

Minutes of Neilston Community Council 25th April in the Glen Halls, Neilston at 7pm.

Present, J Scott, A Walker, R Junner J Sheriff, R Mould, Cllr O’Kane, Cllr Buchanan, PC McGoldrick C Blackburn (Police Scotland), D CarnDuff (Barrhead News), J Turner, T Mc Finn, G Kinnell, D Jesner, L Jesner

Apologies: Cllr Green, E Mould, M Pettigrew, J Connery

1. Police Report

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

The Police report for the period 22nd March till 19th April 2017 is as follows

Assault & Violent Crime

There have been no reports of serious assault in the area over this period.

Drug Dealing

On the 3rd of April officers reported a 45 year old male being in possession of white powder believed to be a controlled drug

Drunk & Disorderly

A number of reports have been received of large number of youths attending Kingston Playing fields committing acts of anti-social behaviour. The local police team are aware of the situation and are increasing the patrols in his area.

Increased reports of off road bikes causing disturbance in the Neilston Area.

On the 9th of April officers seized two off road bike from adult males The Police will continue to monitor the situation.

The police are keen to receive any information regarding those bikes in the Neilston are or the owners.

Considerable public nuisance can be caused by these bikes and their use on public roads may be unlawful.

Reports have been made to Police Scotland regarding the use of off road and quad bikes in Lintmill and Cowdenhall.

Housebreaking etc.

One attempted housebreaking to a derelict building in Kirktonfield Rd between 9th and 11th April.

Police reported that often they see a rise in thefts gardening tools from sheds and garages this time of year. A reminder is given to ensure all sheds and outbuildings are secure.

2. Wardens

No wardens present

4. Car Park Charges Consultation

Information Commissioner now undertaking investigation.
(Ongoing)

5. Community Council Issues

Data Protection

Ongoing

On Line Representations in Planning

Ongoing

This was again discussed and perhaps should be revisited after the elections.
We perhaps should consider writing to the Ombudsman

Constitution

We have received an agreement from ERC to amend the constitution as voted on by NCC members.

This was signed by the Chair and witnessed by appropriate members of the Community Council

6. Main St Bus Bay

The issue of parking at the bus stop and the siting of the crossing was raised as an ongoing issue.

The report from SPT on the issue and that of McGill's, was challenged in that buses do wait in the bus bay in spite of the SPT claims.

A member of the public checked the timetable on line and the timetable indicates a waiting time of around 5 minutes on the timetable.

The issue was raised of buses being left unattended in the bus bay

7. Sports Hub

A meeting was held regarding the Community Sports Hub and the requirements for its constitution and membership.

Currently this is mainly driven by the football groups but other sports clubs and interests are being actively encouraged to join.

A sum of £12,000 has been provided to form the start of the Community Sports Hub

Kirkstyle Lane

There were a number of issues raised over the work being done in Kirkstyle Lane on behalf of Barrhead Housing Association.

The issue was raised of the lack of consultation on this work

It was explained that this was a potential infill project from the Charrette process and the Supplementary Planning Guidance in the LDP.

There was some discussion around this but no decision has been made by BHA to proceed or not.

Whilst people can support or object at the planning application stage, it was pointed out that irrespective of individual opinions, NCC represented the people in the village and we should take action to determine what that opinion is.

8. CAG

Although the ERREF application for funding has been rejected as previously reported, there is potentially a larger sum available to enhance the Kingston Park project.

This is being looked at through the CAG and in conjunction with ERC

9. Website

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

10. Minutes

The minutes for the March meeting having been circulated, were proposed by R Mould and seconded by J Sheriff

11. Treasurers Report

Account stands at £641.64

12. AOCB

The proposed tribute to Jim Junner is being looked at.

The lane between Main St and High St will have the hedge cut by ERC and the appropriate owners lettered.

The Chair pointed out the need for fund raising to support the Community Council projects, since monies are going out quicker than they are coming in all members are urged to look at potential fund raising with action in late summer early autumn

Note: Due to the NDT meeting scheduled for Tuesday 30th May (which clashes with the scheduled NCC meeting), the next meeting of Neilston Community Council is on Tuesday 6th June 2017 at 7pm in the Glen Halls