

NEWLANDS AND AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 2nd November, 2017

PRESENT

Robert McElroy (Chairman), James Cooper, Jim Dryburgh (Treasurer), Colette McAlpine, Scott Ronald (Secretary)

IN ATTENDANCE

Bailie Kyle Thornton

3 members of the public, Marie McMahon, Ken Nicolson, Dr Lawrence Schmulian

APOLOGIES

Helen Dolan, John Duthie, Charles Gallagher, Phyllis Pasquale, Scott Robertson, Sandy Walls, Councillor Stephen Curran, Bailie Josephine Docherty

MINUTES 12th October

These were approved, proposed by Jim Dryburgh and seconded by Robert McElroy.

It was also agreed that, since all members now receive the minutes electronically, the minutes need not be provided in hard copy form in future. Secretary added that the Minutes can also be viewed on the NACC website.

MATTERS ARISING

None.

APPOINTMENT of NEW MEMBERS

4 nominations had been received and validated by GCC Democratic Services. These were for the following nominees:

Helen Dolan,
Colette McAlpine,
Phyllis Pasquale,
Scott Robertson

Due to there being less valid nominations received than places available these appointments were uncontested and could be ratified at this meeting. The appointments were, therefore, ratified.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A community group is trying to raise capital to reopen Govanhill Baths by issuing "Community Shares" that will pay interest at 3%. Details can be had from:

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/govanhill-baths/>

POLICE REPORT

PCs Ben Murphy and Eddie McNeil attended the meeting.

Since the last meeting, there have been 14 crime reports, 5 of which have been detected – 1 minor assault, 2 road traffic, 4 thefts, 6 incidents of vandalism and 1 fire raising.

The suspected ringleader of the gang of youths, who were causing a disturbance and committing acts of vandalism, has moved out of the area and these incidents have been much reduced since.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. The "Doggy Park"

Ken Nicolson has received a letter from Baillie Docherty confirming that GCC will cut the grass before the end of the season and investigate the cause of the black sludge. He expressed satisfaction with this result and thanked the Community Council for their support in the matter.

2. Pollokshaws

The meeting discussed the use of the road leading into the Auldhouse Retail Park by a motor trader, who is parking vehicles for sale along both sides of the road. This had been raised by Bill Carson, of Pollokshaws Community Council, at the last meeting. The general feeling was that this situation is most unsatisfactory, due to both the obstruction that it causes to the traffic and the fact that trading in the street in this way is not something that should be tolerated and that GCC should take urgent action to put a stop to it. Suggestions included putting yellow lines along the street - but Baillie Thornton said that the Roads Dept are usually reluctant to do this. Secretary then suggested installing a Cycle Lane, which the Roads Dept do seem to favour and which would have the same effect.

3. Traffic Lights at the Junction of Nether Auldhouse and Auldhouse Roads

Colette McAlpine said that this is a very dangerous junction and that there have been several fatal accidents there over the years. The situation is now being aggravated by the increased traffic caused by the opening of the new Aldi in the Retail Park and by drivers turning right into Auldhouse Road to avoid the new pedestrian crossing at the Primary School in Nether Auldhouse Road. She went on to urge that right turn filters, accompanied by new road markings, should be installed to make the junction less dangerous.

There is also an issue with speeding in Auldhouse Road for similar reasons.

4. Road and Lighting Faults

Lawrence Schmulian criticised the standard of some of the repair work that is being carried out by GCC. There was general agreement that the alleged practice of filling in potholes with slurry as a "*temporary measure*" pending "*permanent repairs*" that never seem to get done is not satisfactory. Chairman observed that the standard of road repairs and maintenance in East Renfrewshire seems to be much better in general.

Comments were also made about the number of street lights that are not working and the time it takes for them to be fixed. Colette McAlpine said that she has often reported several street lights out of order but that, when the repair men do come, they will only fix one – allegedly because "*they are not insured*" to fix the others. Secretary added that, for example, 3 out of the four street lights at the bus stop on Kilmarnock Road at Tinto Road were not working last night (1st November). This is at the junction of 2 busy main roads.

James Cooper said that diverting buses along Auldhouse Road while demolition work was being carried out in Pollokshaws had increased the wear and tear on Auldhouse Road considerably.

Other items that are still outstanding from previous meetings include the ruts and potholes at the bus stops in Riverford Road and the weeds on the roundabout at the junction of Langside Drive and Muirend Road.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Baillie Thornton has now set up regular surgeries in the ward. They are at:

- Merrylee Primary School, 18.00 – 18.45, first Thursday of the month.
- Pollokshaws Burgh Hall, 18.00 – 19.00, second Monday of the month
- Carnwadric Community Hall, 18.15 – 19.00, fourth Monday of the month

GCC has agreed to appoint Colin Mair to the newly created post of “Chief Executive for Improvement”. He will be independent of the Council and will oversee its governance.

FETE

Chairman said that he continues to receive positive comments from members of the public about this year's Fete.

Treasurer reported that final accounts for the fete are not yet available, as the bills for the printer and the hire of barriers have still to be received. 2 invoices for advertising in the programme are still unpaid.

James Cooper said that he would be willing to organise next year's Fete providing that he was given sufficient help and support.

FINANCE

Treasurer reported a balance of £3,565.80. This does not include the items referred to above.

PLANNING

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

4-Oct-17	Mr George McLelland	26 Langside Drive Glasgow G43 2QA	Use of and extension to existing detached garage to form a residential annex to the main dwelling.
11-Oct-17	Mr Hugh McCartney	16 Briar Road Glasgow G43 2TX	Erection of garage to rear of dwellinghouse
	Mr Stewart Carroll	44 Langside Drive Glasgow G43 2QQ	Erection of garage to rear of dwellinghouse
	Kelvin Properties	30 Corrour Road Glasgow G43 2DX	External alterations to dwelling house, including partial demolition.
17-Oct-17	Mr Colin Gambles	41 Langside Drive Glasgow G43 2QQ	External alterations to dwellinghouse

Marie McMahon said that the situation in Quadrant Road remains unchanged, i.e. no new planning application has been made by her neighbour.

There was some discussion about the Planning Dept's apparent unwillingness to take enforcement action when Planning Orders are ignored. Baillie Thornton said that GCC's Strategic Plan includes an amendment, which he had proposed, to support conservation areas.

Secretary added that previous correspondence that the Community Council has had with the Planning Dept suggests that this may not always happen in practice. Secretary will forward the email from Planning to Baillie Thornton.

A.O.C.B.

James Cooper said that he had attended an exhibition of Phase 3 of the River Clyde Flood Prevention Scheme. The original Plan had been (as James understood) to build a wall along the banks of the River Cart at Auldhouse Park but apparently this is no longer the case and “*the rusty railings*” are to

be left – i.e. there will be nothing to prevent the River from overflowing and flooding Auldhouse Park and the surrounding area.

Auldhouse Park is also *“badly in need of a weeding”*.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 7th December, 2017 at 07.15 pm in the Scout Hall.

**** End of Minutes ****