

Netherlee and Stamperland (NeSt) Community Council Special Meeting (Zoom). Thursday 21st July 2022



Approved Minutes

	Topic
1.	<p>The Chairperson (Victoria Pearson) welcomed all to the meeting.</p> <p>Members present Joanna Teuton, Victoria Pearson, David McDonald, Margaret Corrie, James Boyle, Duncan Scott, Siobhan McGuinness, Graham Keany, Bob Shaw, William Considine, Bronwen Livingston,</p> <p>Attending Cllr Katie Pragnell Vincent McCulloch – Community Council Liaison Officer.</p> <p>Apologies – Martin Armitage.</p> <p>The purpose of the special meeting was to consider two complaints that the community council had received from Siobhan McGuinness (complaint 1) and Victoria Pearson (Complaint 2), these complaints were against another member of the community council, Bob Shaw.</p> <p>The chair advised the meeting that as she had written one of the complaints, the Vice Chairperson would chair the meeting. Bob Shaw objected to the Vice Chair chairing the meeting, as he had made a complaint against the Vice Chair, no other members objected to the Vice chair chairing the meeting. Vincent McCulloch asked if anyone else would chair the meeting, as there were no volunteers, the Vice Chair (David McDonald) chaired the meeting.</p> <p>Bob Shaw then left the meeting.</p>
2.	<p>Complaint 1 - Siobhan McGuinness against Bob Shaw. The text of this complaint had been previously circulated to all members.</p> <p>Siobhan was invited to speak, she made the comment that the type of behaviour displayed by Bob Shaw would not be tolerated in the wider society and the community council should make its position clear on this.</p> <p>The members discussed the complaint, there was general condemnation of Bob Shaw's behaviour towards the community council Secretary (Siobhan).</p>
3.	<p>Complaint 2 Victoria Pearson against Bob Shaw The text of this complaint had been previously circulated to all members.</p>

	<p>Victoria was invited to speak,</p> <p>Victoria felt some of Bob Shaw’s comments were defamatory, she is concerned that Bob would not be a good representative on behalf of the community council and has a concern that Bob will continue to be a disruptive element.</p> <p>The members discussed the complaint; there was general condemnation of Bob Shaw’s behaviour within the community council. There were comments that Bob has created an atmosphere of hostility, negativity and a lack of trust, and that other members are reluctant to work with him.</p>
4.	<p>Decided</p> <p>Complaint 1 - Siobhan McGuinness against Bob Shaw. It was proposed that the complaint against Bob Shaw be upheld Proposer - Duncan Scott Seconder – Bronwen Livingston The Vice Chairperson called for a vote (a show of hands) There was a unanimous decision from the members that the complaint is upheld. (Siobhan McGuinness was not allowed to vote)</p> <p>Complaint 2 - Victoria Pearson against Bob Shaw It was proposed that the complaint against Bob Shaw be upheld Proposer - Duncan Scott Seconder – Graham Keany The Vice Chairperson called for a vote (a show of hands) There was a unanimous decision from the members that the complaint is upheld. (Victoria Pearson was not allowed to vote)</p> <p>The community council, having upheld the complaints and being satisfied that Bob Shaw breached the code of conduct for community councillors in not complying with his obligations as a community council member, discussed what censure to apply.</p> <p>It was proposed that Bob Shaw be suspended from the community council for three months. Proposer – Margaret Corrie Seconder – Graham Keany The Vice Chairperson called for a vote (a show of hands) There was a unanimous decision from the members that Bob Shaw be suspended from the community council for three months. (Siobhan McGuinness & Victoria Pearson were not allowed to vote)</p> <p>Some members expressed the view that it would be difficult to work with Bob Shaw at any time in the future. There was a further proposal that the matter be referred to East Renfrewshire Council’s Conduct Review Panel for them to consider imposing more serious sanctions. Proposer – Graham Keany Seconder – Bronwen Livingstone</p>

	<p>The Vice Chairperson called for a vote, there was a unanimous decision from the members that the matter be referred to East Renfrewshire Council. (Siobhan McGuinness & Victoria Pearson were not allowed to vote).</p> <p>Agreed that letters be sent to Bob Shaw and East Renfrewshire Council advising them of the decisions taken above.</p> <p>There was a proposal that the community council constitution be changed to allow for more appropriate sanctions against bullying. Proposer - Duncan Scott Secunder – Bronwen Livingstone It was agreed by the members that they would consider what changes would be appropriate at a future meeting.</p>
5.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Flyers – 4000 printed, looking for people to help distribute them, contact Victoria if you can help.</p> <p>Litter pick Saturday 20th August,</p> <p>Web site is in a trial period, it will have a banner and a page of links. It’s a basic website. Any comments get back to Bronwen.</p> <p>Details of a planning application for a three story building with shops below and housing above have been received. Any comments to Victoria</p>
6.	<p>Close</p> <p>The Vice Chairperson thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.</p>