



Netherlee and Stamperland (NeSt) Community Council Meeting Minutes



Thursday 20 October 2022 7pm-9pm

Clarkston Hall – Lesser hall

| Agenda Item | Minute | Action |
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| Welcome, members present and apologies | <p>Victoria welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking them for coming out in the unpleasant weather.</p> <p><i>Present</i> Victoria Pearson (VP), David McDonald (DM) Joanna Teuton (JT), Bronwen Livingstone (BL), Graham Keany (GK) Cllr Katie Pragnell, Cllr Kate Campbell (in part), Cllr David Macdonald (in part)</p> <p><i>Apologies</i> Siobhan McGuinness (SMcG), Duncan Scott, Catriona Milosevic , Amaia de la Iglesia, Martin Armitage, Bill Considine, Jim Boyle</p> <p>Noted that a lot of people have been unable to attend, perhaps due to this being the schools October week holiday but the meeting still is quorate.</p> | |
| Police liaison update | We have not heard anything from police this month. | |
| Minutes from previous meeting agreed | 1 small change was suggested to the September draft minutes. These were then approved by the meeting. Proposer – JT. Seconded – JB | SMcG to send to Vincent |
| Outstanding actions from previous meeting | <p>SMcG not present to comment on whether she has yet had any dialogue with the police regarding security markings for bikes. BL suggested that January may be a good time to do this as kids may receive bikes as Christmas gifts. Cllr Pragnell believes Clarkston Community Council may already have taken the police up on the offer of this event. Agreed that we should ask Clarkston CC and Busby CC if/when they are doing this and check with police if it could be done in January.</p> <p>Assume that SMcG has contacted John Harcombe as per previous minutes but can check.</p> <p>JB and DS attended ERC climate change forum and emailed a useful update to members. Unfortunately the event was only attended by a few other</p> | SMcG to contact Clarkston CC, Busby CC and police |

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| | <p>community councils. ERC's main focus at present is reducing their own direct climate change impacts.</p> <p>BL attended Alcohol Focus Scotland group on behalf of NeSt - we may wish to link with this in the future.</p> | |
| Financial Matters/Treasurer update | <p>Joanna provided an update as below.</p>  <p>201022Treasurer Report to NeSt Comrr</p> | |
| Elected Officials Update | <p>Cllr Pragnell updated that a consultation has been done on the parklets at Clarkston. There were 3 options with different costings. Councillors have voted to renovate the parklets. There are to be 3 new disabled parking spaces to be created at Clarkston.</p> <p>Cllr Pragnell reported on cost of living issues. "Warm banks" are to be created in collaboration with Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire - locations yet to be decided. Citizens Advice drop ins to take place in Busby 10-12 (no appointment needed)</p> | |
| Subgroups | <p><u>Road Safety and Public Transport</u></p> <p>JT presented to the meeting an update on the subgroup's work and plans - see below.</p>  <p>151022 Road safety and PT sub-group not</p> <p>VP suggested that when consulting with the community, we may not wish to entirely exclude any comments on the buses to school as this seems to be something many people really care about. The suggested group's proposed actions as per the document above were approved by the meeting. Proposed - JT, seconded - BL</p> <p><u>Social media/website</u></p> <p>BL updated that we steadily continue to get a few more follows every month.</p> <p><u>Outreach</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>BL continues to monitor the lists of planning applications from ERC. Nothing relevant to NeSt.</p> | <p>SMcG to ask Cllr Ireland who did the walking assessment.</p> <p>Road Safety & Public Transport Subgroup to follow up on approved actions mentioned in note.</p> |

