Minutes of Neilston Community Council   28th Feb 2017 in the Glen Halls, Neilston at 7pm.

Present, J Scott, J Sheriff, R Mould, E Mould, R Junner, M Pettigrew, A Walker, J Connery, Cllr Gilbert, Cllr O'Kane, Cllr Buchanan, PC McGoldrick, PC Wilson (Police Scotland), Johnathan Reilly, W McRorie

Apologies: Cllr Green, V Wood

1. Police Report

 Officers from Police Scotland attended the meeting and discussed the Police Report.
The Police report for the period   22nd Jan to 21st Feb 2017 is as follows

Assault & Violent Crime	A 27 year old male has been arrested and charged with common assault following an incident in Main St on 29th January
Drug Dealing	A 38 year old male has been charged after he was found in possession of drugs in Holehouse Brae Neilston
Drunk & Disorderly	Adult male broke car window with occupant inside. Positive line of enquiry being followed.
	45 year old male arrested and charged with vandalism
Housebreaking etc.	No domestic housebreakings in period.
	Attempted housebreaking at business premises in Main St
	48 year old male arrested after being reported by residents apparently with the intention of committing theft
	Released from court with special bail conditions pending further criminal proceedings

There is a consultation on the proposed changes to Police Scotland premises on line. In particular the closure of Barrhead and potentially Giffnock stations are possible.

The your view counts survey for Ward 1 that have been processed are a small sample but that aside it shows the most important local priorities for residents are:

Homes being broken into
Anti-Social Behaviour/Disorder
Violent Crime.

An issue was raised by members of cars being parked on Kirkhill Brae blocking the pavement. This was reported to the Police but no action deemed necessary. Photographic evidence of the obstruction was presented and the attending officers agreed to look into the matter

2. Wardens

No wardens present

3. Car Park Charges Consultation

ERC did not provide the information requested under an FOI.
This is after a review and a "chat".
This has been reported to the FOICS

4. Community Council Issues

.Data Protection

No response from ERC but registered with ICO

Agreed we write again to Jim Sneddon

On Line Representations in Planning

The issue was raised again since there seems to be no action on this matter.
To have to view the representations in person rather than on line seems to be against the ERC policy for a digital future and reduction of the Carbon Footprint.
It was stated by an elected member that there were few complaints in this regards and priorities need to be set.

It was pointed out that part of the reason for doing this was cost savings.
A recent FOI from ERC stated there were no cost savings.
Since this "cost Neutral" it might be good to digitally re instate it.

We perhaps should consider writing to the Ombudsman

Constitution

It was agreed unanimously to change the date of the AGM to June.
Proposed by E Mould seconded by R Junner

6. Projects

Kirkstyle Lane – Raised Beds
Completed but notice boards in poor condition – consideration to remove them.

Kingston Park

Trees
Some trees have been replaced and more damaged.
The Parks Dept. have provided sacks of bulbs for springtime planting.
Can be planted perhaps as part of NDT 10 year celebrations in May.
The CCTV signs have been replaced and the downloading of the CCTV footage is being relooked at.

Skate Park
The ERC Outdoor Access Officer is now taking over the planning application for the Skate Park in Kingston. Planning application submitted with WREN decision in April

Toddler Play Area
We have been unsuccessful in our application for the funds for the toddlers play area.
Some monies have been allocated in budget for improvements in Kingston Park but extent of that unclear.
Could be considered under CAG
Minor improvements to town centre also possible.
It was pointed out that the method of funding was important since matched funding could be obtained as discussed with Big Lottery
(More important now see ERREF attachment)

7. Sports Hub

Meeting organised and further meeting being arranged to organise constitution and increase inclusion.
Neilston Juniors, Neilston amateurs and Neilston wasps are currently main participants but other sports need to be included.

Cycling UK to Uplawmoor and beyond> issues involving ownership and Right of Way involved.

The issue of access to existing facilities such as pitches was raised. Sometimes local clubs cannot get access because other organisations have long running block bookings but leave the facility unused sometimes.

This is being looked at by ERCL Trust.

8. CAG

The issue raised previously in regard to budget funding for Kingston Park and public realm improvements will be raised at the CAG meeting.

The list of Assets required under the Community Empowerment Act is still not available from ERC

9. Website

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

10. Minutes

The minutes for the January   meeting having been circulated, were proposed by R Junner and seconded by M Pettigrew

11. Treasurers Report

The balance in the current account is £1001.20p

12. **AOCB**

The issue of busses using the bus bay for parking was raised as was the access to St Thomas's for funeral cars.

The conflict here is caused by the location of the pedestrian crossing and the change of location of this has been discussed before.

The proposal was made to consider a memorial bench for Jim Junner a long standing past member of the Community Council.

Members were requested to consider potential locations for a bench in keeping with Jim's interest in the village.

The issue of tree foliage obstructing the lane between Main St and High St (Doggy Poo Alley) was raised.

The foliage is overgrown into the lane.
This is an ongoing issue which was being looked at by Community Services in regard to ownership, Council responsibility, clean up and foliage. No action has ever been reported by ERC

The next meeting of Neilston Community Council is on March 28th 2017 at 7pm in the Glen Halls

Attachment ; East Renfrewshire Renewables Energy Fund . pdf