

Minutes of Neilston Community Council 31st January 2017 in the Glen Halls, Neilston at 7pm.

Present, J Scott, J Sheriff, R Mould, E Mould, R Junner, M Pettigrew, A Walker,, Cllr Gilbert Cllr O’Kane, Cllr Buchanan , PC MCGoldrick (Police Scotland)

Apologies: Cllr Green, J Connery, V Wood

1. Police Report

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

The Police report for the period 22nd Nov to 21st Jan 2017 is as follows

Assault & Violent Crime	None reported
Drug Dealing	House searched drugs seized and 1 person charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal
Drunk & Disorderly	5 complaints of youth disorder during period 8 Noise Complaints, 4 of which were noisy parties Another 3 complaints relate to same close 8 disturbance calls were logged. 2 on the early hours of New Year’s Day. One call in Nov resulted in a 17 year old male being arrested. With the exception of the noise complaints, the only recurrent location for these types of calls is Neilston Main St.
Other issues	In November a number of plant pots and garden ornaments were damaged in St Thomas’s Primary. Early in January damage was caused to goal posts in Brig O Lea Stadium. Vandalism at 2 properties in Manse Rd between 15/17 Januarys. Male charged with a number of offences after being found heavily intoxicated in Uplawmoor Rd. No housebreakings in period

Set of batteries stolen from temporary traffic lights in Robertson Crescent on Jan 8th

44 year old taxi driver has had his licence suspended by ERC for alleged inappropriate behaviour towards a passenger.

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.

There was some discussion on this regarding whether closure was total or to public access only.

There was discussion on the parking of vehicles in the bus bay on Main St and the issue of McGill's busses using it as a "rest" stop with two busses parking.

This was really a matter to be reported to SPT and the Traffic Commissioner rather than a Police matter. Photographic or video evidence in support is useful
The view of the pedestrian crossing is obscured when two buses park in the bay, potentially one on the Zig zag lines.

The issue of the siting of the crossing has been raised a number of times.

2. Wardens

No wardens present

3. Local Development Plan – LDP2

This was discussed and the various issues considered.

It was agreed that NCC would support option 2A not the "preferred" option 2B

4. Car Park Charges Consultation

The issue of the Car Park Charges Consultation was raised.

There was some concern over the information provided in the ERC reports, including misleading information, incorrect calculations and more importantly withholding of data and correspondence and providing misleading data.

For example the 4 car parks surveyed allegedly included the Foundry at Barrhead but in reality it was Calibar Rd that was surveyed.

No TRO on Double Hedges Road.

Some of these errors have been pointed out to ERC who contend that

they have supplied all the information requested under FOI and FOI review. We now have clear documented evidence that this is incorrect. This prevents us making a balance and objective view of the proposals. It was agreed to take this matter further.

5. Community Council Issues

Data Protection

We have spoken to the Head of Democratic Services last year who promised action within 2 weeks but this has not happened.

He has not replied to our latest correspondence but has addressed Cllr Gilbert's request for a response to Cllr Gilbert. That states that he will consider our request later in the year when SG guidance has been produced. That is in direct conflict with his earlier statements of action promised last year and the issue being a priority for the new Community Council Liaison officer.

On Line Representations in Planning

No change. The carbon Footprint increases in spite of ERC claims. The question will be continued in 2017 with perhaps May being a good time to see a change.

Constitution

It was agreed unanimously to change the Constitution to allow an unlimited term for the Chair subject to the normal annual vote at the AGM.
Proposed by E Mould seconded by R Junner

6. Projects

Kirkstyle Lane – Raised Beds

Completed

Kingston Park

Trees

Some trees have been replaced and more damaged.
The Parks Dept. have provided sacks of bulbs for springtime planting.
No planned action but ideas and volunteers welcome.
There was an issue with the portable CCTV system and accessing the data, we

understand this has been resolved. It is reported that the CCTV warning signs were indeed installed but were stolen under the “eye” of the CCTV itself!

Skate Park

The ERC Outdoor Access Officer is now taking over the planning application for the Skate Park in Kingston. This is necessary before the next WREN application. We now need a meeting to determine the exact specification that is required.

Kingston Park Phase 2

We have made an application to ERREF for additional works in KP for upgrading the Toddlers Play Area.

Picnic Benches are being installed near toddlers play area.

7.Sports Hub

No further action, meeting to be arranged.

8. CAG

There were a number of issues raised at the Charter Advisory Group meeting. Concern was expressed that the area in front of the shops in Main St had been sold to the shopkeepers and as such was no longer in the “public realm”.

It was stated at the meeting by ERC that this was a requirement of the shopkeepers.

The Dams to Darnley project has no link to Neilston and this is seen as an issue in linking up the green networks across the Local Authority area and beyond.

There could be a link from Neilston to the Dams and this is being looked at.

As is a link in the opposite direction to Beith and Kilwinning. Much of the track bed still exists and a cycle/walking route might be possible.

Scottish Government and NDT are looking at this.

There are no direct City Deal projects or direct benefits for Neilston.

There is likely to be a feasibility study on the possibility of a new joint campus for the 2 primary schools perhaps incorporating the library and leisure centre.

Talks are ongoing currently with Leisure Trust, Education and Parks on this issue.

Under the Community Empowerment Act, ERC will produce a list of assets. NDT are looking at the option to purchase the library building and lease it back to the Leisure Trust to operate.

If a joint Campus was introduced on another site, the library/leisure centre site could be used as affordable housing with the possibility of NDT being the landlords.

A similar affordable housing proposal might be suggested for Pig Square/Kirkstyle Lane under the LHS (Local Housing Strategy) but it is currently under review by Barrhead Housing Association due to issues with utility services.

9. Website

There was an issue with the website and we have now moved this to another host server.

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

10. Minutes

The minutes for the Nov meeting having been circulated, with attendance corrections, were proposed by R Junner and seconded by R Mould

11. Treasurers Report

The balance in the current account is £1111.02p

12. AOCB

There was an issue regarding the bins provided at the Pad area.

The bins at Broadlie Court are being filled with empty Pizza boxes from commercial property.

It was stated that these bins can be locked.

There is an increased incidence of dog poo in the cemetery; consideration could be given to increased signage in area.

Additional waste bin requested at Kirktonfield Rd at Roundabout.

No response from ERC on the issue of (Dog Poo Lane) between High St and Main St.

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