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| Meeting with Giffnock CC Chair | Victoria updated that Duncan and Jim had forged a link with Giffnock Community Council at the recent climate change event and subsequently connected us with their Chairperson. If anyone has an idea that involves collaboration with them, please suggest as they are open to hearing. One suggestion coming from Giffnock was some kind of forum for community councils to communicate with each other to share information and potentially collaborate on common issues. NeSt members agreed this could be beneficial and happy for contact to be made with any other ERC community councils who are interested. | VP/SMcG to discuss how links with other CCs could be taken forward |
| ERC Budget Briefing | Victoria reported that ERC have emailed us regarding a budget consultation. ERC state that they expect a £30 million deficit in the period 2023-2026. They are carrying out budget consultations in November and looking for a panel of around 12 people. Victoria will email this out to members who can reply if they wish to attend - deadline to confirm attendance is 31 October. | VP to forward budget consultation email to members |
| Local Action Plans | Noted that ERC's Local Action Plan consultation is open online (deadline 14 November). Drop in events have been held. Joanna suggesting a NeSt response. Victoria suggesting that we include improvements to Netherlee and Overlee playparks and supporting the long discussed idea of direct route over the railway to Giffnock. Joanna will collate and submit any further suggestions from NeSt members by email. | Members to email JT if they have suggestions. JT to collate and submit suggestions. |
| ERC Panel Update | <p>In a special meeting in July 2022, NeSt upheld 2 complaints against a member, Bob Shaw. A suspension was imposed and ERC were requested to convene a Conduct Review Panel. ERC have refused to convene a Conduct Review Panel, saying that although 2 sanctions were available in accordance with the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils, they consider that NeSt imposed a suspension for cumulative wrongdoing and therefore cannot use the otherwise available option of referring to a Conduct Review Panel. Victoria believes that their approach is wrong on the basis that it was clear from the minutes that NeSt wished to utilise both possible sanctions (there being one sanction available for each complaint, which ERC's lawyer has confirmed) and it would be completely illogical for us to have needlessly forfeited one when members clearly wanted both on the basis that we thought the most severe sanctions possible should be applied. We are now only getting 1 sanction for 2 complaints.</p> <p>It was further discussed that Bob Shaw's suspension will end within a few days. He continues to ask NeSt</p> | <p>VP to prepare response to be sent to ERC</p> <p>SMcG to forward Bob Shaw's complaints to ERC</p> |

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| | <p>members for an update on 3 emails containing allegations about 3 other community council members) that he sent the night before the special meeting where the complaints against himself were to be considered. We were advised by ERC's Community Council Liaison officer in the July special meeting that, according to the Scheme of Establishment, NeSt were unable to deal with the issues raised by Bob Shaw because there were 3 complaints and that ERC would be dealing with these. Victoria has already replied to Bob Shaw stating her understanding that ERC were dealing with his complaints and suggesting that he may wish to contact them and he has acknowledged this message but continues to ask what is happening. Noted that it appears that ERC may not be dealing with the complaints.</p> <p>The following actions were approved (proposed GK, seconded BL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reply to ERC to communicate that we are unhappy with how they have handled the situation: we are discontent with their refusal of a Conduct Review Panel, disagree with them and feel that they have failed in their duty of care to us - forward Bob Shaw's emails to ERC (although it is noted that ERC's CLO already has copies of these as he was copied in on the original emails from Bob Shaw on 20 July) - no need to reply to Bob Shaw's further request for an update on his complaints (it has already been suggested by the Chair that he might be best to contact ERC and this seems to remain the best course of action) | |
| AOB | <p>Victoria advised that some recent emails have come into the NeSt account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Renfrewshire Housing Strategy Consultation - there is a deadline of 7 December and a potential focus group. Victoria will forward the email to members. • We have been invited to a workshop on Elected Member (ie councillor) training on planning issues. Agreed that as our planning contact Bronwen may be best placed to attend this - Victoria will forward the details to Bronwen • Joanna noting that 2 queries have come in from Catriona: one is about spray painting in our area and the other is asking whether there will be a replacement for the ash trees at the end of First Avenue that were cut down - Cllr Pragnell and Cllr Macdonald requesting | VP to forward housing consultation email to members and planning workshop to BL |

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| | <p>further detail as they may be able to assist with these issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graham sharing issue with a lorry dumping rubbish at Overlee Park | |
| Close | <p>Victoria noted that the next meeting will be in Busby Memorial Hall on Thursday 17 November.</p> <p>CLr Pragnell giving advance apologies that she will be unable to attend on that date.</p> <p>Victoria thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting.</p> | |