

Chryston Community Council

Minutes of meeting held 28th March 2022
At Chryston Community Hub

Attending – Brian Elder (chair), Brian Rice, Gwen Hibbs, Roy Boyd (Treasurer), Danielle Harris, Collin Little, Claire Williams (vice-chair)

Visitors – Ken White, Alice Morton & Colin McIntyre

Apologies – Tommy Echlin, Norma Corrigan, Alec Taylor, Steven Gladstone (secretary)

Chair Remarks – The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting proposed by **Brian Rice and seconded by Norma Corrigan.**

Business Arising – No BA

Secretary Report – Secretary not in attendance.

Beacon & Competition – RB has produced a highlight on Education and the impacts on the area. This has raised concerns, hence the presence of the MELM group. Final draft available and RB is keen to give NLC Education Services time to respond. Other content includes Police contact numbers, environmental and local news. Currently 5 pp long, there is no confirmed date for circulation as yet.

Planning – Works currently ongoing at Church. CM enquired whether CCC receives notification of sale of land. BE – CCC does not. AM raised planning concerns over development out-with, but close to CCC boundary as follows: 1) The proposed planning for a service station off the M80 at Steps. Revised drawings for this have been submitted however there is considerable concern over the scale of the development. 2) Meetings with Barrett/Cala have confirmed plans for an additional 600 plus houses.

Environmental – C.W. gave update. Gwen running the Wednesday (**walking?**) groups. Events have restarted and will continue to end of summer.

Roads and Lighting – Recurrent flooding on Cumbernauld Road. Previously reported BE – Fix My Street seems like best option to report.

Finance – RB – Accounts will be submitted 1st week in April 2022.

AOCB – Discussion regarding the current situation and dissatisfaction regarding the merging of Primary and Secondary School head teacher duties. This was given by AM and CM. This approach has apparently run into staff retention issues with the previous head teacher of the secondary having left post and both roles Primary and Secondary School head teacher being carried out by the current Head Teacher. Education Services state that they have consulted with staff, parents and children. However Parents' Group say they have not been consulted. Staff and parents not supportive of the MELM approach which is viewed as a cost cutting exercise with no regard for the quality of school life which has declined. Elected members have been contacted but response has been disappointing. This has resulted in engagement with media and a protest is planned. RB – A similar approach is being carried out by Perth and Kinross with similar issues from parents and staff. KW – Consultation has been inadequate and no concerns have been addressed. Gerard McLaughlin, Head of Education North, has been unresponsive. Complaints procedure is

being pursued and is currently at stage 2. (Stage 4 progresses to ombudsman). AM- the approach is singularly a cost cutting exercise. No reports showing that the model has been assessed have been forthcoming and this is divergent from the NLC commitment to provision of quality education. RB – Whilst model may be suitable for smaller schools, this is not scalable for larger facilities such as Chryston. BE – Skill sets for Primary and Secondary schools is vastly different.

BE – proposed a vote that CCC supports the Action against MELM. Voted and passed unanimously. CCC will support as much as possible within its powers and proposed contacting other affected community councils.

AM – Protest will take form of a piper lead walk to Chryston School at 08:30 on the 31st of March 2022.

Meeting was closed.

Next meeting is on 25th April 2022 at Chryston Community Hub.