previous Meeting Page 2 should read at 12th July 18 Months to 36 Months with
that amendment moved _____ seconded

Matters Arising

Discussions took place on the amount of information and insurance cover
East Ayrshire Council wanted before the Fun Day could go ahead, other
local events did not seem to merit this strict criteria. Chairman has spoken
to M.P Sandra Osbourne to look into the reasons why NewCumnock is
treated differently from other Communities.
Working Men's Club disabled ramp awaiting handrail to complete job.
NewCumnock miners who were killed in pits memorial (awaiting Costs).

Correspondence

Proposed Traffic Order Kilmarnock	Noted
Scoping Request Euchanhead Windfarm	Noted
Community Blog	Review
Heritage Lottery Information Event	2 to Attend
Community Council Annual Seminar	3 to Attend

Correspondence (cont)

Ayrshire & Arran Tourism	Noted
Marine Scotland Consultation	Noted
Big lottery Fund	Seek more Info.

Planning Applications

Erection of Garage & Stable Block Wellhill Cottage	Agreed
Netherton Opencast Site (vary conditions)	Agreed
Extension to existing dormer 37a Castle	Agreed

Declaration of Interest

Community Asset Transfer. Nerv have declared an interest in taking out a 10 year lease on the Community Centre. This does not mean that this will be granted as a lot of work will need to be undertaken to show that the Centre can be run economically (Further information will be forth coming when available.)

J.Hastie Report

At the Windfarm Trust Meeting of 21st August only two bids Were submitted, one was rejected due to the money they had In bank balance, the second was the Parish Church which was Granted £546.

At the Minerals Trust Meeting in Visions on the 23rd August two local organisations received grants N.C.W.R.I £500;00p NewCumnock Angling Club received £3770;00p total £4270;00p NewCumnock Working Men's Club was continued to allow Consideration into the viability of the long term future of the Club.

Councillor Menzies in response to questions is waiting on a report concerning Mason Avenue which is a major cause for concern due to the amount of boarded up houses in that area, and the need for Decent Council Houses due to the implementation of the bedroom Tax and the need for 3 apartment houses.

Potholes at rear businesses at Mason Avenue will be filled in sometime in September, the problem has been joint ownership.

A.O.C.B

Who is responsible for steps behind Burnton Place	Council
The Crown Hotel went to Auction who now owns it	No Change
Drains at Pathhead to Nith bridge are blocked	Contact Roads
Drain at Lochview has been blocked for Months	Contact Roads

A full discussion took place on the state Opencasts have been left And why the Bonds were not in place to cover the re-instatements It was muted that a report in 2009 stated that Bonds were in place And an updated report would be available annually this did not happen therefore the problem was never highlighted. An inquiry is now taking place into the fiasco.

Due to the afore mentioned problem with bonds a meeting is to be held with Keir Mining to discuss the possibility of redundancies.

Vatenfall Windfarm application is now advertised for Kyle site the plans are in the Library and a copy will be available in the Community Centre

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 30th October 7pm