

## Minutes of Neilston Community Council 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in the Glen Halls, Neilston at 7pm.

**Present,** J Scott, J Sheriff, R Mould, R Junner, E Mould, J. Connery, V Woods, Cllr Buchanan, Cllr Green, Cllr Gilbert Cllr O Kane ,Police Scotland

**Apologies:** A Walker, M Pettigrew

### 1, Police Report

Police Scotland had e: mailed us a copy of the crime report for Neilston ahead of the meeting, which was a welcome addition to their Community engagement. In addition a representative of Police Scotland attended the meeting. The Police report for the period 01/07/2016 to 28/8/2016 is as follows

Assault and violent crime	3 – None of these are classified as serious 2 charged and enquiries ongoing
Drug Dealing	2
Drunk and Disorderly	3 – 2 persons reported to Procurator Fiscal
House Breaking	Nil
Theft of motor vehicle	1 – 1 person reported to Procurator Fiscal
Fraud	2 – Internet use.
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Disorderly behaviour by youths in Madras Nursery is a recurring problem and Police Scotland are working closely with ERC wardens in relation to this. There have been a number of crimes reported in East Renfrewshire in relation to bogus workmen but none in Neilston.

### 2. Wardens

No wardens present

### 3. Community Council Issues

#### Data Protection

This long outstanding saga was again discussed. We have no action from ERC apart from incorrect information issued by the Democratic Services Manager of ERC, lost correspondence again (breach of DPA in itself) and our requests not even being acknowledged.

In view of this it was agreed that Neilston Community Council should report itself to the ICO for being in breach of the Data Protection Act and see if we can get assistance to bring this nonsense to an end.

### **Public Representation in Planning**

No update has been received from ERC on this, however since the Council are actively supporting the digital age it seems a retrograde step to revert to paper copies in one location.

The Community Council proposed that the public representations should be returned to an on line position in the digital age. This gave members of the public the opportunity to study all representations and if appropriate challenge or support them.

It was pointed out that all representations are available to Councillors. Cllr O'Kane agreed to look into the matter.

## **4. Projects**

### **Dog Fouling**

Following on from this initial work it has proved difficult to generate both public and corporate support for this project having been rejected by ERC twice in the past, even when there was a positive financial input for the Council.>

The Sec has done some additional work on this during the summer but in regard to public engagement there is less support given the Councils rejection and similarly the corporate organisations who supported the project are less enthusiastic 3<sup>rd</sup> time round>

This is a lost opportunity for both Neilston and ERC.

It was agreed that the Sec would write to the Head of Democratic Services and indicate we were not proceeding with this project and thank him for his belated active support.

Perhaps if we do this again in the future ERC might be more supportive at Community Safety level and see these initiatives as positive Community Engagement.

### **Kirkstyle Lane – Raised Beds**

The raised beds have been weeded and covered with plastic for weed control in anticipation of an event with the schools to encourage planting.

This could be organised around Make a Difference Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> of October.

We can advertise this on our website and Facebook pages once details are known.t.

## Kingston Park

### Trees

Perhaps the replacement of trees and planting of bulbs and wild flower seeds could be organised with schools for Make a difference day 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

This would encourage community involvement in the project

### Skate Park

WREN application for funding being made by ERC in collaboration with NCC and NDT.

### Litter Picking

this is being organised for Make a Difference Day as well as ongoing work.

Volunteers welcome

### Event Funding

It was agreed that the unallocated funds available would be used to support an afternoon tea event for older residents around the 8<sup>th</sup> of October.

## Proposed Park & Ride Charges – Kingston Rd

There is no update on this the process of producing the Traffic Order is ongoing

## 5. Boundary Changes

There has been no update from Scottish Government on the Boundary Commission proposals

## 6. CAG

The last CAG meeting was focussed on the detail and funding of the Kingston Park Skate Park and the longer term ambitions for the village schools and an Education/Leisure Campus proposal.

This is a long term proposal but needs to be considered now to ensure we have a thought out proposal if funding were to become available.

## 7. Neilston Juniors

NJ are still looking for an additional Trustee to support their ambitions for a wider sports trust.

The lease at Brig O Lea expires in 2020 and discussions are ongoing with ERC to look at extensions.

## **8. Minutes**

The minutes for the June meeting having been circulated were proposed by J Connery and seconded by E Mould.

The June minutes were approved.

## **9. Treasures Report**

The Treasurer raised the issue of the problems with the transfer of signatories in regards to the Clydesdale Bank Account.

The Clydesdale bank account is now being closed and a new account opened in BoS.

## **10. AOCB**

The next meeting of Neilston Community Council is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm in the Glen Halls