

## **NEWLANDS AND AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018**

### **PRESENT**

Robert McElroy (Chairman), Scott Ronald (Secretary), James Cooper, Helen Dolan, Colette McAlpine, Phyllis Pasquale, Scott Robertson, Sandy Walls

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Stephen Curran, Baillie Josephine Docherty, Bailie Kyle Thornton

4 members of the public, Marie Cavanagh, Marie McMahon, Dr Lawrence Schmulian, Ruth Wilkinson

### **APOLOGIES**

Jim Dryburgh (Treasurer), John Duthie, Charles Gallagher

### **MINUTES 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Approval deferred until the next meeting.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **1. Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement Committee (WECCE)**

Secretary reported that he had received a letter from Glasgow City Council inviting Community Councils to nominate a candidate to sit as "Community Resident Representative" on the above committee. There will be one such person and, in the event of more than one nomination being received from the Community Councils in the city, a ballot will be held to choose the appointee. It was agreed that Newlands and Auldhouse Community Council would not put forward a candidate.

#### **2. Invitation to the Royal Garden Party**

Chairman reported that he had received a letter inviting the Community Council to send a representative to attend the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood Palace on 4<sup>th</sup> July this year. It was agreed that the Secretary would represent the Community Council at this event.

### **POLICE REPORT**

None.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

#### **1. Street Lighting**

General dissatisfaction with the current situation. Specifically:

- Lights being left on during the day
- Many lights not working
- Delays in making repairs, which are often exacerbated by the apparent practice of only fixing one light at a time, so that several visits may be needed to complete all the necessary repairs in a street

- Lack of a proactive approach to maintenance, i.e. waiting for faults to be reported rather than carrying out regular checks and making any necessary repairs
- Badly rusted lampposts
- Street lighting in Auldhouse that is in a very poor condition and badly in need of upgrading

All of which has a detrimental effect on the local environment and gives visitors a very poor impression of the City of Glasgow.

Despite the above, Baillie Docherty encouraged people to report street lights that are not working including, where possible, the number of the lamppost as well as its location.

### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillors had been asked, in advance, to provide information on what gritting had been done in the area during the recent freeze and all contributed some information. The main points to emerge from this were that:

- There are 3 priority levels and the highest priority is given to main roads. In this area, these include Nether Auldhouse Road, Merrylee Road, Kilmarnock Road, St Bride's Road, Newlands Road and Langside Drive. Efforts had been focused on these roads and, due to the exceptionally severe weather, there had been little if any time left to attend to lesser priority roads and pavements.
- The gritters come from Shieldhall, which takes time.
- The area around Tinto Primary had not been gritted and no one seems to be responsible for gritting the school playground itself, so the children had had to be kept indoors all day for safety reasons. Councillors were asked to take both these points up with the relevant council officials.
- The pavements around the former Calderwood Lodge School had been gritted (the only ones in the area that were) although the school is now closed. This was due to the Council's records not having been updated to reflect the school's closure.
- Members of the public can take grit from the bins to treat pavements etc in their area providing that they are not using the grit for a commercial undertaking.

Glasgow City Council's Budget Meeting (which will decide the Council Tax for 2018/19) has been fixed for 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

The Bin Replacement Programme in Auldhouse is almost complete apart from a small number of properties, where there are issues with access.

A Study Group is being set up to consider the problem of loneliness in the City.

### **FETE**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September has been fixed as the date for the 2018 fete.

Secretary will now contact LES to obtain the necessary permissions including, hopefully, a Bouncy Castle, which is always a popular attraction.

### **FINANCE**

No report was received due to the Treasurer's being absent.

Chairman confirmed that the audited accounts have now been provided to Democratic Services.

## PLANNING

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

12-Dec-17	Specsavers Mr R McKeon	117 Riverford Road Glasgow G43 1PU 7 Mulberry Road Glasgow G43 2TR	Installation of 1 air conditioning unit to roof Alterations to dwellinghouse in a conservation area
19-Dec-17	Mrs Donna Lau	75 Merrylee Road Glasgow G43 2QY	Erection of single storey extension and formation of decking to rear of dwellinghouse
	Mr John Conner	71 Carnwath Avenue Glasgow G43 2HJ	Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse.
	Pollok Football Club	1 Newburgh Street Glasgow	Erection of building for sale of refreshments and provision of toilet facilities within football stadium.
3-Jan-18	<b>None</b>		
10-Jan-18	Mr Ryan Connelly	35 Langside Drive Glasgow G43 2QQ	Formation of bi-fold doors, raised balcony and external alterations to dwellinghouse.
	Ms Shirley Pearson	59 Corrou Road Glasgow G43 2ED	External alterations to side/ rear of dwellinghouse
17-Jan-18	<b>None</b>		
24-Jan-18	<b>None</b>		

Chairman reported that he had received an application for a street trader's licence for a hot food van that would be located at Riverford Road. It was agreed that the Community Council would object to this, mainly because of its proximity to local schools.

There is no further news re. Calderwood Lodge apart from the fact that East Renfrewshire Council have confirmed to Baillie Thornton that the property is for sale.

The former Brantano Footwear premises has now re-opened as a Screwfix and some Community Councillors expressed concerns about the:

- Large illuminated sign that has been installed and which is close to the traffic lights at the junction of Auldhouse and Riverford Roads. Planning permission has not been sought for this but Councillors thought that it might not be required.
- Amount of extra traffic that this new shop seems to be creating. This is causing difficulties for vehicles that are attempting to enter or leave Mamore Street and find it blocked. Councillors were asked to contact the Roads Dept to ask for the "Keep Clear" markings that are on the road and which have faded to be re-painted.

Rumours are circulating that Morrisons in Riverford Road might be about to apply for permission to open 24 hours, but no one was aware of any definite proposals.

A new development is being proposed in Hillpark and it is possible that this may produce some funding to upgrade the tennis courts in Newlands Park. Dr Schmulian suggested that some junior courts should be included in any such plans. Phyllis Pasquale said that Auldhouse Park used to have tennis courts and asked whether it could also be included.

### A.O.C.B.

Secretary raised the subject of 3 defects that he had reported using the "My Glasgow" App and which are now showing as either "Complete" or "Closed" – even though, in at least 2 of these cases, nothing has been done. Secretary will send details to the Councillors so that this can be investigated.

Councillors confirmed that, following on from the recent changes to Council Ward Boundaries, some changes to the NACC's eastern border with Cathcart are now in prospect. These proposals will be put out for consultation soon.

Chairman commented on the condition of the roads in the area, most of which are in a very poor state of repair. The recent severe weather has exacerbated this problem. Nether Auldhouse Road, Merrylee Road, Lubnaig Road, Monreith Road, Mamore Street, Broom Road, Woodburn Road, and Mulberry Road were named as specific examples, but this list is far from exhaustive.

Councillors were asked to request "Give Way" signs at the junction of Carlaverock and St Bride's Roads to complement the existing markings on the road.

Phyllis Pasquale asked whether Auldhouse Park could be upgraded, with more facilities provided for children? Baillie Thornton said he understood plans existed, but they were on hold pending the completion of the River Cart Flood Prevention Scheme by Scottish Water. James Cooper also reminded the meeting of his previous request for some of the trees in Auldhouse Park to be supported before they fell over.

Phyllis Pasquale also asked what plans there were to replace the facilities that are currently being provided at Mearnskirk Hospital, which is due to close? Councillors did not know.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 07.15 pm in the Scout Hall.

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