

**Minutes of Neilston Community Council 27<sup>th</sup> November in the Glen Halls, Neilston at 7pm.**

**Present:** R Mould, J Scott, R Junner, J Sheriff, A Walker, E Mould, Cllr Gilbert,  
Colin McLeish

**Apologies:** M Pettigrew, S Crabbe, Cllr Buchanan, Cllr O’Kane

## **1. Police Report**

Police report attached:  
Summarised below

### ***Violent Crime***

2 domestic assaults reported by same complainer.  
Male charged with assaults plus abduction.  
Male assaulted on Main St, ongoing investigation.

Staff member assaulted in local store and theft of alcohol

### ***House Breaking***

No reports of housebreaking

Theft from a garden storage shed in Madras Place

### ***Antisocial behaviour***

Youth stole scratch cards from local shop, charged with offence.

Motor vehicle vandalised with mainly damage to rear wiper on-going investigation.

### ***Drug Dealing & misuse***

Male charged with growing 2 cannabis plants.

### **3. Locality Planning**

ERC are providing £25,000 for Participatory Budgeting in Neilston. They are also looking at obtaining a contribution from NWL

Details are still to be worked out but it is likely to be similar to the Barrhead event in principle but controlled locally.

### **4. Community Council Issues**

#### **Madras Place Play area/ Kingston Park Outdoor Gym**

Surveys complete and submitted , we have had a discussion with ERC and are working with them to produce a LEADER funding application for submission by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

ERC have agreed to make the submission if NCC write the bulk of the application and secure additional external funding.

#### **Skate Park**

We now believe the skate park will be fully funded by ERC in the 2019/20 financial year.

#### **Crossing – Main St**

Still no action nor update on signage.

### **6. Planning**

#### **On Line Representations in Planning**

No update.

#### **Kirkton Rd**

No application made yet by developer.

The site is in the SHIP so there was obviously been some detailed discussion with the developer and ERC

#### **Joint Campus**

NDT has written to Cllr O’Kane with an alternative proposal to site the joint campus on Kingston Park.

It is understood that the PTA accepted the Council proposal on the basis that it was the proposed solution or no new school.

They believe that this solution would mitigate the negative issues in the consultant's report.

NDT are looking for a meeting with ERC and Architecture & Design (ADS) to discuss the proposal.

NDT believe that a new joint campus in Kingston Park would have no impact on current or proposed plans for the park e.g. Skate Park, Outdoor Gym, etc.

The proposal might require the loss of one football pitch replaced by an all-weather facility.

### **Public Realm in front of shops/Car Park behind shops**

Shopkeepers have written to ERC requesting meeting regarding area in FRONT of shops being returned to the public realm.

We believe that the Council have agreed to purchase the area of public realm in front of the shops for the sum of £1 plus legal fees, however the Council are unable to indicate to the shopkeepers what the level of these fees are likely to be

The turning head has been completed by ERC in this area.

## **9. Sports Hub Engagement**

No update – meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December

## **10. Charter Advisory Group**

The approved CAG notes attached.  
See Joint Campus above

## **10. Minutes**

The minutes having been circulated were proposed by R Junner and seconded by E Mould and approved.

## **11. Finance**

The bank balances are as follows

TSB – £1025.79  
BS – £1316.28

## **12. A.O.C.B**

J S indicated that he would be unable to continue in the temporary role of Secretary next year.

**The next meeting is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

## **Community Council Meeting Updates**

**Our focus..... Your priorities**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the **Neilston Community Council** area for the period **26<sup>th</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018**. A list of these priorities is provided at the end of this report for your reference.

This report aims to highlight ongoing and emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to the members of the Community Council and to the residents that they represent.

This document does not provide a comprehensive statistical breakdown of numbers of crimes reported as this does not provide any context for the reader.

### **INFORMATION**

#### **1. Homes being broken into**

No reports of Housebreakings

#### **2. Antisocial Behaviour and Disorder**

Male youth did steal scratch cards from local shop. Youth charged with offence.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> November a motor vehicle was vandalised mainly damage to the rear wiper. Investigation ongoing.

#### **3. Violent Crime**

Two domestic assaults reported by the same complainer. Male charged with assaults plus abduction.

Male assaulted on the 16<sup>th</sup> November, Main Street, Neilston. Investigation ongoing.

Staff member within local store assaulted plus theft of alcohol recorded on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Male charged and reported for this offence.

#### **4. Drug Dealing and Misuse**

Male charged with growing two cannabis plants.

Our officers continue to carry out regular patrols in your area, during which utilise stop and search powers where legislation permits.

## **CRIME PREVENTION**

As we approach the festive period, we remind vehicle owners not to leave valuables in view within unattended vehicles. When in busy shops, bars or restaurants, keep handbags, wallets, purses, mobile phones and other valuable items out of sight and secure.

