



New Cumnock Community Council

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Apologies from

Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 31 July

Chairman's Remarks

Chair opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Police Report

Noted that no police were in attendance at the meeting. Chair suggested a letter was to be sent to Sgt Quinn asking why. to forward email contact details to

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Chair reviewed the January minute page by page asking for comments and corrections. Minutes were proposed by and seconded by

Matters Arising

The Bicycle referred to in the minute was in fact a Grab a Grand Game it was brought to the fun day last year and would be there again this year.

The working men's club steps and ramp referred to was now repaired.

Welfare reform group were interested not insisting upon members taking part in training.

New Surgery should be open August/September and believed to be waiting for Scottish Water.

Pool had been closed due recently due to water filter problem.

Minerals Trust

Various landscape maintenance issues were discussed including the lack of watering planters, which will be taken up by the Chair. Meeting clarified that landowners were responsible for hedge cutting and roads department responsible for grass cutting at Afton Road edges.

Guest Speakers

Speakers from Hargreaves Surface Mining –

addressed the meeting in regard to their role and proposed operations in the area following the administration of parts of Scottish Coal and ATH.

Concerns were raised about the proposed handling and transfer of coal, about restoration works and about real job losses in the area.

Hargreaves speakers explained their role as a mining contractor not a restoration company, which is being managed by others. They explained the economic issues connected with the use of the conveyor belt to transport coal and clarified their proposals to move the remaining 340,000 Tons of coal out by Road using a sympathetic vehicle management plan over the next 18-24 months. It was suggested by the meeting that there are no benefits to New Cumnock in these proposals and in fact many risks presented to the community as a whole and to our school children in particular. The railway bridge was also highlighted as a grave area of concern given the number of road movements proposed by Hargreaves. Hargreaves speakers suggested that they were doing their best to minimize the impact on the community and that their proposals, given economics of alternatives and coal prices, was the only way to get the remaining coal out and the various sites restored.

It was suggested that New Cumnock Community Council may not be consulted on these proposals and that a meeting with East Ayrshire Council Planning and Roads Departments be arranged to ensure that all of our concerns are raised and risks highlighted. The possibility

of a specific Sub-Group was suggested.

Hargreaves speakers clarified that there is no active search for more coal at present but that there may be.

Speaker from EON – [redacted] was invited by the Chair to speak for 15 minutes. Community Benefits Scheme approved 2007 was discussed and it was agreed that a joint letter from NCCC and the developer be written to East Ayrshire Council for clarification on how that relates to the later '75 Agreement. Many concerns were expressed about the funding of local groups and the different criteria for doing so.

It was noted that Sandyknowe had delivered a similar document to EAC and that this would be copied to the Secretary after the meeting. There was a suggestion that New Cumnock join with other Community Councils affected by this whilst others pointed out that areas objecting to Wind Farms were likely to benefit from them.

Events Group

Insurance for the Fun Day - Quote from NFU for £195

Insure my event.com was suggested at £80 for 6hrs

It was suggested that License application process and Health and Safety procedures were becoming too onerous for small groups and events.

Volunteers are still required for the day and information and articles for the newsletter.

CCF (Coalfield Community Federation)

□ The recent 313 job losses from Scottish Coal were discussed and it was suggested that the 'Task Force' approach taken by EAC is not an effective strategy or response and that we should be asking for at least 'enterprise status in line with other areas to at least attempt to get a level playing field for funding and support here. It was suggested that there is a local business with the potential to create 60 jobs in development for the past 7 years and that there are no incentives for businesses to come here and it is believed that we lose out to other areas in this respect.

Treasurer Report

There was no report – the treasurer is ill and not in attendance.

Correspondence

21 June – EAC Trading Standards - Newsletter

24 June – EAC Planning Applications and Decisions – None in New Cumnock

25 June – EAC Garden competition 2013 - Request for nominations

26 June – Hargreaves – Planning Application Notice for Duncanziemere and Southern Extensions.

26 June – EAC Planning Consultation Letter Ref:13/0378/PP Temp Mast extension of time from 18 months to 36 months.

27 June – Police Scotland – Review of traffic warden provision, public service and opening hours at police offices.

01 July – EAC Planning Applications and Decisions – None in New Cumnock

01 July – PNE Wind UK Ltd – Polquhairn Wind Farm – Community Liaison Group Mtg

04 July – EAC Councillor William Menzies – Grass cutting responsibility at Nursery

05 July – Hargreaves – Glenmuckloch Proposal of Application Notice

09 July – EAC Planning Applications and Decisions – New Cumnock 13/0241/PP Approved Keir's Variation of hours of operation.

12 July – EAC Planning Consultation Letter Ref 13/0443/PP Temp Mast extension of time from 18 months to 6 months

15 July - EAC Planning Applications and Decisions – New Cumnock 13/0036/PP the old church, extension of time further 3 years.

No date – Yipworld.com – Request for mentors

No Date – EAC Education & Social Services – Self Directed Support changes and Notice of meeting 4 September 2013

No date – Sandy Knowe Wind Farm Community Liaison Group Meeting - Copy of Minutes Thursday 9 May

No Date – J Parker's – Wholesale Catalogue Autumn 2013

AOB

Events Group Meeting this coming Tuesday at 10am

Pot hole repairs at the rear of shops is the responsibility of the shop owners

Miners' Memorial in New Cumnock was briefly discussed with estimated £20,000 cost suggested and there may be some funding available via special welfare fund. It was noted that 121 people have lost their lives to mining activity between 1840 and the present day.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 28 August 2013

Secretary

