

NEWLANDS AND AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 1st June, 2017

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Stephen Curran, Bailie Josephine Docherty and Bailie Kyle Thornton

4 members of the public, Roz and Brendan Keenan, Lawrence Schmulian and Marie MacMahon

APOLOGIES

John Duthie

MINUTES 11th May

These were approved, proposed by Jim Dryburgh and seconded by James Cooper.

MATTERS ARISING

The Secretary said that, shortly after the last meeting, the grass and hedges at the Merrylee Road Recreation Ground ("*Doggy Park*") had been cut. Bailie Docherty asked to be kept informed when the problem with the stagnant marsh recurs so that the matter can be investigated.

Calderwood Lodge School is to close on 28th June, when it will be replaced by a new facility in East Renfrewshire. There is no further news about the site's future. Bailie Docherty said that discussions regarding the provision of a bus service to the new school for Glasgow pupils who currently attend Calderwood Lodge are continuing.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr Tony Trotter (Planning Dept) has replied to the CC's email about the enforcement of planning decisions. In cases of non-compliance, the Planning Dept's response will be based on 2 things:
 - Expediency and
 - Proportionality

In essence, this means that the effect of the non-compliance must be serious, in which case the Dept's response would be "*appropriate*".

A formal prosecution for non-compliance would face legal obstacles.

2. An email has been received from Mr James Matheson of the "*Southside Campaign Against Fracking*" asking the CC to support their statement against fracking. The CC agreed unanimously that it did not wish to do this. The Secretary will write to Mr Matheson to advise him.
3. An email has been received from Mark Ruskell MSP inviting participation in the "*20mph Member's Bill Consultation*". The bill would reduce the default speed limit in built up areas from the current figure of 30mph to 20mph with local authorities having the power to designate certain roads as "*through routes*" where the 30mph limit would still apply. It was

agreed that the CC would not make a submission to the consultation process but individual members can submit their own comments if they choose.

POLICE REPORT

PCs Ben Murphy and Mark Allan Smith attended the meeting. Their report covers the period from 20th April, which is somewhat longer than usual.

There were 36 crime reports, 9 of which are detected. They included 4 thefts from vehicles in the Langside Drive area, 2 housebreakings in Newlands Road, 5 incidents at Morrison's (mostly shop lifting but also a disturbance outside the store), 1 minor drug offence and 2 assaults.

"Hit and Runs", where a vehicle is damaged by another that then drives away without leaving any details, are now being included in the crime statistics and there were 6 of these.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Roz Keenan said that the subject of vehicles speeding and / or trying to take shortcuts through the Lanton Park Estate (which is a cul de sac) had been raised at the AGM of the Lanton Park Owners' Association. The road is marked with "20's Plenty" signs but Councillor Curran said that these are not mandatory. It was agreed to:
 - Check whether there are "No Through Road" signs at the entrance to the estate and
 - Ask the police (who, by this time had left the meeting) for advice on the speeding issue.
2. Roz also asked about the condition of the roundabout at the junction of Langside Drive and Muirend Road, which is covered with weeds.
3. Lawrence Schmulian asked if there were any statistics measuring the effect of 20mph limits and cycle lanes on accident rates. The Secretary said that such figures are probably published somewhere and will try to obtain some for the next meeting.
4. Marie MacMahon re-stated her dissatisfaction with the way that the Planning Dept have dealt with her complaint about a Planning Application by her neighbour that was refused.
5. The cycle lane that has recently been installed in Langside Drive seems to be very little used and cyclists have been seen riding on the pavement despite the provision of this new facility.
6. James Cooper said that a large pot hole has appeared at the bus stop across the road from Morrison's. Secretary will report to RALF.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

1. Councillor Curran said that the next meeting of the "Area Partnership" will be held in the City Chambers on 22nd June. Chairman will try to attend
2. Baillie Docherty reported that the "Community Safety Partnership" is monitoring the situation in Auldhouse Park, where there have been reports of anti-social behaviour (underage drinking etc.) in the evenings. The Park has also had a tidy up.

This led to a general discussion on the condition of the Park and the availability of alcohol to underage drinkers. Bailie Docherty said that some of it appears to be brought from home but local shops are also being carefully watched and offences will be prosecuted with vigour.

James Cooper said that some mature trees in the Park are leaning over badly and need some support (n.b. **not felling**). Bailie Docherty will report the matter to the Parks Dept.

3. Bailie Thornton said that his office is now up and running and his contact details are available on the Council website.

EMAIL and WEBSITE

The Secretary reported that the new email program is working well with Distribution Lists having been created for Minutes etc. It was confirmed that all present were receiving this information.

Gateway Shared Services have quoted £150 to host a website for the CC for 12 months and supply half a day's training to get the website up and running. It was agreed to accept this quotation.

FETE

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

A separate meeting of the Fete Committee is being arranged to plan the detailed arrangements.

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:

6 St Brides Road Glasgow G43 2DU	Erection of ground floor and basement extension to rear of dwellinghouse.
62 Corrou Road, Glasgow G43 2ED	Formation of rear dormer and installation of 2 rooflights to side roofslope of dwellinghouse
17 Tavistock Drive Glasgow G43 2SJ	Installation of replacement windows to front elevation of dwellinghouse

Marie MacMahon added that her neighbour has submitted a new application for a "glass and metal balustrade". It was agreed that the CC would object to this application on the following grounds:

- It does not address the issue of loss of privacy, which was the reason for the original application being rejected
- The structure and materials proposed are inappropriate for a Conservation Area
- Allowing the application to go ahead in its present form would set a very bad precedent.

A.O.C.B.

It was confirmed that notices of CC meetings are now being included in the St Gabriel's Intimations.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 17th August, 2017 at 07.15 pm in the Scout Hall.

**** End of Minutes ****