

Neilston Community Council

Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Date: 27th February 2020

Time: 7pm

Location: Neilston Bowling Club, Kingston Road

Meeting: 02

Present: Stacey Crabbe – Chair

Lindy Montgomery – Secretary

Scott Montgomery

Colin McLeish

Janice Connery

Margaret Pettigrew

Caroline Garlick

Marie McBride

Also Present: Martin Muir

Councillor O’Kane

Councillor Buchanan

Vincent McCulloch – Community Council Liaison Officer

Representative of the Barrhead News

Apologies: Ronnie Junner

1. Welcome & Approval of last month’s minutes.

Two members did not receive February's minutes. Secretary sent to all email addresses given. Vincent will re check emails, secretary to re-send to emails.

Action: VMc re check emails

LM re-send and check emails

2. Police Report.

Chair read the report issued by Police Scotland; this was emailed out in advance of the meeting and also available online.

Questions were raised about who manned the CCTV cameras found within the village, and concerns about the response times of a 999 call, particularly regarding one of the incidents on the Police Report, as it was noted by a CC member that it took 30 minutes to respond to the incident.

Councillor O'Kane advised that the CCTV was manned at an East Renfrewshire Council Depo, by civilian staff, and gave a brief outline of the function of the cameras. He advised he will feedback on the 30 minute response time.

LM will also include this in an email to Sergeant Morgenthaler, Management Support Sergeant.

Action: Cll O'kane

LM

3. Co-opting of Martin Muir

This will have to be carried out at the next meeting, it will have to be proposed, seconded and put to a vote with the members.

4. Planning

Dareduff Quarry update – The Chair contacted East Ayrshire Council and has yet received no response

Brig O'Lea stadium – A lease has been signed until 2045 by the Juniors.

Councillor O'Kane further expanded, that this land being earmarked for housing, was incorrectly left on the second edition of the local plan, and it will be removed.

Kirkton Road Development – At the inaugural meeting, residents in close proximity to the proposed development asked for the backing of the CC to object Dawn Homes proposal to build on the land along with over 1,000 letters of objection. East Renfrewshire Council granted an extension of the date a decision from the CC could be given by, this was due to expire. The chairwoman, along with Councillor O'Kane, advised this area was in the Local Development Plan to build houses. School capacities sit at;

St Thomas' 147/231

Neilston Primary School 290/420

Eastwood High 1,095/ 1,220 (projected August intake of a further 180 pupils)

St Lukes 600/848

A unanimous decision could not be reached by members of the CC for objection or support, without further information regarding the development itself along with the infrastructure to support the village, such as;

How many houses would be allocated for social/affordable housing?

The cost of the affordable housing?

Would the houses have solar panels?

The decision was taken to postpone until next meeting, until a clear and concise decision could be made.

Action Chair Development Information

5. CAG update

MM agreed to attend the monthly meeting between the Community Council and the Neilston Development Trust. This was cancelled due to an issue within the NDT building; a new date is to be set.

6. Objectives

More information regarding the proposed parking enforcement (yellow lines) around the village was requested. Councillor O’Kane advised that “the traffic orders are at the informal consultation phase, prior to being drafted for formal consultation; the informal consultation is with impacted residents”. Councillor O’Kane will ask Pat Docherty, Parking Co-ordinator to attend the next meeting.

Action Cll O’Kane

After a discussion about the traffic at both school sites, it was discussed that some parents are in no position to walk from home or park further from the school as their travel is based on putting children into school and then onwards to work/university etc. Leaving earlier or leaving children unattended was also not an option for most parents as the children would be left unsupervised and not the school’s responsibility. Options to explore include monitored playground from 8.30am or affordable pre-school care. The breakfast club was abolished entirely across East Renfrewshire, though not other local authorities.

Action Take up with school

The Community Safety Officers/ Wardens were invited to attend the CC meeting, as they are also on call, they were unable to attend. It was suggested that we work close with them, and point more residents in their direction as a first point of call, before police in some instances. Some felt there

wasn't much presence around the village, due to only a small number of employed wardens. When they attend next meeting we can bring issues such as; underage drinking and gathering to their attention.

Action CSO next meeting

7. AOCCB

J McCulloch resigned from Community Council.

Update given on CC bank accounts, it was asked if the previous accounts at the end of the last Community Council had been audited. They had not.

A vote was made to donate a shield to the Boys Brigade annual fundraiser quiz night, as this year was missed this will carry over to 2021.

The whereabouts of the shield for the Neilston Cattle show Pad race is unknown; we need to find out from previous members where this could be.

8. Questions from the public

Only one member of the public attended the meeting, this resident had hoped for the CC to object the Kirkton Road development, he was disappointed a decision had not been made.

9. Date & Time of next meeting

A vote for the last Thursday of each month was made, although the Glen Halls was historically always the venue for CC, they cannot accommodate the CC that night. Neilston Bowling Club was agreed as a suitable venue.

The next meeting: Thursday March 26th, at 7pm Neilston Bowling Club

Meeting formally closed by the Chairwoman