

Minutes of Neilston Community Council 27th March in the Glen Halls, Neilston at 7pm.

Present, J Scott, A Walker, J Sheriff, R Mould, M Pettigrew, R Junner, Cllr Gilbert, Cllr O’Kane, PC (Police Scotland),

Apologies: S Crabbe, E Mould, J Connery, Cllr Buchanan

1. Police Report

Police report attached: Summarised below

No Housebreakings.

3 House thefts - 3 arrested

Anti-social behaviour

Neilston Rd – 2males charged with Breach of Peace.

Youth Disorder

2 calls re St Thomas’s – 2 Calls Re Dundonald Place

Vandalism

Shop sign – Main st

Violent Crime

Incident in vicinity of Travellers Rest

Kingston Rd. Male punched and kicked

Drug Dealing and misuse

Hillside Rd - possession of controlled drugs

Main St - cannabis possession

Alexander Terrace possession of Cannabis

Crime Prevention

Report of adult male purchasing alcohol for underage youths

Report of off road bike in Neilston

There were some reports of off road biking which are being investigated.

The issue of vandalism in the lane between High St and Main St was raised as was the presence of non-road legal cars in the car park.

The CCTV in High St will not cover the area where youths are congregating and consuming alcohol.

There is an issue with ownership of the lane and responsibility.

A number of proposals were put forward and it was agreed that these would be followed up particularly those relating to ERC/Police action.

The issue of Neighbourhood Watch was discussed. It was pointed out that a Neighbourhood Watch scheme already existed in an area of Neilston. It was agreed that the Community Council could look at the interest in Neilston to form such a group or groups.

A representative from Neighbourhood Watch Scotland could be invited to a future meeting.

2. Wardens

No wardens present

3. Locality Planning

No update.

4. Kirkstyle Lane Development

The planning application is still live.

No update on the invoice from BHA to ERC for costs incurred but it will be go to Cabinet.

5. Community Council Issues

We are still looking for suggestions as to the improvements that could be made to the public realm in Neilston.

The issue of changes to the flight paths at Glasgow Airport was discussed. There would not appear to be any detrimental effect on Neilston due to increased noise level.

The situation in Uplawmoor will be worsened due to the change in take-off routes. The Community Council offered their support to our colleagues in Uplawmoor Community Council.

The response from the Scottish Government regarding the Community Council appointment as a Community Body under the Community Empowerment Act was discussed.

The suggestion to discuss with ERC and take legal advice was noted.

6. Planning

On Line Representations in Planning

Cllr Ireland has agreed to look into the matter but no further response as yet.

Taylor Wimpey – Neilston Rd

The Community Council have commented on the revised proposal for Neilston Road.

7. Windfarm Community Benefit

The scheme will be called the Neilston Windfarm Legacy. (NWL)

The charity status has been confirmed by Oscar.

There will be an update in the Neilston Development Trust newsletter.

A number of questions were raised regarding the trust.

The original proposal where the windfarm legacy trust would be independent of the NDT and be representative of the village, with elected members and village groups represented appears to have been diluted.

The issue of conflict of interest was raised

There has been a management fee of approx. £100k per annum to support the NDT from the windfarm to date, whereas the response previously was that all monies from the windfarm were going to pay off the loans.

The NDT objective was to be self-sufficient.

It was stated that the NDT was a democratic organisation with a board elected by members at the AGM.

The proposal will be to return approx. £70k per annum from the Legacy to NDT to help run the Bank.

The objective of the NWL is to keep it as simple as possible to benefit the community.

It was agreed that the Community Council would write to the Chair of NDT requesting clarification of various points.

8. Project Updates

Main St Puffin Crossing.

No update on the issues here and the possible solutions regarding leaflets or signage.

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Bus Bay – Main St

A draft letter was agreed to send to interested parties

Main St – Shop Car Parking

No update on this.

Additional Village Works

No great response but we will repeat the exercise.

Skate Park

There will be a site meeting to discuss final details.

No increase in cost is envisaged

Summer Event

No update.

Members were asked to propose ideas and contributions.

WWI Event

No update

9. Sports Hub Engagement

Ongoing

10. Charter Advisory Group

The approved CAG notes are attached.

10. Minutes

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

11. Finance

No report.

The next meeting is Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 7pm in the Glen Halls

**Neilston – Charter Advisory Group
Meeting No. 31–CAG Tuesday 20th March 2018**

Note of Meeting

Attending and Apologies

Members Attending

A Walker – Chair

J Sheriff

John Scott - Neilston Community Council

Cllr Gilbert – East Renfrewshire Council

Apologies, Cllr O Kane, J Junner, J Ward, A Whiteford, K Robertson, Cllr Buchanan, W Sinclair, P Gallacher, I McLean

1. Notes

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

2. Kirkstyle Lane – Housing Development – Barrhead Housing Association

The planning application is still live.

There is no update on the BHA invoice

3. Windfarm Legacy Fund.

The application to OSCAR is now approved as “Neilston Windfarm Legacy”.

There will be a formal announcement with press coverage and details.

