

NEWLANDS AND AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 16th March, 2017

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Baillie Josephine Docherty,

2 members of the public, Lawrence Schmulian and Marie MacMahon

APOLOGIES

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

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These were approved, proposed by James Cooper, seconded by John Duthie

MATTERS ARISING

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Scott Ronald (Secretary) reported that he had received:

- A notice from Trading Standards warning of **“bogus callers”** and similar scams. T.S. can supply **“No Cold Caller”** stickers for front doors and telephone call blockers on request.
- An email from Barbara Parker of Glasgow Life offering to attend the next CC meeting on 20th April to present an update on the plans for the Burrell Collection. It was agreed that this offer should be accepted - Secretary to write to Barbara to confirm.
- Copies of emails and photographs from Mr Chris Rogers of 25 Carlaverock Road. Mr Rogers has had difficulty reversing his car out of his driveway because of cars parked opposite. Copies of the photos he supplied were shown to the Council and it was agreed that Mr Rogers should be invited to the next meeting to discuss the matter in person.

POLICE REPORT

PC Eddie McNeil attended the meeting.

There have been 16 reported crimes in the area comprising 2 thefts, 3 housebreakings, 1 assault, 2 of vandalism, 3 of anti-social behaviour, 3 road safety and 2 “miscellaneous”.

Scott Ronald reported that he had been in touch with PC Ben Murphy (Community Police) about the speed of traffic in Merrylee Road and that the Police have offered to set up another “trap”. It was agreed to accept this offer, with Friday afternoons during the “school run” and early evening rush hour being thought particularly suitable. Secretary to write to the Police to confirm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Marie MacMahon complained about the way that the Planning Dept has dealt with a Planning Application by her neighbour. The neighbour wanted to demolish a porch at the rear of their property and replace it with “decking”. Planning Permission for this was refused on the grounds that it would have overlooked the MacMahon’s garden and invaded their privacy but, despite that, the neighbour has demolished the porch and now appears to be starting work on the “decking”. Photos supplied by Mrs MacMahon to illustrate the situation were shown to the meeting.

Councillor Docherty advised Mrs MacMahon to lodge an objection immediately with Mr Tony Trotter, who heads the Planning Dept’s Enforcement Team. She also expressed concern at the fact that the Planning Dept generally seem unwilling to take enforcement action when work has been done in contravention of a Planning decision and suggested that the CC should write to Planning to complain about this. It was agreed that this should be done – Secretary to prepare and send such a letter.

COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Baillie Docherty reported that the mini roundabout that is to be installed at the junction of Ashtree and Wellgreen Roads in Pollokshaws is “on order”.

There is no further news about “The Beeches” (a former residential home that is currently lying empty).

The future of Calderwood Lodge, which is currently used as a school by East Renfrewshire Council but is due to close at the end of June, is unclear but the expectation is that the site will be sold to a developer and converted into flats.

FETE

The Chairman advised that the date for the 2017 Gala Day in Newlands Park had been **provisionally** arranged for Saturday 2nd September - to be confirmed by the Scouts.

FINANCE

The Treasurer reported a balance, as at 28th February, of £4,006.73.

PLANNING

Scott Ronald (Secretary) reported that he has received 5 notices of planning applications since the last meeting, all for extensions to houses. No objections were raised to these.

A.O.C.B.

Scott Ronald reported that he has been looking at ways in which the CC’s meetings could be more widely publicised and, as part of this, he has been in touch with 3 churches in the area (Newlands South, Merrylea and St Gabriel’s) with a view to having the meetings announced in their parish magazines. This was approved.

He is also looking at:

- Having a separate email address for the Secretary of the CC (at present people wishing to contact the CC are being given Scott's personal email address, which he feels is unsatisfactory)
- A website where the dates of meetings, minutes and items of general interest could be published.

It was agreed that he should continue with this work and present proposals to the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 20th April, 2017 in the Scout Hall.

The date of the May meeting cannot be confirmed at the moment, due to the fact that the council elections are being held on the day that the meeting would normally take place.

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