

## Minutes of Neilston Community Council 28<sup>th</sup> November in the Glen Halls, Neilston at 7pm.

**Present**, J Scott, R Junner, J Sheriff, R Mould, E Mould, A Walker, M Pettigrew, S Crabbe J Connery  
Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Buchanan, Kellie Miller, (Police Scotland)

**Apologies:**, Cllr O’Kane,

### 1. Police Report

Police report attached

The police reported on the issue of antisocial behaviour in the lane between High St and Main St. some damage was caused to owners’ fences and problem with youths drinking in lane.

Fence broken down at weekend and youths reported in Madras Nursery.

At least 12 youths appear to have been involved.

Accelerant was used on fence and hedge.

ERC use of additional CCTV might help address the problem.

CCTV to cover both lane and Madras car park might help.

Police reported similar issues across ER starting to occur.

Police are aware of issues and are increasing activities where possible.

Residents have approached ERC regarding the use of portable cameras but were told these were unsuitable.

Closing off the lane at night was suggested.

Cllr Buchanan will look at what ERC can do.

ERC Licensing officer involvement with shopkeepers might help

Police advice was to report any suspicious activity using 101 unless an emergency  
A working group is looking at issue across the Authority.

#### **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 – Kellie Miller - ERC

Kellie gave a presentation on the Locality Planning initiative, details of which were circulated to NCC previously.

The Community Empowerment Act proposes to give communities more say in how their community is shaped.

The Local Outcome Improvement Plan replaces the Single Outcome Agreement and the FairerER scheme.

The proposal is that ERC should look at poorer performing areas based on the areas of multiple deprivation data.

2 areas have been assessed in the top 5-10% group

Barrhead

Dunterlie

Auchenbach

Neilston has one area in the lower category and that is proposed to be tackled in phase 2.

The area behind Main St running down Hillside Rd.

This area should have a locality plan involving organisations in Neilston.

There are approximately 800 people in the area of which approximately 100 are unemployed.

The process is to encourage organisations that can deliver outcomes to engage with residents.

The initial step is to organise the questions we want to ask residents and look across the wider area of Neilston

This is an opportunity for the Community Council but the resources may not be available to carry out a comprehensive survey.

The opportunity exists to obtain data from the client area in hopefully one engagement process.

The Locality Planning meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> of Jan will have some data.

Maybe some “door knocking” needed.

One of the objectives is to get to people who do not normally engage in the wider community.

What information does the Community Council want?

It was suggested that the Youth Involvement team might assist in improving communication with the area.

*Attached is an e: mail from Kellie with an outcome from the meeting.*

#### **4. Kirkstyle Lane Development**

The application is still active on the website.

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for January.  
(Cancelled and moved to 14<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2018)

BHA are requesting payment from ERC of fees incurred as indicated in the NCC Nov 2018 minutes. (It is minuted by BHA that the Director is viewing this positively.)

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

The area opposite the parish church is now subject to a planning application for housing.

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#### **5. Community Council Issues**

The issue of insurance excess has not been resolved.

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

Letter from Uplawmoor Community Council regarding nonattendance of councillors at their meetings.

#### **6. Planning**

##### **On Line Representations in Planning**

The letter has been sent to all members of the Planning Committee.

Attached

#### **7. ERC Budget Meeting**

This was attended by A Walker and R Mould

In summary:

There have to be savings from the £253M budget of £26M over 3 years.

Compulsory redundancy will be avoided.  
Some areas are statutory requirements.

In summary 20% reduction across all applicable services and an increase in Council Tax of 4% allows budget to balance.

ERC hope to be able to manage costs.  
£53 million in reserves – 2% of budget.  
Some of the £53M is already committed.  
Scottish Government will announce grant in December 2017.  
A number of areas still require to be factored in.  
higher banding of Council Tax goes to ERC.

It was evident from the meeting that many people had an agenda they wished to promote.

Underspend is generally retained and put into capital resources

Demographics suggest increased costs in under 5's and over 70s.  
This may give increased funding in view of increased provision requirements from ERC.

*Attached is the consultants notes on the meeting*

## **8. CAG**

The approved CAG notes are attached.

## **9. Minutes**

The minutes for the October meeting having been circulated, were proposed by A Walker and seconded by S Crabbe

Approved unanimously

## **10. Treasurers Report**

£ 975.59 in TSB

## **11. AOCB**

The next meeting is Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7pm in the Glen Halls

**Note there were a number of items that were on the agenda that were not discussed due to time pressures.**