

Netherlee and Stamperland Community Council meeting 15 Feb 2024

- 1) Sederunt: Siobhan McGuinness, Graham Keany, Jim Boyle, Bronwen Livingstone
Councillors Katie Pragnall, Annette Ireland*

Apologies: Michael Sweeney, Kirsten Oswald

- 2) Police update
Three crimes were reported; house breaking and assault.
Police concerned about 14 – 16 year olds carrying knives.

Fireskills workshop organised for children at risk

- 3) Minutes from previous meeting proposed (SM) approved (JB).

- 4) Stamperland walkway; BL said improvement work will start at end of April. Quote for phase 1 of work was £28,000 more than had been budgeted for but KP noted this money had been found from “prosperity funding”. Total cost of phase 1 is £93,700.

Phase 1 is now approved. All legal measures have been approved.

KP said that hopefully we will be able to extend it to Phase 2 and then Phase 3.

SM suggested that a plaque be put up to acknowledge NeSt Community Council’s role in planning and supporting the walkway.

It was suggested that we should keep Joanna informed about phase 2.

(KP noted that another round of funding is about to open up. We could apply for a variety of things but KP advised that it would probably be advisable to apply for just one project).

(* Councillor Annette Ireland arrived)

- 5) “Food for thought” grant application. Community orchard: SM is in contact with the parks department at ERC.
They have identified an area on the walkway (which is a little bit inaccessible). Another area which was identified was in

Beechgrove Park (aka “Dog Park” behind the Netherlee Post Office) for a Community Orchard.

There is one in Barrhead which is well used.

BL noted that the Beechgrove park site is exposed to the weather. A site beside the river was suggested but that might be more susceptible to damage from deer.

AI suggested that another possibility is the plot beside the Bowling Club. This area is not used at present.

SM said she would complete the application if we were all in agreement.

The concept of the Community Orchard was proposed by SM, seconded by BL (?).

6) Pump track update.

The four pitches at Overlee have to be maintained as they are because they are in high demand for football.

Colin Sangster has identified another area within Overlee which is on an inclined site. This site would be more expensive, but SM noted that it could include a climate/bouldering wall.

Proposed finances might be available from Sustrans, Lottery funding, Rail Company working on the electrification of the line. Sport Scotland might also be prepared to help.

SM asked if we would still be prepared to support this project if it involved two activities. GK felt it was still worthwhile to support the project.

The prospect of community involvement was also raised; local wall climbing groups may be interested in becoming involved. SM had spoken to John Semple about a community survey and she said she would develop this survey for Colin Sangster; audience for survey would probably be the primary schools and nursery schools. KP noted that there a lot of young people living in the area.

The new site that is proposed is further away from the houses though it was noted that floodlights and noise might be a problem. AI noted that the lights might be useful for reducing antisocial behaviour.

7) Elected Officials update.

(i) AI noted that the concept of the pump track idea is a development that she is monitoring.

(ii) AI also concerned that break-ins are on the increase; her neighbour has had a break-in.

- (iii) Linn Café. Approval has been given permission to put tables on the pavement outside the café. Hopefully this will be approved by the end of March.
- (iv) There is a proposal that bollards will be installed at the junction of Ormonde Drive and Clarkston Road in the next financial year. Irregular parking is an issue at this location. No time has been given on this but probably within the next financial year.
- (v) On-pavement parking has still to be implemented in ER. KP indicated that regulation of on-pavement parking will be a significant problem in Stamperland Hill; there will be exemptions. Access for emergency vehicles is being assessed. AI suggested that she would push hard to ensure that this issue is fully considered. Extra funding has not yet been forthcoming. There are still plans to bring in 20mph zones in ER; these zones do bring the average speed of traffic down significantly.
- (vi) The decision to allow 5 houses to be built at the “Weighing Equipment” site on Stamperland Lane was approved in principal but it requires further work by the developers. There were problems with parking - two space are required per house. The developers will have to present detailed planning information if approval is to be granted. Parking for residents and visitors is an issue. The developers did not present required information (eg bat survey).
- (vii) KP; the old Social work building on Busby Road is to be used as a community hub by Voluntary Action. Ann Chalmers from Clarkston Community Council (?) has pushed for this to be developed. This will have an impact on people in Stamperland and Netherlee. VA want to carry out extensive community engagement. GK and KP suggested a joint meeting with Clarkston Community Council and VA to discuss plans for the building’s use.
- (viii) Also Clarkston Community Council proposing a joint venture with us to organise a joint bike marking event in Clarkston car park. This could tie in with the schools doing cycling proficiency.

- (ix) Cart walkway already discussed.

- (x) GK noted that work in Stamperland Gardens seems to have been going on a long time. Cars are parking near to GK's house which make it difficult for him to get his car out of the driveway.
Also, traffic lights changing as soon as you approach them.
KP said that she had been talking to people in the Oval. She had been told that some roads have been getting flooded (since the roads had been resurfaced?) possibly due to concrete in drains.

8) Local Place plans

Bronwen talked of a Local Development plan which we should action. Mark Grant at ERC had emailed to say that we could submit our own local plan. This is a wide-ranging plan. AI noted that this plan could be of benefit. SM asked if this plan could include actions that we are already taking.

Deadline for applying for this is end of March 2024.

SM said we should look at this proposal.

BL has submitted a "note of interest" and she is prepared to feed any proposals that we have into this development plan. The form for this is very simple.

AI said it was a good idea to take part in this plan.

9) We discussed 15 areas in East Renfrewshire which will be designated "Traffic Management Zones".

These plans will talk to safety around schools, 20mph zones.

AI said that Linwood Avenue, for example, would come under consideration.

This policy is trying to make our areas more pedestrian friendly.

10) AOCB

GK mentioned that we should look at trying to get new members for NeSt CC.

We have 4 spaces left. JB mentioned that his brother John might consider rejoining when he retires (hopefully soon).

SB noted strong danger of gas works on Williamwood Drive; constant smell of gas and no ramps for wheelchairs or prams; one pavement blocked off.

AI had asked the Roads Operational Service; they have given an estimated completion date for these works as 19/02/2024. If the works are still in operation after this date, AI will contact ROS again.

GK asked about any news on progress on Stamperland Gardens; neither AI or KP had any news on this. Road works seem to be taking longer than normal at present time. AI said that she would follow up on this.

- 11) Next meeting will take place on 21st March from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Clarkston Lesser Hall.