

Minutes of Neilston Community Council 30th January in the Glen Halls, Neilston at 7pm.

Present, J Scott, J Sheriff, R Mould, A Walker, M Pettigrew, J Connery Cllr Gilbert,, Cllr O’Kane, PC Wilson (Police Scotland), J Watters, C Watters, J Adam, D Wallace

Apologies: S Crabbe, E Mould, Cllr Buchanan, R Junner

1. Police Report

Police report attached

There were no violent crimes.

2 drugs warrants issued. Possession only quantities, no dealing.

Anti-social behaviour as indicated and alcohol seized from youths.

In general nothing of great concern, but crowd of youths reported at Madras.

No reported damage.

Use of portable TV camera might be considered.

(See note on damage to parked cars in Police report)

Action from previous meeting not discussed.

There was a discussion regarding the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch. It was suggested that we invite someone from the organisation along to outline what is required and how we should proceed. It is probable a small committee could be set up to progress this if it though worthwhile.

2. Wardens

No wardens present

3. Locality Planning

No update, but some options were discussed around improving educational outcomes and job opportunities for young people.

This will be progressed through the Locality Planning sessions at present.

4. Kirkstyle Lane Development

There was a report that the Roads Department might consider a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) regarding parking at school.

It was reported that the parents were not fully supportive of this but ERC Roads were going to look at Neilston after they had completed the exercise in Giffnock.

TRO's are only effective if they can be enforced, the Wardens are rarely in Neilston.

The report by Roads on the BHA application is a change from the pre application report and many of the safety concerns are not addressed.

The application is still active on the website.

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for 14th February.

BHA are requesting payment from ERC of fees incurred as indicated in the NCC Nov 2018 minutes.

TPO request has been passed to the Head of Environment for comment.

5. Community Council Issues

A member raised an issue with regards the swimming pool fun pass.

Cllr O Kane agreed to follow this up.

It was agreed follow up on the ERC decision that Community Councils were not regarded as Community Bodies by writing to the Minister responsible is still outstanding.

An issue was raised by ERC Community Council Liaison Officer regarding the inappropriate use of inverted comas in previous minutes.

His comment was noted.

6. Planning

On Line Representations in Planning

A letter has been sent to all members of the Planning Committee and a meeting potentially arranged to outline our concerns.

Taylor Wimpey – Neilston Rd

The revised application has now been submitted with some changes to the mix of affordable houses, changes to access and road crossing.

There was some concern expressed about access given the traffic speed and route.

In addition the access to Glennifer View is now steps reducing the access for cycle or pushchair/pram traffic to the village.

Some concern was raised over the drainage issue but SEPA have not commented negatively on the SUDS.

There appears to be a positive attempt to provide good boundary planting both in terms of trees and hedges.

It was agreed that NCC would comment on the issues again as revised.

7. Windfarm Community Benefit

Ongoing paperwork with OSCAR.

8. Project Updates

Main St Puffin Crossing.

Some issues were raised over this regarding people still using it as a “zebra” crossing.

This has been noted by a number of members and perhaps some sort of awareness campaign could be organised. This could be on social media and leaflets perhaps distributed to parents via the school and in the library and other local outlets.

This has been raised at the CAG meeting as well last week and ERC agreed to discuss this with roads.

In addition Cllr O’Kane agreed to look at this to see if there was money in the Road Safety budget to fund a leaflet.

Bus Bay – Main St

We still have to look at the issue of the parking in the bus bay in Main St particularly with regards to the issue of occupancy during funerals.

There was a suggestion made regarding a comprehensive working group being formed of all interested parties.

Main Street Public realm

The area in front of the Main St Shops is being looked at via the CAG with an objective of returning this to public ownership since it is clearly a public area.

Main St – Shop Car Parking

The issue was raised regarding the condition of the car park behind the Main St shops. This is also being raised through the CAG

Additional Village Works

Members were requested to consider both individually and via organisations they represent what additional works they might consider proposing to ERC in relation to village improvements.

This would enable priorities to be considered and provide the time for additional funding and support to be considered.

Kingston Park

Toddlers Play area

Works are nearly complete here and the outcome looks favourable.

Skate Park

The Skate Park has had a delay in starting but should be complete during summer.

Summer Event

There was a discussion regarding holding an event in Kingston Park when all the works were complete.

Members were asked to propose ideas and contributions.

WWI Event

In addition there was a proposal to commemorate the 100 years since the end of World War I and members should consider the contribution the CC could make to this. This might be held in November

9. Charter Advisory Group

The approved CAG notes are attached.

10. Minutes

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

11. Finance

There was no finance report.

It was noted that the ERC budget will be delayed pending the final settlement decided by the Scottish Government

The next meeting is Tuesday February 27th 2018 at 7pm in the Glen Halls



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 November 2017 to 21st January 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. Violent Crime

No crimes of assault or serious assault have been recorded in public locations in your community council area during the 2 month period under review.

2. Drug Dealing and Misuse

Two separate drugs search warrants have been executed at addresses in Neilston during the period under review.

