

In attendance: Malcolm Briggs, Julie Cloherty, Janice Connery (Vice Chair), Margaret Currie, Ronnie Junner (Chair), Kenny McKenzie, Margaret Pettigrew, Gail Squires (Secretary & minutes), Cllr Buchanan, Cllr Morrison, Cllr O'Donnell

Visitors: Fiona Muir, Raymond Muir, Margaret McLaren, Patricia McLaren, Ann Spencer

Apologies: Police Scotland

1. Welcome

- Ronnie welcomed everyone
- Colin McLeish's resignation was confirmed and thanks for his service will be emailed. [\[Action: Gail\]](#)
- Previous meeting's minutes: Proposed – Malcom Briggs; Seconded – Janice Connery

2. Police Report: The monthly report was distributed to members by email in advance of the meeting.

3. Proposed development at Shilford Mill

Five visitors joined the meeting to voice concerns about the proposed development and to feed into the consultation response to be submitted by NCC. It was established that the development is within the Uplawmoor CC area, however they have no sitting council currently. A number of concerns were aired and these included:

- estimated number of trucks and cars using the site on a daily basis and the corresponding impacts
- possible impacts of the proposed new entrance for cars on Cowdenbrae
- green belt issues
- local ecology (plants and wildlife)
- noise pollution
- light pollution (during hours of darkness and particularly in winter)
- environmental concerns in terms of emissions
- likely impacts should the A736 be closed and traffic rerouted via Neilston and Uplawmoor
- possible general increase in traffic flow through the villages and the corresponding impacts
- the residents neighbouring the site (10 dwellings) had received no planning notification

There was broad discussion around these points and NCC members understood their concerns and the anxiety it is causing to the neighbouring residents who will be principally impacted if the development goes ahead. The visitors then left the meeting.

There was continued discussion on a range of issues that NCC felt it should consider for the response including:

- all of the above mentioned points
- impact on the neighbouring residents
- importance of the potential for increased employment opportunities locally
- historical use of the site which has had a continuous number of commercial uses in the last century or so
- findings from the NCC site visit on 3 April
- agreement that the consultation process had been poorly executed.

It was agreed that a response would be drafted and circulated to all the members for comment prior to the submission date of 7 May. [\[Action: Gail\]](#)

4. Matters Arising

Yellow Lines

- Kerb opposite Robb's Garage: Cllr Buchanan confirmed that the process for installing these is underway.
- Uncompleted signage/kerb markings: Cllr Buchanan explained that a reduction to 5 minutes max waiting time has been agreed at ERC which will not entail additional markings/signs. The process for implementation is being considered.
- There was a general agreement that there should be a zero parking zone around the school with no exceptions.
- The four designated parking spaces in the High Street are causing too many problems and should be removed.
- Cllr Morrison referred to the Local Action Plan which will address parking and traffic flow strategies.

Sykes Terrace excess water flow issue

Cllr Buchanan confirmed that resurfacing is scheduled here for March 2025 and the drains and gullies will be assessed then to ensure effective drainage is restored.

Traffic calming in Neilston Road

Cllr O'Donnell updated that he is consulting on a solution for safe crossing at the problem point. [\[Action: Cllr O'Donnell\]](#)

Filing Cabinet

Ronnie updated that he had contacted Culture & Leisure and arranged for a new cabinet to be provided which will be stored in the hall keeper's office.

Communications Strategy

Malcom updated that the *What's On* grid is up and running and being widely used already. This is a great piece of work in collaboration with Kerry Cameron (CLD) who is organising posters which will have a QR code to take people straight to the grid online.

The potential for a *Facebook* page for NCC was also discussed and the need to be clear if it is necessary in view of all the other community FB pages that information can be shared on. The original page is inaccessible currently as we don't have the password. This is ongoing.

5. NCC Treasurer

Due to the resignation of the previous Treasurer, Margaret Currie was proposed and voted in to take over the role. Kenny agreed to be the third signatory for the bank accounts. The signatories will be: Janice Connery, Margaret Currie and Kenny McKenzie.

Ronnie thanked Janice on behalf of the CC for her help in tidying up the paperwork and for liaising with the TSB and BOS to sort out access issues. There is a small deficit of £54 currently which it was agreed will be written off if necessary.

Margaret and Janice will collaborate to get the accounts up to date.

Audit: this will be arranged when the accounts are ready.

6. AGM

It was unanimously agreed to defer the AGM to October as the CC had not reformed until October 2023 and is therefore less than a year old. Although the ERC guidance is to hold it by end of May, this is unachievable particularly in light of the audit situation.

7. AOCB

- Recycling: the poor state of repair to the access road at the Barrhead depot was discussed
- it was noted that a Scarab street cleaning vehicle has been working in the village in recent days
- There was an enquiry re the machine for filling potholes being used in Neilston. Cllr Buchanan will check. [\[Action: Cllr Buchanan\]](#)
- Duncarnock Crescent residents impacted by building of the new school: Cllr O'Donnell updated that the ERC Major Projects Officer is now in place as liaison with the residents on their concerns and is addressing any issues in co-operation with them. This seems to be working very well.
- There was discussion around the new political constituency boundaries and how these affect Neilston.

8. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28 May 2024