

Westwood Community Council

28th September 2023

Westwood Hall East Kilbride

Committee Members	
Tam Bartle Chairperson	
Angela Goodlet Vice Chairperson	AG
Lorraine MacMillan Treasurer	LM
Gary Larkin Secretary	
James Gillespie	JG
Miriam Campbell	MC
Janet Robertson	JR
Roddy MacNeill	RMac
Rosemary Smith (Waiting Application)	R S
Councillor Elaine McDougall	E McD
Councillor Gerry Convery	
Councillor John Anderson	JA

1	Meeting 28th September 2023 Westwood Community Council	
2		Attendance 100+
3	Apologies	Gary Larkin Councillor Gerry Convery Tom Bartle Ground Services Police Scotland
4	Chairperson Report Angela welcomes all community council members, groups and residents of Westwood to the meeting. . Approval of minutes 31 st August 2023	LM & AG Approved Minutes 31 st August 2023
5	Treasurers Report Lorraine reported that we had Opening Account £475.28 Purchases £0.00 Admin grant £39.72 Total £515 WCC Has £1000 in the micro-grant fund for this year. Total £1515	Accounts sent to Elizabeth Harrison Micro grant to be looked into.

6	<p>Secretary Report & Correspondence We have correspondence regarding. (1) Correspondence from South Lanarkshire Karen McLeod, Committee papers are on-line.</p> <p>(2) Correspondence from South Lanarkshire Karen Brown Planing List for Westwood area will update Community Council when needed</p> <p>(3) Correspondence from South Lanarkshire Eleanor Paterson South Lanarkshire Community planning partnership- Climate & Nature Community conversations that matter Event 24th October 2023</p> <p>(4) Correspondence from South Lanarkshire James Crumless Register of Information.</p>	<p>Minutes,Agenda & poster to be sent out after each meeting</p> <p>Sent to all who take e-mail</p> <p>Survey Completed on behalf of WCC</p>
7	<p>Update from Police Scotland</p> <p>Apologies from Police Scotland Gordon & Andy</p> <p>GORDON.HAZLE@SCOTLAND.POLICE.UK CRAIG.ANDERSON7@SCOTLAND.POLICE.UK</p>	<p>Contact Police Scotland On 101 or Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111 www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us</p> <p>Local Police Team Gordon & Craig Sgt. Scott Anderson scott.anderson3@scotland.police.uk</p>
8	<p>Update from Ground Services</p> <p>Apologies from Ground Services</p> <p>Waiting on Ground Services to get in touch to provide us with potential new representatives.</p>	<p>WWW.southlanarkshire.gov.uk Secretary was asked to find information on Pot hole reporting these.</p> <p>If you think the fault is a serious hazard to traffic or pedestrians, phone our Customer services centre on 0303 123 1015 from 8.45am-4.45pm Monday to Thursday and 8.45am-4.15pm Friday and outside office hours phone 0800 24 20 24</p> <p>Web page. www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200194/council_and_social_tenants/1907/report_a_repair</p> <p>Bins,Recycling,and uplifts 03031231029</p>
9	<p>Councillors Report, Councillor Elaine McDougall</p>	

