

Ibroy/Cessnock Community Council

Note of informal meeting on Wednesday July 15 at the District Bar, Paisley Road West

In attendance: Shona Craven, John Foster (chairman), Chris Fyfe, Anne Henderson, Archie Henderson, Iain Henderson John McInstry, Margaret Prunty, Ray Prunty, Anne Ross and Denis Ruddy

Apologies: Lorraine Horn

This was an informal meeting as only three community councillors were present. **John Foster** opened the meeting with the apologies. The minutes of the previous meeting could not be approved due to lack of a quorum.

Last month's Back Court Blitz was discussed, and resident **Denis Ruddy** provided an update on what has happened since. Bulk uplifts have been arranged and rodent control actions have been stepped up. **Shona Craven** said she would aim to establish whether the landlords in the block are registered due to concerns about the conditions.

Denis, Iain Henderson and **Anne Ross** raised problems with reporting cleansing issues to the council. As discussed previously, residents can be left on hold indefinitely and even when they do get through, action is not always taken to address issues raised.

John advised that correspondence had been received relating to accommodation for asylum seekers in the vicinity of the Home Office building on Brand Street. Stricter conditions are being applied.

Proposals for an extension to the Loudon Tavern on Copeland Road were discussed and no objections were raised. Arrangements for the Summer Sessions at Bellahouston Park were also discussed – ticket-holders are being advised there is no parking on site and they should use public transport. Residents asked whether extra clean-up services would be provided but this could not be confirmed.

There was an update on the Wheatley Group's proposals for Ibroxholm Oval but it was suggested this should be discussed in more detail at the next meeting when the consultation opens. Lewis McWilliam, a final-year student of urban planning at Glasgow University, will attend our next meeting as part of his research in development issues.

Resident **Archie Henderson** enquired about the vacant mosque building on Paisley Road West and John confirmed it is being turned into a dentist's surgery.

It was agreed to proceed with advertising six vacancies on the community council in order to boost our numbers and ensure a quorum at future meetings. If there are more than six applicants there will be an election ahead of our next meeting on August 19.

Archie raised the issue of neglect of trees planted along Paisley Road West, and described his considerable work to clear up the surrounding areas. He wishes to know if the council

would plant new trees in the spaces that are now vacant. **Chris Fyfe** raised the problem of the property at 313 Paisley Road West, which has been fenced off due to building collapse and has been unchanged for 18 months due to a lack of funding. **Shona** said she would investigate this.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm. Our next meeting will take place at 7pm on Wednesday, August 19, unless there is need for an election in which case the meeting will follow on from such.