

NEWLANDS & AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL 02 FEBRUARY 2017

PRESENT

Robert McElroy (Chairman), James Cooper, John Duthie, Sandy Walls.

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Stephen Curran

APOLOGIES

Jim Dryburgh, Scott Ronald, Charles Gallagher, Bailie Josephine Docherty, Councillor Emma Gillan

MINUTES 01 DECEMBER 2016

Approved, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by James Cooper

MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman referred to previous discussion regarding traffic on Merrylee Road and advised that having spoken to several residents there was no perceived desire or need for the installation of additional traffic lights or other measures.

POLICE REPORT

PC's Eddie McNeil and Dougie McKirdy advised of 29 Crime Reports, including ten of Anti-Social behaviour (seven detected), seven of Vandalism (two detected), five Assaults (three detected), four Road Safety (two detected).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Marie McMahon, 32 Quadrant Road, raised the issue of a planning application submitted by neighbours at No. 36 in August 2015 to demolish a porch at the side of their flat to make way for a new timber decking. This was refused on grounds of invasion of privacy and amenity.

Twelve months after the Planning Refusal in September 2016 the porch was suddenly demolished one weekend. The remaining porch floor, raised one metre off the ground, has since become the decking, very similar to that which was refused.

Complaints to Planning have met with a wholly unsatisfactory response but after four months they have agreed to ask the owners of No. 36 to put in a retrospective application for recent work undertaken, including the increase in the size of the floor area and brickwork of walls.

Loss of privacy and amenity with shrubbery removed remain the McMahons' main objection, together with the principle of work being carried out in a conservation area despite the application being refused.

Councillor Curran confirmed that the original planning application had been refused – but observed that the work carried out had not changed the property.

It was agreed that the Chairman should write to Planning.

At this stage, Dr. Schmulian of Monreith Road joined the meeting and raised the issue of LED Lighting that appeared to be on permanently, in particular two outside Morrisons. Councillor Curran advised of a backlog due to essential repairs with main thoroughfares receiving priority.

COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillor Curran reported on the increase in Council Tax effective in April with one-third of houses affected. Bands E, F, G & H would be subject to a 3% across the board increase. Two-bedroom properties in Auldhouse would be standardised in Bands B & C over 25 years. There was a possibility of a Public Information Meeting.

An Environmental Task Force was targeting road repairs, bulk uplifts, lighting and road surfacing in Newlands & Cathcart

FETE

The Chairman would liaise with the Scouts to discuss a date for the 2017 Gala Day.

NEWLANDS PARK

The Dandelion Café continued to be an outstanding success. .

RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman again urged the need for additional recruitment.

FINANCE REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer a balance of £3,513.84 as of 31 December 2016 was reported.

PLANNING

Recent planning applications were discussed as follows:

4 Earlsparke Avenue (Marshall) - single-storey side & rear extension.

30 Langside Drive (Iqbal) – erection of double domestic garage

Glasgow Academy (Newlands BC) – alterations to frontage with PVC doors to match existing windows.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 16 March @ 19.15.