

Dullatur Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 21 January 2008, Dullatur Village Hall, 8pm.

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

Matters arising from Minutes;

Primary School & High School Bus Pick Up / Drop off Arrangements. M Smillie attended a site meeting on 11th December with Cllr A O'Brien, Mr Ron Dufur of NLC Education Dept. and members of SPT. The meeting coincided with the arrival of the primary school bus at 3.15pm. Several parents were there but not as many as normal school as Christmas Shows were taking place. Different areas in the bus route were discussed and at the end of the day it was agreed that the area at the pumping station was the safest and most visible pick up point.

Cllr O'Brien spoke with the parents whose children were involved with the incident involving the vehicle that rolled back close to the children. It was agreed that it was driver error; in not applying the vehicles handbrake that caused the incident. The representatives of SPT waited for the High School bus to arrive and witnessed its illegal practice of reversing into Mere Court. They will take this up directly with the bus company.

Correspondence; NLC; 5 letters from Cllr G Murray including the Town Centre, major redevelopment project at Ainslie Macle hose Road. North Area Partnership meeting, particularly the apparent turnaround concerning the inclusion of Cumbernauld & Kilsyth residents at the New Larbert Hospital.

NLC; Letter and e-mail from Cllr B Chadha and Cllr B McCulloch and item in Cumbernauld News re the Community Councils letter re regarding a taxi rank in Croy Station.

Margaret Mitchell MSP (Central Scotland); winter 2007 newsletter. (see AOB)

Jamie Hepburn MSP; newsletter including surgery dates

Alex Neil MSP;

Financial Report; All accounts are healthy. Royal Bank of Scotland have charged £30.00 on 10th December 2007 as "Referral Charge for November", on the Village Hall Maintenance Account . This sum has never been charged in the past, or on any of our other accounts. We will check this out with the bank.

Cheques for the next three months will be signed. Scottish Water; the Account for the period 18 Sept. to 10 December was £108.62, we pay a monthly direct debit of £35.00. General maintenance will be carried out by the plumber S Scott and W Mills the electrician will replace a faulty wall heater and carry out the annual electrical inspection. He will make a report as to whether all the heaters in the Hall will have to be replaced. They are now 12 years old and may not now be the most economical type on the market. If that is the case we will apply for a NLC grant to replace all the heaters.

Two months Hall Rental cheques were received from The Toddler and Playgroup.

Group Reports The Toddler and Playgroup resumed on 7th January. The inspection from the Care Commission will take place during the month of January. The Language Class will start back in the spring.

Social events The show was an outstanding success, thanks to all the children who entertained the audience. The charity Scottish Spina Bifida- Craigmarloch Centre benefited by over £400.00. On Christmas Eve, Santa visited a record number of children and parents, mulled wine and mince pies were served. Thanks again to Margaret & Kenny Kennedy for manning the oven and serving the mulled wine to the villagers and friends.

The New Year's newsletter will be distributed at the end of the month. Two suppers will be held on 23rd February and 26th April. The village BBQ will be held on 14th June. These dates will not conflict with Dullatur Golf Club's social events.

Any Other business

It has been reported by several residents that during the four day Christmas and New Year holiday period that the nearest pharmacy to the Cumbernauld area opened for business was Airdrie or Falkirk. It should not be the case that patients have to make a 20 minutes drive to pick up a prescription. This has been a particularly bad season for flu and other related illnesses, by all accounts NHS 24 hasn't been particularly helpful either.

The Community Council will write to Margaret Mitchell MSP; re her item in her newsletter regarding "Local Pharmacy Initiatives are Good News"

Cllr Murray handed out correspondence re NHS Scrutiny Panel and the serious implications for the Cumbernauld Area.

The 20mph sign on the approaches to the primary schools are faulty, it may be the fact they are solar powered and are situated under trees and during the winter months of low sun and poor visibility the signs are not functioning.

It has been brought to the attention of the Community Council by parents of the primary school children that there has been little or no gritting in the vicinity of the school. The footpaths leading to the school were particularly difficult during the icy weather. The Primary Schools are responsible to salt and grit all areas near within and around the perimeter fences. We have advised the parents to contact NorthLine on 01698 403 110.

It has been asked by a parent that if groups renting the facilities and use the playing fields at night, using the hugely expensive flood lighting. Who should foot the bill, the schools are now Eco- Friendly and obviously very cost conscious? This should not come out of the schools individual budget.

Cllr Murray and Chadha were both involved in a general discussion regarding the school issues.

Apologies for February meeting was accepted from J McLean.

February's Meeting was cancelled due to lack of members for required quorum.

Date of next Meeting, Monday 10 March 2008, Dullatur Village Hall 8.00pm