

## **NEWLANDS AND AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 2016**

### **PRESENT**

Robert McElroy (Chairman), Jim Dryburgh, James Cooper, Scott Ronald,

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Baillie Josephine Docherty,

2 members of the public, Lawrence Schmulian and Charles Gray

### **APOLOGIES**

John Duthie, Sandy Walls, Charles Gallagher, Councillor Stephen Curran, Councillor Emma Gillan.

### **MINUTES 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

These were approved, proposed by Robert McElroy, seconded by Jim Dryburgh

### **MATTERS ARISING**

None

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Scott Ronald (Secretary) reported that he had received an email from Mr John Paul Tonner of Invergordon Avenue. Mr Tonner is objecting to the plans to re-develop the former Scottish Power Car Park because of the number of trees that are to be cut down and wished to bring this to the CC's attention.

Chairman said that this area is outside our jurisdiction and the matter should be referred to the Cathcart and District CC in whose area the car park lies. Scott Ronald will write to Mr Tonner to advise him of this.

### **POLICE REPORT**

PC Ben Murphy ([ben.murphy@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ben.murphy@scotland.pnn.police.uk)) attended the meeting accompanied by another officer.

He advised that, following the recent re-organisation of Police Scotland, local "beat" police were being re-introduced, the idea being that there should be an officer on the ground who was familiar with the "beat" and known to people living there. Ben is the officer responsible for this area.

He asked for and was given a map showing the CC boundaries. These are not aligned precisely with the "beat" boundaries and he will try to take account of this when presenting crime statistics in future.

During the month of November there had been 18 crime reports, 5 of which had been detected. The incidents included 2 common assaults, 1 attempted break in and one attempt to enter lock fast premises.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Charles Gay of Letham Drive raised the subject of traffic on Merrylee Road. He has a young family and was concerned for their safety when trying to cross the road to go to Newlands Park.

Scott Ronald said that he shared Mr Gray's views as he crosses this road several times each day. There are 4 lanes of traffic with no provision for people to cross the road between Langside Drive and Kilmarnock Road, a distance of half a mile. A blind "S" bend on the approach to the Langside Drive traffic lights and a blind summit near Letham Court are further hazards. Scott has seen 2 accidents where cars travelling east along Merrylee Road have lost control and crashed into the fence at the Merrylee Road Recreation Ground and others where cars waiting to turning right into Lubnaig Road (see later comments about the use of Lubnaig Road as a "rat run") have been hit from behind by cars travelling west that have rounded the blind corner and been unable to stop in time.

Chairman said that he had lived in Merrylee Road for almost 20 years and was not aware of any major problems crossing the road and that the "blind spots" could be avoided by crossing elsewhere on the road.

It was agreed to defer this matter until the next meeting. In the meantime, Scott will try to obtain some action camera footage to illustrate the problem.

Lawrence Schmulian asked:

- the police who was responsible for enforcing dog fouling laws? Answer – the police and GLSE officers both have powers to enforce these laws but only on public land, not on private property.
- Baillie Docherty whether contractors were asked to give a guarantee on road repairs? Answer – these come with a 1 year guarantee.

Lawrence also commented on the length of time that it takes to have broken street lights fixed which, he said, could be up to 30 days.

## **COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Baillie Docherty said that she had received many complaints about parking in Lubnaig and Carlaverock Roads beside Newlands Park following the opening of the Dandelion Café. She has already arranged for white lines to be painted across the entrances in Lubnaig Road to try to discourage people from parking in these places but wanted to know the CC's views on:

- Further restrictions on parking in Lubnaig Road?
- A request she has received from a resident in Carlaverock Road, who has had difficulty getting his car out of the drive way due to cars parked on the other side of the road, for the park entrance in Carlaverock Road to be closed?

The CC agreed unanimously that the park entrance in Carlaverock Road should not be closed to pedestrians and there is already a bollard in place to prevent vehicular access.

Re. Lubnaig Road, Scott Ronald said that he walks along the road every day and was very familiar with it. It is a wide road and there is plenty of room for 2 cars to pass side by side, even with vehicles parked on both sides of the road, if the "20s plenty" signs are observed.

The problems come from the fact that:

- There is a blind "S" bend and summit right at the entrance to the Park (where there has been at least one accident, where a vehicle coming over the hill travelling south lost control and crashed into a parked car).
- Lubnaig Road being used as a "rat run", especially during the rush hour, when the 20 mph rule is widely ignored.

It was agreed to defer this matter for further consideration and not to recommend any action in the meantime.

Baillie Docherty also reported that she has:

- Agreed with the Roads Dept to have a mini roundabout installed at the junction of Ashtree and Wellgreen Roads in Pollokshaws. Members approved of this and asked whether something might also be done about the speed bump at the junction of Ashtree and Pollokshaws Road, which is exceptionally brutal on vehicles and for which there is no obvious need?
- Arranged for a charge for turning off the electricity to a street lamp to be waived so that the local scout group could prune a tree.
- The Aldi store should be opening in the Auldhouse Retail Park in the late spring of 2017. An Iceland Store is now also planned for this area.

## **FETE**

James Cooper said that "Thank You" letters would be sent to the Advertisers shortly.

Jim Dryburgh (Treasurer) said that:

- £847 has been paid to the Printer for posters, programmes etc.
- £80 has been received for advertising from Aberdeen Considine
- Profits were down compared with 2015, possibly due to the exceptionally fine weather in the previous year.

The date of the 2017 fete will be confirmed after discussion with the scouts, who help man the event.

## **FINANCE**

The Treasurer reported a current balance of £3,513.84.

## **PLANNING**

Scott Ronald (Secretary) reported that he was now receiving notice of planning applications and that 2 had been received:

- Alterations to the frontage of Newlands Bowling Club
- Erection of a double garage at 30 Langside Drive

No objections were raised to either of these applications.

**A.O.C.B.**

James Cooper reported that he had attended the latest meeting of ATRA (Auldhouse Tenants' and Residents' Assoc.). Many things relating to the management of the properties had been discussed but nothing of wider interest to the general community.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017 in the Scout Hall.

**\*\* End of Minutes \*\***