

**Minutes of Neilston Community Council AGM
26th June in the Glen Halls, Neilston at 7pm.**

Present, J Scott, A Walker, J Sheriff, R Mould, E Mould, M Pettigrew, J Connery ,
R Junner

Apologies: S Crabbe

AGM

The AGM of Neilston Community Council was held after the normal June meeting.

- a. The members present and apologies were as the notice in the June meeting and above.
- b. The minutes of the last AGM were already approved having been incorporated in the June 2017 minutes as published.
- c. The Chairman' s report was read out to members (copy attached).
The Chairman thanked members for their support over the past years
- d. There was no Secretary 's report.
- e. The accounts and balance sheet having been previously submitted and independently audited and subsequently submitted to ERC was circulated.
- f. The current office bearers resigned their position
- g. Election of office bearers

Chair

The position of Chair was discussed, there was only one candidate R Mould who indicated his willingness to stand.

R Mould was proposed by J Scott and seconded by A Walker.

Unanimously elected by member's present vote

Vice Chair

The position of Vice Chair was discussed.

J Scott indicated his willingness to stand.

J Scott was proposed by R Junner and seconded by E Mould

Unanimously elected by members present vote

Secretary

The position of Secretary was not discussed.

Treasurer

The position of Treasurer was discussed

E Mould indicated she was willing to stand.

E Mould was proposed by R Junner and seconded by J Sheriff

Unanimously elected by members present vote.

- h. The auditor for the accounts will be appointed later. (Delegated to Treasurer)

- i. The date of the next AGM will be in May/June 2019 in accordance with the constitution, the exact date determined by the Community Council in later discussion.

The Chair (R. Mould) thanked members for their work in the previous year and closed the meeting.

Note:

The next meeting of Neilston Community Council is on Tuesday 28th August at 7pm in the Glen Halls.

**Appendix
Chairman's Statement**

Neilston CC AGM summary, by J. Scott - Chair

29 June 2018

This past year seems to have flown past faster than usual. There has been a continuous effort to raise the profile of the CC amongst the general public. A questionnaire a couple of years ago revealed that some people thought we were there mainly to keep the village looking tidy and planting a few flowers.

Use of social media and the website, courtesy of J. Sheriff has been a great success in helping to engage with residents. There are currently around 400 regular visitors to the sites. Social media has not only been instrumental in canvassing resident's views and giving them a voice but is a good and inexpensive method of disseminating information quickly.

The two major local campaigns this year which relied heavily on social media were the proposals to introduce parking charges to the local car parks, since "put on hold" and the widespread opposition to the proposals to build housing on Kirkstyle Lane / Pig Square which would have involved cutting down the tree without giving it a second thought. It appears that the BHA proposal for the housing was ill thought out: The Community Council performed an exit poll outside the Bank during a BHA presentation to potential tenants, and approx. 90% were opposed to the location, architectural style and destruction of the tree. In both these campaigns, it was important to raise public awareness of the issues involved and to represent the majority view of the residents.

A major disappointment this year has been the failure to get the Kingston Park skate park and youth shelter off the ground. After nearly four years of discussion, consultation etc., grants having been arranged and the plans redesigned yet again to maximise the use of the available space, the contractor started work on the Wednesday and was told by ERC to stop work on the Friday. Apparently WREN had withdrawn their offer of funding due to the construction not having been completed on time. Paradoxically, we had been assured that WREN had agreed to an extended timescale, so whether we will ever find out what happened, who knows? In any event, the WREN application has been submitted again, we should know by mid-September whether it has been successful or not. It is unfortunate that this project, which is of major significance to the young people of Neilston, will not be completed in time for the summer holidays. Our local Cllr. Has stated that the skatepark will be built this year one way or another.

The Community Council provided an input to the Joint Campus consultation. The opinion of the majority of villagers is that it is a good idea, particularly because of the state of both the local primary schools (Grade C: needing lots of remedial / upgrading work). Questions have been raised

About whether the proposed site, at Neilston primary. is the best option. It has been suggested that the Dawn homes Kirkton Road site may have had significant advantages. There is, we are told significantly more time to be spent on consultations etc if a new location is to be built on. Time to get the plans produced is of the essence. We have also been assured that if it is not possible to incorporate the library and leisure centre into the new campus right from the start, the existing facilities shall remain open. Kirkstyle Lane / Pig Square will be used for parking, but it is hoped that this can be done in an aesthetically pleasing and environmentally friendly way, and we are assured the tree will remain, unharmed.

As a result of an online questionnaire, spread via the CC website and Facebook, we have been advised that the residents of Madras Place that they would appreciate play equipment to be installed in the area. There is around £ 50k available for this, this is being followed up.

|As always we would welcome new members and members of the public who wish to become involved.