

Neilston Community Council

Minutes from the meeting of Tuesday 27th September 2022, 7pm

1. Members present.

Janice Connery (JC), Ronnie Junner (RJ), Malcolm Briggs (MB), Colin McLeish (CM)
Councillor Tony Buchanan, Councillor Owen O'Donnell

Ronnie Junner Chaired the meeting.

2. Attending

Two constables from Police Scotland.
Vincent McCulloch (Community Council Liaison Officer).
Two members of the Public.

3. Apologies

Gail Squires

4. Police Scotland

- Police provided a report, attach to the minutes. (Report to be emailed to Vincent McCulloch).
- The police reported that there were no road policing issues.
- JC – Motorists parking on the pavement at Duncarnock Cres is a real safety hazard and an accident waiting to happen, children are forced to walk on the road to get round cars that are blocking the pavement. This illegal parking happens between 2:30 to 3:15pm (coincides with school run) The Police will visit the location for the purpose of stopping this practice, they will consider setting up a road safety initiative at this location, hopefully it will act as a deterrent.
- It was noted that if members of the public ask drivers to park elsewhere, the drivers can become abusive.
- MB highlighted that other vehicles cannot pass the location safely.
- Cllr Buchanan – Zig zags need to be repainted at the school
- Cllr O'Donnell – Regarding complaints about speed on Barrhead Road/Kirkhill Brae – ERC investigated and found that the location was not worse than any other location, and unless things change, there will be no speed reduction measures put in place, (no cameras at this time).
- There being no other policing issues, the officers left the meeting.

5. Linking Communities

There is a meeting next week regarding Linking Communities – JC will be attending and will report back to the next meeting. Hopefully there will be a date when the event will take place and a list of groups who are entitled to apply.

6. Dareduff Quarry traffic issues

There are specific times when vehicles from the quarry can travel through Neilston, (this to be confirmed) some arrangements are required to allow people to check that the quarry traffic are abiding by the rules, to log increased usage and that the situation is monitored.

Cllr O'Donnell will forward an Email which details arrangements.

7. The Parish Church grounds

The situation with regards to the maintenance of the grounds surrounding the church remains unresolved. The CC asks that ERC should confirm who actually owns the land.

Regardless of the land ownership issue, It is understood that ERC previously maintained the land at this location, this practice had been long standing and although there may not be any written records that can be referred to, it was the custom and practice that ERC maintained the land. The community council would like the council to re-establish this practice.

8. Open space access at the location of the new school campus

RJ reported that there is access to get into the open space adjacent to the school construction site.

9. Collaboration with other village organisations

There was a discussion about the role of organisations & Neilston Development Trust (NDT) within Neilston; it was agreed that it would be very useful if discussions with NDT could be arranged for the purpose of finding out about the services provided.

JC advised that the Church has a free lunch club on a Saturday..

A member of the public, (Iain Wood - Vice chair of NDT) – will have discussions with other members of the NDT and provide feedback to the community council October meeting.

10. Overgrown hedges

The lane between High Street and Main Street is badly overgrown by garden hedges, agreed to ask ERC about writing to property owners regarding the hedge.

MB advised that road signs been covered by foliage.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25th October 2022