

New Cumnock Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 30 Jan 2013

**Present :**

[REDACTED] (Chair), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Treasurer), [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Apologies :**

[REDACTED] (Secretary), [REDACTED] PC Darren McDade, PC Scott Hendry.

**Visitors :**

PC Sharon Cauldwell, PC Fiona Morris, Cllr Menzies, [REDACTED] (Banks Renewables), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (NHS), [REDACTED] (E-ON), [REDACTED] (NPower  
Renewables), [REDACTED] (NC Surgery)

**Welcome**

Chair opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Police Report**

Officers reported on 7 crimes in New Cumnock and submitted their written confirmation for period 28 Dec 2012 to 28 Jan 2013 where 5 are detected and enquiries are ongoing regarding the others, as follows;

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| 5 | Road Traffic Offences |
| 1 | Incident of Vandalism |
| 1 | Assault               |

Parking at the school was raised as an issue. Mainly at 3pm but is also a problem in the morning.

New roundabout at Afton Bridgend was put there to slow traffic, isn't effective.

The police are monitoring these issues.

**Guest Speaker**

[REDACTED] was introduced by the Chair

[REDACTED] apologised for the lack of a GP at the meeting explaining that none were available. He introduced the practice manager [REDACTED] who would answer questions from the floor.

The appointments system was discussed and GP workload limitations were explained. Various appointment systems have been tried and have so far failed to improve waiting times and the difficulties of working people to both make and secure timeous appointments at the surgery.

█ advised that there are on average, 40 appointments a day, that appointments are now available all day on a Thursday and new doctor (█) will be starting on 1 March when late night surgery will be re-introduced.

Although it was acknowledged that by 8.15am all appointments had been allocated, it was suggested that making appointments was more of a problem than getting one, particularly for local shift workers, and that additional admin support at critical times was perhaps a solution.

█ advised that emergencies are always seen and that the surgery is open and approachable to any suggestions on how their services can be improved.

█ suggested the possibility of a specific time slot for working patients might be explored.

█ advised that similar arrangements had been tried but that there were problems with this and restricting access to available appointments.

█ suggested that if the surgery had a mandate from the community to introduce such a system the health board would not stop it.

█ agreed to take this back to the surgery.

█ agreed current telephone system is somewhat antiquated and that improvement will come with the new surgery expected to be operational June-September 2013.

█ and █ answered further questions from the floor including: the out of hours on-call system; NHS 24; demand for particular GP's; publication of surgery information; making appointments in advance; GP's communication skills; 'no-show' appointment levels; weaknesses of the 1200 patients per GP formula; proactive approach to healthcare limitations; website, txt and social media communications; Acceptable protocol for answering the telephone; And, respect for patients and NHS employees. All of these issues will be taken back to the surgery with a view to working with the community in an open door approach to improving services.

### **Treasurer Report**

█ did not submit a written report at the meeting and advised that it would be photocopied for the next meeting.

Chair emphasised the need for it and the Accounts ASAP both for the purposes of the AGM on 27th February and for Grant Application to Banks Renewables as the deadline for the application is 13th February.

█ advised that cheques have been written for expenses, computer repairs and that a 3 month old cheque is still not cashed. It was suggested and agreed that another cheque for the hospice be issued.

█ advised that info from the sub-groups is required for the AGM.

There was some discussion about timing of sub-group reports for the AGM.

Regarding expenses in connection with the Sandy Knowe Windfarm Chair advised that minutes have been checked back as far as June and nothing was recorded therein regarding expenses. It was agreed however that expenses should be paid.

█ advised that the auditor had commented that compared to other Community Councils travel expenses were very low and that people should not be out of pocket for attending meetings.

Chair commented that the community council cannot spend what it does not have.

The high cost of Xmas Lights at £5,400 was discussed.

Chair advised that an application to Awards4All grant is a possibility and that others had been awarded however we were unable to apply whilst events group statement is still outstanding.

█ agreed to return the audited accounts and statements required to the Chair after the meeting.

(agreed to post through door tomorrow) █ further advised that CC is short of funds to pay this bill by £1000. It was agreed that treasurer is to write a cheque for £4,400 and await their response.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Proposed by █ and seconded by █

Correction of error Page 6 Planning sub-group report...temporary masts up to 80cm should read 80m

### **Matters arising from Previous Meeting**

It was suggested that more meaningful and up to date info could be in the community notice boards.

The possibility of the events group 'going it alone' rather than as a sub-group of the CC was discussed.

It was suggested by the Chair that this might encourage the young, who were less likely to want to attend long CC meetings, to get more involved. Others suggested that all groups needed to be encouraged to engage with the community.

Cllr Crawford gave the example that in Netherthird their fun day group was separate but worked in tandem with the CC. Chair suggested that a vote was taken and 9 members voted that the events group go it alone...the proposal was therefore carried.