A house in Madras Place was searched on the 29th December, resulting in two males aged 23 and 61 being reported for possession of controlled drugs.

Then on the 10th January, a 19 year old male was reported for possession of controlled drugs after a house in Hillside Road, Neilston, was searched under warrant.

Our Local Policing Team officers and Problem Solving Team officers continue to carry out proactive patrols in your local area.

These patrols have resulted in the following drugs offences having been detected

- 8th December, Kingston Road : 19 year old male in possession of cannabis
- 8th December, Kingston Road : 29 year old male in possession of cannabis
- 8th December, High St, Neilston : 17 year old male in possession of cannabis
- 19th January, Neilston Road : 19 year old male in possession of cannabis

We would encourage residents to report any information they may have in relation to drug supply via 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

3. Antisocial Behaviour and Disorder

Two males have been arrested following a disturbance in Main St, Neilston, that occurred about 2am on the 4th January. Reports have been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

Since the 1st January there have been only three calls relating to youth disorder in Neilston

- 13th January : St. Thomas' Primary School
- 19th January : Neilston Primary School
- 20th January : Main St, Neilston

No crimes were established on any of these occasions.

Vandalisms to parked cars were recorded in Main St on the 23rd December, Glen Creran Crescent on the 28th December and in Lintmill Terrace, sometime between the 15th and 21st January. These crimes remain undetected at this time.

4. Housebreaking & Other Theft

No housebreakings have been recorded in your Community Council area during the period under review.

Overnight on the 1st into 2nd December 2017 items were stolen from an insecure garden shed at a house in Kirktonfield Road, Neilston.

Overnight on the 12th into 13th December 2018 an insecure porch of a house in Molendinar Terrace was entered by an unknown person. Nothing was stolen on this occasion.

On the 14th January items were stolen from an insecure motor car in Duncarnock Crescent, Neilston. The male responsible was also sighted in nearby gardens. Officers attended and traced the male at the time. He was arrested and appeared at court from custody the following day.

CRIME PREVENTION

We continue to stress the importance of ensuring that homes and vehicles are properly secured at all times of day and night.

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

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 – Charter Advisory Group
Meeting No. 29th–CAG Tuesday 23rd January 2018

Note of Meeting

Attending and Apologies

Members Attending

A Walker – Chair

J Sheriff

John Scott - Neilston Community Council

I Mc Lean – East Renfrewshire Council

Cllr Gilbert – East Renfrewshire Council

Apologies, Cllr O Kane, J Junner, J Ward, A Whiteford, K Robertson, Cllr Buchanan, P Gallacher.

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 still ongoing and will be considered by PAC.

Roads assessment has now been included in application.

BHA are believed to have submitted an invoice to ERC for costs involved.

There was a discussion regarding how BHA might feel aggrieved since the Kirkstyle Lane development was included in the SHIP.

It was also pointed out that because a development is included in the SHP does not mean it will go ahead for a number of reasons.

The issue of the “drone” survey was raised and it may be preferable for a photographic survey to be carried out rather than a laser survey due to Health & Safety reasons.

The potential cost of this is around £750 per site depending on specification

3. Windfarm Legacy Fund.

The application is now with OSCAR and there have been some discussions with the “shadow” Board.

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The excess funds raised by Neilston News on their calendar have been distributed to NDT and Neilston Wasps for use in the village.

4. School Joint Campus

No update on this but statutory consultation due.

5. Town Centre

The issue of the Village centre was raised with regard to the £10,000 matched funding that we were looking at.

Since this was no longer required there was some discussion on what was needed with regards to additional works, still to be decided. (see *item 10*)

The issue was raised regarding the new Puffin crossing, where motorists were stopping and waving people across when the pedestrian lights were red and equally were pedestrians were just stepping onto the crossing without activating the lights. Discussion as around what could be done to improve road safety issues regarding this problem.

It was agreed that this would be taken up with Roads and perhaps some social media and schools road safety leaflet could be considered.

The state of the car park behind the Main St shops was raised again and the shopkeepers are considering options.

This would also include the return of the area in front of the shops to public ownership.

6. Locality Planning

It was indicated that the CAG might be a suitable forum for issues associated with the Locality Planning initiative from ERC.

There was a discussion regarding what might be done with improving the opportunities of young people in Neilston under Locality Planning where improved opportunities for education e.g. NVQ could be obtained in conjunction with practical training and village improvements. This could help provide a more holistic solution to a number of objectives for the village, ERC (Fairer ER) and Scottish Government as well as improving both the village and longer term opportunities for younger residents.

Discussion to be had with Kellie Miller.

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7. Business Improvement District (BID)

No further information

8. Skate Park

Slight delay, due to start and end Feb, with completion April/May.

Checking with WREN to see if that is acceptable to them.

9. Kingston Park – Toddlers Play Area.

Work started, should be completed by end of Jan.

10. Potential Projects.

It was agreed that all groups should look at what potential projects we could propose to improve the village.

This could be fed into ERC and considered along with realistic funding options pro-actively rather than having to react when monies are potentially available.

11. AOCB.

The next meeting of the Charter Advisory Group will be on Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 6pm in the Bank