

## **NEWLANDS AND AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

### **PRESENT**

Robert McElroy (Chairman), James Cooper, Jim Dryburgh (Treasurer), John Duthie, Scott Ronald (Secretary), Sandy Walls

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Bailie Josephine Docherty

3 members of the public, Sheila White, Lawrence Schmulian and Marie MacMahon

### **APOLOGIES**

Councillors Stephen Curran and Kyle Thornton

### **MINUTES 16<sup>th</sup> March and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

These were approved, proposed by John Duthie (March) and Jim Dryburgh (April), seconded by Jim Dryburgh (March) and John Duthie (April).

### **MATTERS ARISING**

John Duthie said that the grass and hedge at the Monreith Road Park, which had been raised by a member of the public at the last meeting, have now been cut.

The Secretary said that he had had a reply to the email that he sent to the Roads Dept suggesting marking off parking bays in Carlaverock Road to mitigate the nuisance caused by parked vehicles obstructing the driveways of the houses there. The Roads Dept's position is that they:

- have already advised Mr Rogers (who complained about this at the last CC meeting) that the width of the road is, in their view, adequate and
- would not agree to marking off parking bays in the manner suggested by the CC.

Mr Rogers has been sent a copy of this reply.

The Chairman reported the death of Stella Telford, a former member of the CC and expressed his condolences.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

### **POLICE REPORT**

None.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. Sheila White raised the condition of the Merrylee Road Recreation Ground (known locally as "*The Doggy Park*"). She has lived beside the park for many years, during which time she has seen its condition deteriorate badly, due to either lack of, or badly executed, maintenance and cited, as examples:
  - a. The grassy area in the middle, which is in a mess
  - b. The path, which is in poor condition and covered with weeds

- c. Trees that have been removed on either side of the path and not replaced
- d. Problems with drainage, which are turning the grassy area into a marsh
- e. Trees that were planted at the Lubnaig Road end of the park, to try to improve the drainage but they are deciduous, which are the wrong type of tree for this
- f. A stagnant marsh at the foot of the embankment at the Merrylee Road end of the park, which is filled with black, foul smelling mud and polluted with oil.

Baillie Docherty will investigate.

2. Marie MacMahon's complaint about the way that the Planning Dept has dealt with a Planning Application by her neighbour remains unresolved. Baillie Docherty expressed her frustration and will contact Mr Trotter again about this matter.

The Secretary reported that he has still had no reply to his letter to Mr Trotter complaining about the Planning Dept's failure to enforce its own decisions. Chairman asked the Secretary to send Mr Trotter a reminder and advise him of the CC's disappointment at his failure to reply.

3. Lawrence Schmulian said that the priorities have been changed at the junction of Monreith Road and St Bride's Road and asked if the CC had been consulted? Chairman said that it had **not**.
4. It was noted that a cycle lane has been installed in Langside Drive and that this is causing long tailbacks at the junction of Langside Drive and Merrylee Road.

The Secretary added that he has seen "*a cyclist*" using this new facility.

### **COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Baillie Docherty reported that:

1. The next phase of the White Cart Flood Prevention Scheme is being presented at the City Chambers on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10.30. This work is likely to cause some disruption in the northern part of the CC's area.
2. Consideration is being given to opening some bus and cycle lanes to other traffic at night.
3. Some fly tipping, which had occurred in Kilmarnock road, has been cleared.
4. There have been reports of anti-social behaviour (underage drinking etc.) in the evenings in Auldhouse Park and steps are being taken to investigate and deal with this.
5. The Chairman added that he has received reports of household rubbish (even broken furniture) being buried in the garden of a house in Merrylee Road and asked whether this was allowed. The feeling was that it probably was not but Baillie Docherty will check the precise legal position and enforcement procedures with Glasgow City Council officials.

### **EMAIL and WEBSITE**

The Secretary reported that the CC now has its own email address:

[secretary.newauldcc@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.newauldcc@outlook.com)

and asked that this be used for all future correspondence.

The CC used to have a website, which was supplied by a company called Gateway and funded by Glasgow City Council, but this fell into disuse when the City Council withdrew funding for the project. It was agreed that the CC should have its own website once again and the Secretary presented some

ideas for the appearance and content of such a site. Costed proposals will be presented at a later meeting.

### **FETE**

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

James Cooper asked that information for inclusion in the programme be supplied in good time to allow for printing

### **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:

50 Corrou Road Glasgow G43 2DX	Installation of rooflights
Site outside 83 Langside Drive Glasgow	Installation of a telecommunications cabinet on the footway
5 Merrylee Road Glasgow G43 2SH	Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse.
6 St Brides Road Glasgow G43 2DU	Erection of ground floor and basement extension to rear of dwellinghouse.

The future of the Calderwood Lodge School, which is due to close at the end of June, was also discussed. Bailie Docherty confirmed that the land on which the school stands belongs to East Renfrewshire Council. Their intention is to sell it to a developer but no plans for any development have been submitted to Glasgow City Council. The Merrylee Road Recreation Ground (mentioned above) belongs to Glasgow City Council and would not form part of any such sale.

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

None

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2017 at 07.15 pm in the Scout Hall.

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