

Dullatur Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 12 November 2007, Dullatur Village Hall, 8pm.

Present	J McLean, M Smillie, M Kennedy, E Watson, P Chard, C Devlin. Cllr A O'Brien.
Apologies	Cllr G Murray, Cllr B Chadha.
Minutes	Previously circulated, taken as read and approved by E Watson & M Kennedy.

Matters arising from Minutes;

Sewage; Following major repair to the pumping station in October, within a few days it had broken down again. The Toddler Group had to close on 25th October due to the smell. M Smillie and Anne Clark, President of Dullatur Toddler & Playgroup complained to Mr Neil McGeechy of NLC Environmental Dept. Mr Tom McKenzie of SEPA was contacted and Scottish Water was alerted to deal with the problem. It was stated that further two weeks of work was required. The work was started on week commencing 5 November. Cllr Alan O'Brien had an on site meeting on Friday 9th November with Scottish Water.

Cumbernauld Primary & St Andrews Primary Schools; A public meeting of residents was held in the Village Hall On Thursday 1 November. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss questions raised by parents concerning shared lunch time facilities and class room accommodation in St Andrews Primary school. Cathie Craigie MSP attended the meeting. It was agreed that it was an informative meeting and the concerns will be dealt with by our MSP and Councillors. It was agreed that any future complaints will continue to be dealt by The Community Council and forwarded to the Parents Councils of both schools, our MSP and Councillors. Mrs Devlin had asked Mrs McLean if she had received a letter from the Primary schools Head Teachers. To date the letter had not arrived. Mrs Devlin on a previous conversation had asked if the letter from the Head Teachers would be distributed to the residents via the newsletter. It was confirmed that it would be circulated in the January letter and not in the shortened December diary date news sheet.

Leaf Clearing; see AOB. E-mail to Councillors.

Correspondence; NLC Monthly Minutes and Planning Applications by e-mail. NLC; Policy and Procedures for winter maintenance 2007-08.

NLC; letter from Cllr G Murray re Cumbernauld, Cumbernauld Town Centre and the Local Area Partnership, re Local Plan

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NLC; letter from Planning Dept. re Bogie Road (Croy Walkway) A preliminary survey to ascertain whether there is scope for upgrading this route to create a non vehicular link between Dullatur and Croy railway station has been carried out.

NLC; letter re Alternative Weekly Refuse Collections.

NLC; invitation to Annual Tenants Conference on 3rd November.

Cumbernauld & Kilsyth Citizens Advice Bureau, A.G.M 13th November.

Scottish Water; invitation to Scottish water Open Board Meeting on Tuesday 27th November.

Friends of the Earth; re training courses in various topics.

Assoc. of Community Councils; meeting on 13th October, Municipal Buildings Falkirk. Meeting on 3rd November in the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh.

Ofcom; re closure of Community Television Relay Licence -246.

Newsletter from Jamie Hepburn MSP.

Letter from Westerwood Community Council re Primary Schools.

E-mail from Cllr O'Brien re youth club funding;

I thought you might find the bit about not needing a youth club in Dullatur interesting.

Regards

Alan OB

Hi Folks

I thought I'd better give you an update on a meeting I had with Colin Couper (manages the area patch offices responsible for youth clubs) last night.

As you will have seen I've been asking for some background info as the only funded Youth Club in my Ward has been shut down, leaving me with the only ward in NLC without a youth club.

However, after last night's meeting things are actually much worse on a Cumbernauld wide basis.

These Patch Offices are organised on a population basis to make sure there is an equitable distribution of funding. There are two offices in Airdrie (Population 53,000ish), Coatbridge (Pop 44,000ish), Bellshill (Pop 54,000ish), Motherwell (Pop 40,000 ish) and Wishaw (Pop 45,000 ish). Some of them obviously take in smaller villages etc. With a rather depressing inevitability Cumbernauld (Pop 56,000 ish) has one office with the same budget as the other offices ie less than half on a population basis.

