

Minutes of Neilston Community Council 29th November in the Glen Halls, Neilston at 7pm.

Present, J Scott, J Sheriff, R Mould, E Mould, R Junner, M Pettigrew, J Connery, Cllr Gilbert Cllr O'Kane, V McCulloch, ERC, G Kinnell, PC Bonser, PC Jefferies (Police Scotland)

Apologies: A Walker, Cllr Green, Cllr Buchanan

1. Police Report

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

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

Offensive Weapons	2 youths observed with baseball bats observed on CCTV on Double Hedges Rd Charged with possession of offensive weapons
Drug Dealing	House searched 2 people charged with being concerned in supply of a controlled drug In addition 1 person has been charged with drug possession
Drunk & Disorderly	Small number of calls relating to egg throwing No calls relating to fireworks A disturbance in Main St but no criminality.
House Breaking	None reported
Theft	None reported.

There is a change to the Police Structure with new Local Policing Teams and Problem Solving teams which will hopefully tailor services closer to the community needs.

2. Wardens

No wardens present

3. Community Council Issues

Data Protection

We have spoken to the Head of Democratic Services who promised action within 2 weeks but this has not happened. He has also not addressed our request for Community Engagement.

There was some discussion around this subject and in view of the fact that ERC are unwilling to engage with us or support us we have no option but to report ourselves to the ICO

This was proposed by J Scott and seconded by R Junner. The vote was unanimously in favour with 1 abstention.

On Line Representations in Planning

Still ongoing, Cllr O'Kane has talked with the Planning Manger but she is unwilling to consider this.

There were various reasons put forward for this at the time of implementation including cost but only 55 hrs of officers time have been used in 2013 in preparing the representations.

The question will be continued in 2017 with perhaps May being a good time to see a change.

4. Projects

Kirkstyle Lane – Raised Beds

The bulbs have been planted in the Kirkstyle Lane.

The schools and nursery participated and the notice boards and plaques have been repaired.

Kingston Park

Trees

The damaged trees will be replaced once the replacement trees are ready for replanting around the end of the year.

The Parks Dept have provided sacks of bulbs for Springtime planting.

We could organise this as an event with as many village organisations as possible to create a "Fun Day" or similar

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 now need to look at what additional works we should consider.

5. Proposed Park & Ride Charges – Kingston Rd

The charges in Park & Ride Car park are not being imposed by ERC not because they don't want to but because SPT have not agreed to them.

We have requested additional information from ERC

6.Sports Hub

As agreed at the last meeting of the CC we hosted a meeting in the Glen Halls regarding the formation of a Sports Hub.

This was not well attended and it was agreed that another meeting should be organised with improved notice, publicity and forward planning

7. Community Council Liaison Officer

The meeting welcomed Mr Vincent McCulloch the new CCLO

Vincent gave an outline of his position and terms of reference.

This is a part time position temporary for 1 year.

Some members of the Community Council expressed their concern about the lack of influence the Community Council seemed to have with ERC. Many felt they were ignored.

8. CAG

There has not been a CAG meeting since Sept since the current projects are waiting for planning permission, funding etc

9. Minutes

The minutes for the Sept meeting having been circulated, with attendance corrections, were proposed by R Mould and seconded by M Pettigrew

10. Treasures Report

The balance in the current account is £1011.50p

10. AOCB

An issue was raised concerning the keeping of livestock in a private house. In particular, the issue of noise from a cockerel being kept a private garden. The complainant should contact Environmental Health at ERC who should deal with the problem.

The state of the lane between High Street and Main Street (DOG POO ALLEY from the dog fouling campaign) was raised. Members were reminded that this was brought up when we had a visit from Jim Sneddon after the issue with the “lost correspondence” around the dog fouling campaign.

Mr Sneddon was looking at the ownership issues, the “adoption” of the lane by Cleansing and getting the lane power washed. This seems to have been “lost” in Eastwood as we have not heard any more about it.

The issue of the Church wall close to St Thomas’s School being vandalised and being a safety issue was raised. It was agreed that the Community Council would write to the Environment Dept.

The next meeting of Neilston Community Council is on January 31st 2017 at 7pm in the Glen Halls