We continue to detect offences across the East Renfrewshire area relating to individuals driving under the influence of drink and drugs. Disappointingly, too many drivers still fail to take cognisance of the extreme dangers they cause to themselves and other road users. If you suspect somebody of driving whilst intoxicated please report it to the police immediately.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Scotland**

Have you signed up for Neighbourhood Watch Scotland alerts yet? We have now started issuing alerts on this system.

Further information can be found at

[www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)

By signing up to this service you will receive crime prevention information relevant to both local and national issues.

## **NEWS**

We would like to highlight the Scottish Governments "Ready Scotland" web site that contains some really useful and interesting information. Please have a look at ...

<https://readyscotland.org/>

## **LOCAL PRIORITIES**

The East Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan 2017-2020 can be found in full on the Police Scotland website

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/greater-glasgow/east-renfrewshire/>

This document explains our National and Local Policing Priorities how these have been identified and how they are linked to the Fairer East Ren – Local Outcomes Improvement Plan

The local Policing Priorities for East Renfrewshire have been identified as

**Homes being broken into**

**Antisocial behaviour and disorder**

**Violent crime**

**Drug dealing and misuse**

**Child abuse including child sexual exploitation**

**Please remember you can communicate with us using any of the following:**

Twitter - @policescotland

Twitter - @GreaterGlasgPol

Twitter - @EastRenPolice

Facebook – PoliceScotland

Web – Scotland.police.uk

101 – Non emergency

999 – Emergency

0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers



## **Neilston Town Charter Advisory Group – Meeting No 38**

### **Notes**

Meeting: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018

THE BANK, Neilston 6pm

### **Attending and Apologies**

#### **Members Attending**

A Walker	- NDT
J Scott	- NCC
Laura Carswell	- NDT
W Sinclair	- Neilston Traders

J Sheriff

#### **Apologies:**

R Junner, A Whiteford, P Gallacher, S McLellan

#### **1. Notes**

The notes having been circulated from the last meeting were proposed and approved.

#### **2. Community Assets**

There was no update.

#### **3. Public Realm**

The issue of the Main St shops was raised again.

ERC have agreed in principle to take the area in front of the shops back into public ownership by purchasing the ground for a fee of £1 but shop owners have to pay legal fees. ERC are unable to give an indication of what the legal fees might be thus the process seems to be stalled.

The issue of the car park at the rear has not been addressed in this process.

ERC and the owners have an issue over the provision of the “hammerhead “at the access to the car park both in terms of its construction and the fact it should be a turning circle.

**The shopkeepers do not object to the public using the car park as a public car park but they feel there should be recognition of this use by ERC.**

### **Street Scape**

A member attended the recent Street Scape seminar hosted by ERC.

It was reported that all of the proposals and suggestions in the seminar had at least in part been considered in Neilston and supported in the Going Places and other initiatives but had been largely ignored by ERC.

Neilston had done all the public consultation but had seen no action.

ERC are reportedly looking at a design for village centre in other areas such as Giffnock and Clarkston with allegedly layouts suggested similar to the Neilston Going Places report but no feed into Neilston residents.

The hierarchy suggested is

Pedestrians

Cyclists

Public Service Vehicles

Emergency Services

Cars

The suggestion in Neilston appears to centre on turning Pig Square into a car park.

ERC appears to want public input then appears to ignore it.

### **LEADER**

We have had a meeting with ERC regarding the potential LEADER funding and the methodology of making an application to LEADER for funding to implement the CCTV and lighting to enhance the outdoor gym project in Kingston Park.

No decision has been made and in some respects the response was disappointing.

So far we have been unable to progress these practically with ERC.

### **4. School Joint Campus**

The discussion with Architecture & Design Scotland, ADS is ongoing and ADS are interested in participating.

Meeting requested by NDT with Cllrs Buchanan and O’Kane

## **5. Projects**

### **Town Centre**

No update on village centre proposals.

The roads signage at the crossing is still outstanding.

Main St Car Park (behind Killoch) still outstanding options.

### **7 .Skate Park**

As previously noted Cllr O’Kane is looking at options regarding the ERREF and ERC funding to ensure this project is completed. The Director of the Environment is looking at incorporating it into the capital budget proposals.

The Planning Department have reported that it is planning to make a LEADER application for the skate park.

### **10. Funding**

There was a general discussion regarding concerns raised over the level of capital funding by ERC in Neilston over the years as compared with other areas of East Renfrewshire.

The Locality Planning process is offering £25k for the village through the participatory budgeting scheme (PB).

### **10. Communication & Engagement.**

All organisations should encourage village wide input to projects.

### **11. AOCB.**

Support is agreed for the Renfrewshire Tapestry project with funding being sought from LEADER

**The next meeting of the Charter Advisory Group will be on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 6pm in The Bank**