	<p>Councillor John Anderson</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elaine noted that the budget process had commenced and a first briefing (confidential) had been shared with councillors. This will follow a process and further briefings/meetings through to next February when the budget will need to be approved. 2. I also attended an update regarding the housing strategy for SLC and was advised that planning includes consideration of local facilities and also accessibility. 3. Regarding the meeting held on the 11th September by South Lanarkshire Housing and Technical Resources Committee to proceed with plans that will result in the possible closure of all daytime community facilities, Westwood Hall and Red Deer Community Centre, this will be followed up by discussions with local groups, but no timetable of events has yet been provided (I have requested this). <p>Councillor John Anderson asked why was ward 7 chosen as trial and error for Housing and Technical Resources Committee to proceed with plans to close facilities in Westwood. Has the rest of East Kilbride to follow, just like what is happening in Hamilton and Cambuslang just now.</p>	<p>John Anderson j.anderson@southlanarkshire.gov.uk Contact 07825583901</p> <p>Gerry Convery gerry.convery@southlanarkshire.gov.uk Contact 07748114562 Surgeries</p> <p>Elaine McDougall elaine.mcdougall@southlanarkshire.gov.uk Contact 07771943077 Surgeries by appointment.</p>
10	<p>One Voice for Red Deer & Westwood Hall</p> <p>COMMITTEE</p> <p>The meeting agreed to form a sub committee of the Community Council. Provisionally named as One Voice – Friends of Westwood</p> <p>There was widespread agreement that the closures proposals are not acceptable and that other options need to be explored that will retain our local facilities.</p> <p>A few people came forward immediately to be part of the committee who will take forward the views of the wider group and the meeting as a whole. Anyone else who wants to be part of the committee please let us know.</p> <p>The plan is for the committee to meet again in around 2 weeks and then report back to the Community Council at the October meeting. I'll send details of this when I have it. I have one question re this – would it be possible to use the Red Deer Bowling Club for these meetings?</p> <p>Key Themes from meeting for Committee to take forward</p> <p>We agreed the following key themes for the committee to follow up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Press Release to announce formation of sub-committee campaign group (issued 1 Oct 2023) ☐ Collation of details about the clubs usage, for return to Mari Roden. See attached and pls complete and return to Mari. If any issues, we will also be able issue out paper copies to complete. This will include collecting personal testimonies. 	<p>Other items of noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Social work had already met with some people at Red Deer but was unable to provide more information. Another meeting is planned for 10th Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of the Red Deer that had been used by Kilbryde hospice was sold by NHS to the Housing Association, but to date nothing has been built on it. Are they waiting for the other part? • Are we now going down the route of building houses with no facilities in the area? • Stroke club has all the required facilities in Westwood hall, eg ramp etc for disabled people. • Sewing teacher at Red Deer, 40 yrs, 10-15 people every week, also days out in summer etc • Someone mentioned an amount of money being spent on Red Deer during COVID to bring the facility up to standard, why has that now changed?

	<p>If you have any issues filling this out, let us know. We will also get some paper copies to people as required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ This information once collected will allow us to create a full impact assessment. ☐ Petition to council and other bodies as appropriate. ☐ Posters ☐ Leaf letting of local area ☐ Establish key stakeholders ☐ Letter to councillor responsible for older people (Eileen Logan) ☐ Key statement of purpose of group, eg ‘To keep our local facilities open and able to be used’ ☐ Other actions such as demonstrations etc ☐ How to reach out to more people in the community as only people who attend clubs know about this. Also reaching more young people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comms, eg Social Media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAT transfers should not be off the table as options and there is expertise amongst the meeting who could assist • EK Stitching Circle used to meet at the Old Robert Owen, having been established in 1997, now at Westwood. They were told no new clubs were getting access. • Do we have access to the local development plan? • Why is the council allowed to turn people away who want lets, including the Sea Cadets for example? No records are kept for these rejections, but lack of use is then cited as a reason for closure. <p>☐ Bowling Club has 86 playing members and 116 altogether. Advised that there would be a meeting on 29th Sep in Hamilton with J Forbes. Will be interesting to hear how that goes.</p> <p>☐ Friends of Dunedin planted 800 trees last year with the community, held a Xmas Carol Concert and family days at Easter and summer. Happy to offer experience and help.</p> <p>☐ A question arose as to whether Red Deer was originally part of a legacy.</p>
11	<p>AOCB</p> <p>1).Treasure and Secretary Are looking at standing down and have set a date of October 2023 at the AGM meeting,</p> <p>2.Rev Kevin Mackenzie Minister at East Kilbride Westwood Parish Church. So the decision to close Red Deer and Community Hall came from a cross party committee which was evenly split in its vote to close facilities. However, and this was Ken Gorman’s point... the closure was decided on the casting vote of the chairman. At the very least this is not good chairmanship. The Chairman should be neutral in a debate and if the casting vote has to be used that neutrality is maintained by voting for the status quo i.e. the chairman should have voted to keep facilities open because the cross party committee had not clearly decided to close them.</p>	<p>Still looking and need more members to come on board.</p> <p>SLC must have Standing Orders - the rules that govern how debate is managed. There must be something in SO’s that states what is expected of Chairman and how casting votes should be used.</p> <p>This has to be looked into <i>Note from Cllr McDougall – I have checked the standing orders after meeting and these state that the chair has the deciding vote.</i></p>

	I think the chairman's actions could be considered as inappropriate and could be challenged thus overturning the debate. The chairman was obviously not neutral. The casting vote was used effectively as a deliberative vote.	
12	Angela Closed the meeting Next meeting Thursday 26th October Westwood Community Hall at 7pm	Sub-committee meeting to be arranged ASAP. Proposed date Thursday 12 th October Reed Deer
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