The first meeting with the new directors has been organised.

4. Going Places

No update on LEADER application or other proposals

5. School Joint Campus

No update on this but statutory consultation still outstanding.

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6. Projects

Town Centre

No update on this or the situation regarding the transfer back into the public realm of the area in front of Main St shops.

In view of this perhaps the CAG should take the lead with some proposals such as road and pavement surfaces, barriers, etc to formulate an outline plan for village centre enhancement.

This would have a focus for discussion.

Toddler Play area.

Toddler plays area complete.

Problem with delay by contractor as reported previously is not an issue. Work will progress on schedule with no increased cost envisaged.

There is some clarification of detail required such as youth shelter.

J Scott agreed to liaise with Council and contractor to support project.

It was agreed that perhaps some sort of acknowledgement notice should be provide in the area with tributes to those involved, i.e. WREN, ERC, Murdoch, NDT and NCC.

7. Locality Planning

No update.

8. Business Improvement District (BID)

No further information, J S will progress with J Hamilton.

9. Funding

No update

10. Communication & Engagement.

All organisations should encourage village wide input to projects, NCC will publicise

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the request for input from villagers on improvements for village reference the £50k allocated in the ERC budget.

11. AOCB.

There will be an NDT newsletter giving general updates, anyone wishing to contribute should contact NDT, we believe the deadline for input is 30th March.

No update on Main St Crossing issue.

The issue of vandalism in Kingston Rd was raised

The next meeting of the Charter Advisory Group will be on Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 6pm in the Bank



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 **22nd February to 21st March 2018**. A list of these priorities is provided at the end of this report for your reference.

This report aims to highlight 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 housebreakings have been recorded in your Community Council area during the period under review.

2. Antisocial Behaviour and Disorder

About 10pm on the 3rd February a disturbance was reported in Neilston Road. Two males were subsequently traced and have been charged with Breach of the Peace.

Further to these crimes and in relation to youth disorder, we have received two calls relating to disorder in the vicinity of St. Thomas Primary School, and two calls in the vicinity of Dundonald Place.

A vandalism to a shop sign in Main Street, Neilston, has been reported. It occurred some time between the 10th and the 12th March. As yet, no witnesses have been identified.

Officers from our Problem Solving Teams continue to give the Neilston area particular attention, especially at weekends.

3. Violent Crime

In the early hours of the morning of the 25th February a disturbance occurred in the vicinity of the Traveller's Rest Public House, Neilston Road. Following enquiries it was established that a 20 year old male had been the victim of a serious assault. A 17 year old male was subsequently arrested and has been charged with serious assault. A second male is also alleged to have been assaulted, during the same incident, however this crime remains undetected at this time.

One further assault remains under investigation. A 23 year old male was punched and kicked in Kingston Road, Neilston, after he alighted from a taxi about 3-45am on the 18th March. We are keen to speak to any witnesses who may have witnessed this incident.

4. Drug Dealing and Misuse

On the 21st March, a Sheriff's search warrant was executed at an address in Hillside Road, Neilston. One person has been charged with possession of controlled drugs in terms of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

During the period under review the following further drugs offences have been recorded in your area

- 9th March – Main St, Neilston, 19 year old male in possession of cannabis
- 10th March – Alexander Terrace, Neilston, 24 year old male in possession of cannabis.

CRIME PREVENTION

On the evening of 17th March we received an uncorroborated report of an adult male purchasing alcohol from an off-sales premises in Neilston and thereafter passing this to underage youths.

It is an offence under s.104A of the Licensing Scotland Act 2005 to buy, or attempt to buy, alcohol for a child, or to give alcohol to a child in a public place. The penalty on conviction for committing this offence is a fine of up to £5000 and/or up to 3 months in prison.

We treat such matters seriously and we recognise the significant impact it can have in your community. Please tell us if you see this occurring by phoning 101.

On the 20th March we received an anonymous call reporting the use of an off-road bike in the Neilston area. This is an ongoing issue. The caller stated that he knew who the rider was, but refused to disclose this to the police. We would encourage anyone who knows the identity of persons using off-road or “quad” bikes illegally in your area, to pass this information to us, in order to help us tackle this issue. Information can be provided by phoning 101, or alternatively through “Crimestoppers” on 0800 555 111.

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

NEWS

You will hopefully recall the “Your View Counts” survey that was launched in 2016 by Police Scotland. The first year results of this survey were published previously and are being used to inform the local policing plan for East Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire Council’s Local Improvement Plan.

The published results for 2016-17 can be found here

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/138327/307421/355352/368284/your-view-counts-national-survey-2016?view=Standard>

This survey was opened again in August 2017, and we would ask Community Councils to encourage all local residents in their respective areas to access and complete the survey. This applies to people who have completed the survey previously, or for the first time.

The online survey can be found at

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CXH85XJ>

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

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Twitter - @policescotland
Twitter - @GreaterGlasgPol
Twitter - @EastRenPolice
Facebook – PoliceScotland
Web – Scotland.police.uk
101 – Non emergency
999 – Emergency
0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers