

NEWLANDS AND AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 17th August, 2017

PRESENT

Robert McElroy (Chairman), James Cooper, Scott Ronald (Secretary), Sandy Walls

IN ATTENDANCE

Baillie Josephine Docherty.

6 members of the public, Marie Cavanagh, Marie MacMahon, Lawrence Schmulian, Sheila White and 2 others.

APOLOGIES

Stephen Curran, John Duthie, Jim Dryburgh (Treasurer), Charles Gallagher, Baillie Kyle Thornton

MINUTES 1st June

These were approved, proposed by Robert McElroy and seconded by James Cooper.

MATTERS ARISING

The Secretary said that the following issues that were raised by members of the public at the last meeting had been reported to Glasgow City Council, using the "My Glasgow" App, but nothing has been done:

1. Weeds on the roundabout at the junction of Langside Drive and Muirend Road.
2. Potholes at the bus stop across from Morrisons in Riverford Road.
3. In addition, a coping stone was dislodged from a gate post at Calderwood Lodge, by a removal van, and has been left balanced precariously. This too has been reported but nothing has been done.

Baillie Docherty asked for details and will pursue.

Lawrence Schmulian had asked, at the previous meeting, about the effect of 20 mph restrictions on accident rates. Secretary said that his research had indicated that, in general, they did reduce the number and severity of accidents but the extent of the reduction and precise reasons for it are unclear.

Baillie Thornton had included, with his apologies, a statement that he is investigating the problem of persistent flooding underneath the railway bridge at Hags Road. He had also included a request for details of the streets where there are problems with weeds. The consensus of opinion was that this problem is widespread throughout the area and not confined to any particular street(s). During this discussion, reference was also made to the condition of many pavements, the paths in the parks, badly rusted lamp posts and potholed roads. Secretary will contact Baillie Thornton re. the specific issue of the weeds.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

POLICE REPORT

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Marie Cavanagh and Sheila White raised the issue of the lack of maintenance of the Merrylee Road Recreation Ground, known locally as “The Doggy Park”.

This resulted in a lengthy discussion, during which it became apparent that local residents are very dissatisfied with both the lack of maintenance and the way in which complaints to the City Council have been handled (one letter re. grass cutting produced a reply relating to a different park altogether!) and Baillie Docherty was pressed repeatedly to say “*what exactly she was going to do about it?*”.

Points made during the discussion included:

- A considerable number of specimen trees have died due (allegedly) to ground contamination (Sheila White)
- There used to be an old petrol pump nearby and the “contamination” could be due to leaks from underground tanks (Sandy Walls)
- Secretary has taken advice from both the Scottish Wildlife Trust and staff at the Scottish Rural College as to whether the present system of grass cutting would (as has been claimed) encourage wildlife and been told that this was not the case
- Persistent flooding (Sheila White) due to:
 - Drains not being maintained and
 - Trees being planted to try to suck up surplus water that are unsuitable for this purpose.
- There is a foul smelling black marsh underneath the trees at the Merrylee Road entrance to the park (Secretary).
- The park is dangerous for children to play in (Marie Cavanagh)
- And infested with foxes (Marie Cavanagh and Sheila White)
- Sheila White has also complained to our MSP, Mr James Doran.

(Also, although this was not mentioned during the discussion, I would like to add that the area is full of common hogweed (*Heracleum sphondylium*), which can cause severe burns to the skin if touched (Secretary)).

The resolution, which was eventually agreed, was that Baillie Docherty will make a formal request to LES (Land and Environmental Services) for the area to be brought up to and maintained thereafter to the same standard as Newlands Park.

2. Questions were asked about the future of the former Calderwood Lodge school building. The school has now been closed and there is no information about its future but there are rumours that an “*Expression of Interest*”, under the Community Empowerment Act of 2015, has been lodged by an organisation that is interested in continuing to use the premises as a school. This has put any possible plans to sell the building on hold.

Secretary said that he has:

- written to the “Extra” newspaper, on behalf of the Community Council, asking for information about the future of Calderwood Lodge.
- and, again on behalf of the Community Council, to James Doran, our MSP, asking for a copy of a proposal that was sent to the FM in 2015 for a state funded, but privately run, secondary school.

The News Section of the new Community Council website (see below) also contains an article on this subject.

Baillie Docherty added that Mr Doran is also Convener of the Education Committee of the Scottish Parliament and suggested that requests for information on the possible use of the premises as a school might be better addressed to him in that capacity.

It was agreed that the Secretary should write to Mr Alan Stewart (Head of Estates, East Renfrewshire) on behalf of the Community Council asking:

- If he can supply any details re. the Expression of Interest?
 - Whether, in order to prevent continuing uncertainty, a time limit (e.g. up until Christmas) could be set after which the property could be sold unless an Asset Transfer Request had been made?
 - And for the Community Council to be kept informed of any plans for, or information relating to, Calderwood Lodge.
3. Marie MacMahon said that her neighbour had withdrawn her latest Planning Application.
 4. Lawrence Schmulian said that some street lights are being left on 24 hours per day and cited an example in Sauchiehall Street.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Baillie Docherty said she had nothing to add to the information that she had already provided.

