

## **NEWLANDS AND AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

### **PRESENT**

Robert McElroy (Chairman), Jim Dryburgh (Treasurer), Charles Gallagher, Scott Ronald (Secretary), John Duthie

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Baillie Josephine Docherty,

4 members of the public, Brenda Duthie, Chris Rogers, Lawrence Schmulian and Marie MacMahon

### **APOLOGIES**

Sandy Walls, James Cooper, Councillor Stephen Curran, Councillor Emma Gillan.

### **MINUTES 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Due to pressure of time, approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was carried forward to the next meeting.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

None

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Scott Ronald (Secretary) reported that he had received a letter offering to supply play equipment at discounted rates to CCs. It was agreed that this is of no interest.

### **POLICE REPORT**

PC Ben Murphy attended the meeting with another officer.

There have been 17 reported crimes in the area, 15 of which are undetected. They include 6 incidents of shop lifting in Morrisons, 4 vandalisms (2 in Mossgiel Road) and 1 breaking into a vehicle, also in Mossgiel Road.

A speed trap had been set up in Merrylee Road one afternoon, following a request to do so at the last CC meeting and the Council thanked the police for arranging this.

Finally, PC Murphy described the Policing 2026 Consultations that are taking place and issued leaflets with details of how to take part in this process to the meeting.

### **BURRELL PROJECT UPDATE**

Lawrence Fitzgerald (Project Leader) gave a talk on this subject.

The current building, which is "A Listed", has issues with:

- The flat roof (leaks)
- Access and disability facilities
- Heating and ventilation systems that are dated, inefficient and need replaced
- Construction that is not energy efficient
- Infrastructure and displays that are dated and not interactive

The project's objectives are to:

- Create an *"Inspirational, International Museum"* (*"the best of its kind in the world"*)
- Improve connectivity with the local community.
- Make the building *"sustainable"* – i.e. cheaper to run, more energy efficient and capable of generating more income from the use of the premises.

So the building will :

- Be *"Re-skinned"* with more efficient materials
- Fitted with new energy efficient heating and lighting
- Have a new *"Central Area"* constructed to improve access
- And 25% more space for the public (as opposed to *"Back Office"* functions).

Other changes will include:

- Direct access from the Park to the Cafeteria
- A suite of rooms, with separate entrances, that can be used for meetings and functions
- A new large scale space for special exhibitions
- And an outdoor terrace.

The project's cost is estimated at £66m, £23m of which will come from Glasgow City Council, with the balance coming from the Heritage Lottery and private donations. The Speaker assured the meeting that these estimates include an allowance for contingencies and inflation.

It is hoped to re-open the museum in 2020 and the collections are being moved to the Glasgow Museums' Resource Centre in Nitshill in the meantime.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. The meeting considered Chris Roger's complaint about his driveway in Carlaverock Road being obstructed by inconsiderate parking. Mr Rogers would like either:
  - a) The park entrance in Carlaverock Road to be closed
  - b) Or, failing that, waiting restrictions to be placed on Carlaverock Road.

Councillor Docherty said that imposing waiting restrictions would involve a number of legal and practical considerations and that the Community Council had already rejected the idea of closing the park entrance.

After some discussion, the feeling of the meeting was that, while the CC sympathised with Mr Rogers, it also had to take account of the wider public interest in having access to the park and could not, therefore, support either of the above proposals.

The Secretary then suggested that, as a compromise, the CC might suggest some form of *"Parking Management"* (as opposed to legal restrictions) whereby the Roads Dept would be asked to mark off some parking bays, where people could park and cross hatching where they should not. This was agreed. Secretary to write to Kevin Brannigan of the Roads Dept with proposals for same.

2. There has been no further progress with Marie MacMahon's complaint about the way that the Planning Dept has dealt with a Planning Application by her neighbour.

The Secretary has written to Mr Tony Trotter, as agreed at the last meeting, complaining about the Planning Dept's failure to enforce its own decisions but has had no reply.

Baillie Docherty will contact Mr Trotter again about this matter.

3. Brenda Duthie complained about the condition of the park in Monreith Road. Specifically:

- Grass being cut infrequently if at all
- Encroachment of weeds
- General lack of maintenance
- Hedges not being cut back and encroaching on to the pavement on Newlands Road, where they are a hazard to pedestrians.

Baillie Docherty will contact LES (Land Services) about this.

### **COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Baillie Docherty reported that the mini roundabout has been installed at the junction of Ashtree and Wellgreen Roads in Pollokshaws.

Two new stores, an Aldi and a Pets at Home have opened in the Auldhouse Retail Park. Baillie Docherty attended the opening of the latter.

### **FETE**

The Chairman advised that the date for the 2017 Gala Day in Newlands Park has been confirmed for Saturday 2nd September.

### **FINANCE**

The Treasurer reported a balance of £3,946.73.

### **PLANNING**

Secretary reported that he had received the following notices of planning applications since the last meeting:

84 Merrylee Road Glasgow G43 2QZ	Installation of dormer to rear and rooflight to side roofslope
69 Langside Drive Glasgow G43 2QX	Installation of replacement windows
5 Broom Place Glasgow G43 2TL	Erection of single storey outbuilding ancillary to the use of the existing dwellinghouse.
31 Carnwath Avenue Glasgow G43 2HL	Erection of single storey extension to side and rear of dwellinghouse.

No objections were raised to these. In addition:

15 Merrylee Road Glasgow G43 2SH	Erection of one and half storey side extension with integral garage, and detached garden room to the rear of dwellinghouse
61 Langside Drive Glasgow G43 2QX	Erection of single storey extension to side and rear of dwellinghouse
Newlands Bowling Club	Display of 2no. externally illuminated pole mounted signs. (with advertising consent)

The extensions at 15 Merrylee Road are particularly large, on both sides of the building and include an outbuilding in the garden for use as a gym. Chairman said that he would like to examine these proposals further.

The property at 61 Langside Drive is already subject to a Planning Notice for *“unauthorised erection of extension within a conservation area”*.

Finally, the application from the Bowling Club is for the erection of 2 television screens, each 1.5m x 1.0m facing on to Langside Drive, which can be used to display images including advertising material. Secretary said that he thought the CC should object to this since:

- while the screens themselves were relatively small, they were, in his opinion, not appropriate for a Conservation Area
- and that giving permission for this could set a very bad precedent for larger and more visually intrusive installations of a similar nature in future.

It was agreed that the Community Council would object to the Bowling Green application. Secretary to write to Planning accordingly.

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

Secretary reported that he has contacted David MacKendrick, who is the Secretary of the Cathcart CC, with a view to setting up a website, linked to the Glasgow City Council "*My Glasgow*" system, so that the public could find out more about the Newlands and Auldhouse CC and when it meets. It appears that Steven Dowling is the person to contact at the City Council. Secretary will do so and revert with detailed proposals at a future meeting

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 in the Scout Hall.

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