However, we shouldn't be worried because there are an additional 2 patch offices namely Kilsyth (pop 12,000 ish) and Moodiesburn etc (pop 15,000 ish) who also allegedly both look after the other sections of Cumbernauld. Namely Balloch Eastfield through to Dullatur (pop 15,000 ish) looked after from Kilsyth while Blackwood through to Condorrat (pop 12,000 ish) is looked after from Moodiesburn. Within the patch offices they are broken down into the old pre May 07 wards and this is where it gets interesting.

Kilsyth enjoys 9 youth clubs while Eastfield-Dullatur section has none.

Moodiesburn etc have concentrated on 4 while Blackwood- Condorrat have none. The funding was pulled from Westfield earlier in the year.

Essentially Moodiesburn and Kilsyth patch offices have stolen Cumbernauld's resources to use in their own areas.

There was an attempt counter my point from Colin by applying a social need argument. However this may, I repeat *may*, have some merit in Dullatur Westerwood etc it has no merit when we are addressing the Westfield's and Condorrats'. I also feel that if there is spare resource from the more affluent North of The M80 then it would be fairer to use it in Condorrat, Seafar, Abronhill etc not looking after their Labour Cronies elsewhere.

There is a restructure imminent and I demonstrated a more logical and equitable split up. It would make more sense to combine Moodiesburn etc with Kilsyth and give Cumbernauld the two offices it obviously needs. Even on this basis Cumbernauld's population would still give it a disproportionately low amount of resources

Some observations

- Ward 2 the only ward in NLC with no funded youth club
- Kilsyth has 5 times the youth club funding per head of Cumbernauld
- Moodiesburn etc have 4 times the youth club funding of Cumbernauld

- Airdrie, Coatbridge, Bellshill, Motherwell and Wishaw all have well over double the funding of Cumbernauld

I hope I can count on your support on this folks and any ideas, thoughts etc would be appreciated.

Cheers

Alan OB

A general conversation took place about the lack of youth club facilities in the area. In the past Dullatur has always missed out on any amenities for the youth age group due to its size. The Community Council, Dullatur Old Village Residents Association and the Tennis Club worked hard to give social and sporting opportunities for that age group. The area from the Old Inns Roundabout to the Broadwood Roundabout has now increased vastly in size, play areas were included in recent building programs, toddler and playgroups were available, church youth organizations were available and apart from the youth club in Westfield, which has now closed, no other facilities were considered for the teenage age group. It was asked why youth clubs were not included in the development of north of the A80. It was felt that the social inequalities within the area should not be a factor and no difference should be made whether the area was affluent or not.

Financial Report; A grant for £315.00 will be applied for to purchase sound equipment for the Christmas Show. Cllr O'Brien suggested that the grant may be shared between the 4 councillors. An invoice for £117.74 was received from Chubb security. This high amount was due to an unknown person discharging the CO2 extinguisher. A note was sent to all groups using the hall. The electrician, W Mills will carry out his annual inspection of appliances in the Village Hall around the 19th of December.

Group Reports Fund Raising Beetle Drive Xmas Fayre and Ladies Night will be held on 16th October at 7.30pm. The fundraising Christmas Fayre will be held on 1st December at 10.00am. All groups will close on the week commencing 10th December. Toddler & Playgroup Christmas parties will be held that week. The Maths Group closed at the end of September due to the death of the tutor. The Language Class closed at the end on October.

Social events The Ghost Walk and Halloween Disco were an outstanding success with record numbers enjoying the Ghost Walk. Thanks to all who helped set up. The event broke even.

St Andrews Night, Saturday 24th November at 7.30pm, tickets £12.50. The attendance may be lower than normal due to a conflict of events at the golf club. The event was cancelled due to the small demand for tickets.

The Christmas Show is well into its rehearsals every Sunday, music rehearsals will start on Thursday 15th November from 4.00pm. The Show will be held on Sunday 16th and Monday 17th December at 6.30pm. The Christmas timetable will be circulated early in the month.

Any Other business A NLC home carer skidded in her car on the leaves at the corner of Victoria Road and Prospect Road. A letter was sent to all NLC Councillors. All streets and footpaths have been cleared now. M Smillie spoke to the operator of the small footpath sweeper and thanked him for going back to an area of footpath blocked by vehicles at Craigmarloch Nursery.

Date of next Meeting, Monday 10 December 2007, Dullatur Village Hall .8.00pm