EMAIL and WEBSITE

Secretary gave a demonstration of the new Community Council website and it was agreed that this should go live immediately.

FETE

Permission to hold the fete in Newlands Park, on Saturday 2nd September, at 2.00 pm, has been received from Glasgow City Council. The Rev. Stuart Fulton has agreed to open the event. Further discussion was deferred until the next Fete Sub-Committee Meeting on Monday, 21st August.

FINANCE REPORT

None received due to the absence of the Treasurer.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PLANNING

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

<u>24-May-17</u>	<u>Riverside Playgroup</u>	<u>Newlands South Church</u>	<u>Erection of covered structure adjacent to church building (retrospective).</u>
<u>31-May-17</u>	<u>Mr John Hamilton</u>	<u>27 Mossgiel Road Glasgow G43 2DF</u>	<u>Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse</u>
	<u>Mrs Cathy Lau</u>	<u>10 Laggan Road Glasgow G43 2SY</u>	<u>Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse and installation of dormer windows.</u>
	<u>Mr And Mrs W And A McNaughton</u>	<u>88 Newlands Road Glasgow G43 2JR</u>	<u>Erection of single storey extension and raised timber deck to rear of dwellinghouse.</u>
<u>7-Jun-17</u>	<u>Mrs Jacquie Baird</u>	<u>36 Quadrant Road Glasgow G43 2QR</u>	<u>Erection of railing and glass balustrade and resurfacing of platform.</u>
<u>14-Jun-17</u>	<u>Mr Steven Maloney</u>	<u>583 Kilmarnock Road Glasgow G43 2TH</u>	<u>Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse and installation of rooflights</u>
	<u>Mrs Collette Conley</u>	<u>81 Langside Drive Glasgow G43 2ST</u>	<u>Erection of garage - renewal of consent 14/00894/DC</u>
<u>21-Jun-17</u>	<u>Mr John Ashford</u>	<u>29 Fernleigh Road Glasgow G43 2UD</u>	<u>Erection of single storey extension to side of dwellinghouse.</u>
	<u>Mr & Mrs Gavin Ramsay</u>	<u>11 St Brides Road Glasgow G43 2DU</u>	<u>Erection of single storey extension and detached garage to rear of dwellinghouse.</u>
	<u>Mr Stuart Biggart</u>	<u>30 Laggan Road Glasgow G43 2SY</u>	<u>Erection of single storey extension and raised deck to rear with attached garage to side, formation of dormer window to front and alterations to form additional accomodation at first floor level (raising height of roof).</u>
	<u>EE Ltd + Hutchinson 3G UK Ltd</u>	<u>Newlands Bowling Club 29 Langside Drive Glasgow</u>	<u>Installation of replacement 12 metre high telecommunications tower and equipment cabinet</u>
	<u>Mr Tony Gill</u>	<u>43 Langside Drive Glasgow G43 2QQ</u>	<u>Erection of two storey side and rear extensions and conservatory to rear of dwellinghouse.</u>
<u>28-Jun-17</u>	<u>Mr Graham Inglis</u>	<u>6 Earlsparke Avenue Glasgow G43 2HW</u>	<u>Erection of two storey extension to side of dwellinghouse.</u>
	<u>Mr Stephen Hunter</u>	<u>51 Monreith Road Glasgow G43 2NZ</u>	<u>Erection of single storey extension and formation of deck to rear of dwellinghouse.</u>
	<u>Ms Joanne Garrett</u>	<u>32 Newlands Road Glasgow G43 2JD</u>	<u>Installation of two rooflights to front of</u>

			<u>dwellinghouse.</u>
<u>5-Jul-17</u>	<u>Mr And Mrs R Fulton</u>	<u>36 Newlands Road Glasgow G43 2JD</u>	<u>Conversion of integral garage into habitable room</u>
<u>12-Jul-17</u>	<u>Mrs Saijdah Ali</u>	<u>26 Alloway Road Glasgow G43 2YE</u>	<u>Erection of single storey side extension to dwellinghouse and formation of access ramp to front.</u>
	<u>Mr Mrs D Hart</u>	<u>7 Lubnaig Road Glasgow G43 2JF</u>	<u>Installation of replacement windows and doors to dwellinghouse</u>
<u>19-Jul-17</u>	<u>Miss Nicola Mayer</u>	<u>161 Auldhouse Road Glasgow G43 1XD</u>	<u>Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse.</u>
<u>26-Jul-17</u>	<u>None</u>		
<u>2-Aug-17</u>	<u>None</u>		

A.O.C.B.

James Cooper has agreed to submit an application form in his own name as a candidate to join the Licensing Forum from Glasgow South.

Dates of Next Meetings

- Thursday 7th September
- Thursday 5th October (AGM)
- Thursday 2nd November
- Thursday 7th December

All meetings are at 07.15 pm in the Scout Hall.

**** End of Minutes ****