

Minutes of Neilston Community Council 6th June in the Glen Halls, Neilston at 7pm.

Note: This meeting was postponed from May due to the conflicting dates of the NDT Windfarm Community Benefit Meeting.

Present, J Scott, A Walker, J Sheriff, R Mould, E Mould, M Pettigrew, Cllr Gilbert, PC McGoldrick, PC Blackburn (Police Scotland),

Apologies: Cllr O’Kane, Cllr Buchanan R Junner, J Connery

1. Police Report

Officers from Police Scotland attended the meeting and discussed the Police Report.

The Police report for the period 20th May till 31st May 2017 is as follows

Assault & Violent Crime

2 crimes of assault are noted. 25th May near Ferneze Rd, 17 year old male sustained facial injuries, 2 teenage males have been arrested charged with serious assault.
26th May an incident occurred in Madras Place, whereby 2 men were alleged to have been assaulted by a group of males and a car vandalised.

Drug Dealing

On the 16th of May a 15 year old male was found to be in possession controlled drugs by officers in plain clothes carrying out a proactive patrol

Drunk & Disorderly

The Police are aware of youths travelling from out with the area to attend Neilston.

The local police team are aware of the situation and are increasing the patrols in his area. Kingston Rd and Firenze Avenue are identified as “hotspots”.
On 25th May an 18 year old male was arrested in Neilston Main St following an incident at an off sales premise.
Other enquiries are ongoing regarding anti-social behaviour and are likely to result in charges.

On the 20th of May an 18 year old male was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol following a road accident in Glen Shee Avenue.

House Breaking

One housebreaking has been reported between 27th of April and 3rd May at a vacant dwelling in Kirkton Field Rd Neilston.

On 25th May a sneak in theft occurred during the night via an unlocked front door of a house in Glen Doll Rd

2. Wardens

No wardens present

3. Community Council Issues

Data Protection

Ongoing

Car Park Charges Consultation

Information Commissioner now undertaking investigation.
(Ongoing)

4. Planning

On Line Representations in Planning

Ongoing

This was again discussed and concerns raised.

Wind Turbine application for extension of use 2017/0293/tp.

This application was discussed and given the issue of cumulative noise from turbines it was considered that a moratorium might be considered until the issue had been resolved.

The report commission by ERC has some minor issues and is being considered by residents.

5. Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

This was discussed and the process being developed.

There is approximately £2M of funds to be invested in a charitable set up. A Board of Trustees of around 5/8 will be established representing the village organisations independent from NDT but including representation from NDT. This will provide democratic accountability and transparency. The Memorandum and Articles of Association are being prepared.

The proposal is probably going to be 2 funds:

Small grants scheme: Grants coming from the interest on the capital being distributed on village projects. The capital would remain intact thus ensuring sustainability.

Loans Scheme: Loan investment for bigger projects which have a social impact on the community.

Details are being developed.

6. Community Sports Hub

This has now been set up and the constitution being developed.

7. CAG

The skate park and the toddlers play area funding has been approved and the work is in progress via ERC.

We are looking to have involvement with the youth groups, designer and ERC before work commences to help ensure community involvement from the users.

8. Website

There is still a problem with access to the Facebook page.

9. Minutes

The minutes for the April meeting having been circulated, were proposed by E Mould and seconded by A Walker

11. Treasurers Report

Account stands at £641.64 with 95p in petty cash

12. AOCB

The Community Council has been approached by a resident who would like to donate a bench running around the large tree in Kirkstyle Lane memory the late Allan Stewart. This would go round the base of the whole tree and would be provided and maintained by the resident.

It might be appropriate to include the tribute to J Junner in this as well subject, of course to the consent of all parties.

It was agreed that we would pursue this with ERC and others to take this forward

Note: The next meeting of Neilston Community Council is on Tuesday 27th June 2017 at 7pm in the Glen Halls.

There will be no meeting in July; the following meeting will be on Tuesday 29th August.