### **Sub Group Reports**

#### **Wind Farm**

█ attended Windfarm Trust meeting 11 January and advised the following grants were awarded:

Pathhead Activity.	£500
Games Hall.	£1,000
Parish C Toddlers.	£150
Bowling Green.	£1,000
Glens.	£1,000
Christmas Lights.	£1,400
<b>Total.</b>	<b>£5,050</b>

### **Planning**

Lists of application decisions from week ending 10 Dec 12 to week ending 21 Jan 13 noted.

Statutory lists of Applications received and valid/registered during the period ending 11 December 2012 to period ending 21 January 2013 reviewed and the following Ward 8 / New Cumnock applications reviewed :

No. 12/0006/EIAS/CP. (Delegated)

Proposed Windfarm at Monquhill between NC and Dalmellington

No. 12/0860/PP. (Delegated)

Extension of expiry date by further 3 years at Land adjacent 39 Leggate, Connell Park, NC  
Original application 07/0906/FL Consultation letter expired 31 Dec 2012

No. 12/0845//PP (Delegated)

Erection of a dwellinghouse at Land adjacent to Mill Lade, Afton Road, NC  
Consultation letter expired 17 Dec 2012

No. 12/0040/EIAS/CR (Delegated)

Screening request for a wind turbine at Meikle Garclaugh, Mansefield Rd, NC

No. 12/0901/PP (Delegated)

Renewal of consent 07/0565/FL at The Crown Hotel, 11 Castle, NC  
Consultation letter expired 3 Jan 2013

Notification of Windfarm application within Dumfries & Galloway. No. 10/P/3/0182 Originally submitted 2010 now revised

Erection of 12 wind turbines and associated infrastructure at Black hill to Magheuchan Rigg, Euchar Water, Sanquhar

Notification of Windfarm scoping consultation within Dumfries & Galloway  
Proposed Windfarm known as Benbrack located 6km SE of Dalmellington

#### **Liason Group**

█ reported that the application for NC wind turbine has been withdrawn.

Pool is to be repainted and repaired, quotes are in for consideration.

Heritage Trail £39,000??

#### **PPF**

Nothing to report

## **Events Group**

█ reported that the Panto had been a great success. Flowers were presented to █ who turned on the Christmas lights.

Christmas 2013 Panto will be provisionally on 30 November and may be Puss in Boots or Dick Whittington ...to be confirmed.

## **Memorial Garden**

█ reported there is an application in to Banks Renewables for £1000

## **Newsletter**

█ commented that it was a pity that the recent Ayrshire bowling successes not publicised - unfortunately too late for this newsletter which █ advised had gone for printing.

## **Biosphere**

█ submitted the biosphere team update and in summary reported that two events were planned- One in Castle Douglas 6 March and the other in Lochside Hotel, New Cumnock 26 March details to be confirmed.

## **CCF (Coalfield Community Federation)**

█. Nothing to report

## **Scottish Coal**

█ reported that there is a meeting with ATH 6 Feb at 2pm

## **Correspondence**

Scottish Government letter 'Coping with Emergencies - Building Community Resilience' and containing the leaflets: Guide to emergency planning for community groups and How you can help make your community more resilient.

Scottish Police Authority - Draft Strategic Police Plan for consultation response by Friday 22 February 2013

Cllr Menzies raised concerns about how we hold the police to account locally when we are no longer represented locally when smaller councils are to be excluded. A single police force may be easier to be used as a political force and allow service in rural areas to decline. Audit Scotland were highly critical of the existing police arrangements and accountability.

Monquhill Windfarm Newsletter

Scottish Government letter - Electrical works- Environmental Impact Assessment Scotland Regulations 2000. Section 36 Application for proposed Sandy Knowe Wind Farm (Dumfries & Galloway)

Closing date for representations is 11 February 2013

EAC letter advising of planning changes being considered by Scottish Parliament and if approved, will come into force 2 February 2013.

EAC Letter outlining changes to Recycling and Waste Collection Services - Festive Collection Arrangements and Garden Waste Appointment System 3 Dec to 1 March 2013

EAC Letter - Consultation on the future of education provision at St John's Primary School, Cumnock and St Patrick's Primary School, Auchinleck.

Consultation closing date 25 January 2013

EAC Letter - Consultation on the main issues report of the Local Development Plan  
Consultation period ends Friday 25 January 2013

EAC Community Planning Partnership - Nominations Forms for the Community Planning Awards 2013.  
Closing Date for Nominations is Friday 1 February 2013

BRAG Enterprises letter concerning Dam & Railway Station and containing the statement that only one person in the community was involved. Committee agreed that [redacted] to respond advising that many more individuals were involved in maintaining the planters etc and that this statement was disrespectful to those involved.

#### **AOB**

[redacted] raised concerns about the lack of gritting on pavements and in particular at Miller Road where it has been very dangerous for elderly residents in particular.

A discussion followed about council response/strategy for gritting designated routes and priorities.

#### **Minutes**

My apologies in advance for any mistakes or omissions in the minute, from a last minute, stand in minute taker.

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