

NEWLANDS & AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL 10th MAY, 2018

PRESENT

Robert McElroy (Chairman), Scott Ronald (Secretary), Jim Dryburgh (Treasurer), James Cooper, Helen Dolan, John Duthie, Colette McAlpine, Phyllis Pasquale, Sandy Walls.

IN ATTENDANCE

Bailie Josephine Docherty, Bailie Kyle Thornton.

MEMBERS of the PUBLIC

Marie McMahon, Dr Lawrence Schmulian.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Stephen Curran, Charles Gallagher, Scott Robertson

MINUTES

April approved – proposed by Jim Dryburgh, seconded by Helen Dolan

MATTERS ARISING

None

POLICE REPORT

See attached.

Police were asked about 2 incidents:

1. Stones being thrown at a house in Carloverock Road and
2. Theft of a vehicle from Lanton Park

but were unable to provide any information.

The trailer that had been parked for some time at the junction of Alloway Road and Glenspean Street and was causing an obstruction has now been moved to Mamore Place. Police confirmed that it is parked legally and there is nothing they can do – much to the surprise of those living nearby.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Marie McMahon, Quadrant Road said that, following receipt of Planning Permission, her neighbour had erected a railing and some decking.

Dr Schmulian asked about:

- the correct procedure for cyclists who wished to make a right turn from a cycle lane on the left side of the road. Police confirmed that cyclists should signal their intention to turn right in good time and execute the manoeuvre with care, while drivers should be prepared to allow time and space for the cyclists to complete the move safely.
- Street lights being left on for 24 hours a day for months at a time. Baillie Docherty said that the advice she had received from Council Officials was that it was cheaper to do this than to send staff out to fix the fault. Dr Schmulian questioned the logic of this and how it fitted with the Scottish Govt's environmental policies?
- Whether there were any plans to do a general weed kill on pavements, roundabouts etc before the start of the growing season. Councillors did not know.

COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Baillie Thornton said that he had asked for the white lines at the junction of Auldhouse and Nether Auldhouse Road to be re-painted and asked to be kept informed about this. That provoked an extended discussion, both about the junction itself and the effect that the recently opened Screwfix warehouse is having. Specifically:

- Community Councillors who live near the junction strongly disagree with the Roads Dept's assessment of the current situation (i.e. that the present arrangements are satisfactory and no changes are required)
- The "Keep Clear" (yellow box?) lines that were to be painted at the junction of Mamore Street and Nether Auldhouse Road have still not been done
- Gridlock being caused by lorries reversing into Screwfix to make deliveries.

In addition:

- Screwfix have fixed large advertising banners to the railings at Auldhouse and Greenbank Parks. Councillors were asked to check whether permission has been given for this
- And leaflets were attached to the windscreens of residents' cars, risking damage to the windscreen wipers and causing a litter problem when many blew away. Baillie Docherty suggested taking this last point up directly with the Manager of Screwfix.

Other Points:

- General dissatisfaction was again expressed about the condition of the roads, potholes, badly worn surfaces, temporary patches that seem to become permanent and so on.
- And also about 3 very large speed bumps that are being installed in Langside Drive at Millbrae Gardens and which seem likely to damage vehicles. Councillors were unable to explain why this was being done or on whose authority?

FETE

The PTU (Permission to Use) Newlands Park for the Gala Day on Saturday 8th September, from 14.00 – 16.00 hours has been granted. Secretary confirmed that it includes a “Bouncy Castle”. The first meeting of the Fete Sub-Committee is on Monday 14th May.

FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer reported a balance of £3,715.67 as of 30th April 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary reported that he had received an email from a member of the public. The person concerned is a keen bird watcher and wanted to develop the “Doggy Park” further to encourage wildlife and to plant wild flowers there. Baillie Docherty said that she thought the flower planting was unlikely to receive support from council officials due to the amount of maintenance that would be required.

PLANNING

Recent planning applications were discussed as follows:

28-Mar-18			None
4-Apr-18	Miss Laura Aldridge	6 Langside Drive Glasgow G43 2EE	Formation of doorway to rear elevation of dwellinghouse.
	Mr R Ramani	123 Mossgiel Road Glasgow G43 2BY	Erection of single storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.
11-Apr-18	Dr A. McLellan	39 Lubnaig Road Glasgow G43 2RY	Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse
18-Apr-18			None
25-Apr-18	Mr Andrew Mackay	29 Monreith Road Glasgow G43 2NY	Erection of single storey extension to rear/side of dwellinghouse
	Mr Ryan Connelly	35 Langside Drive Glasgow G43 2QQ	Formation of bi-fold doors, raised balcony and external alterations to dwellinghouse
	Mrs Donna Lau	75 Merrylee Road Glasgow G43 2QY	Erection of single storey extension and formation of decking to rear of dwellinghouse - Amendment to planning application 17/03243/DC to incorporate proposed changes
2-May-18			None

AOCB

Colette McAlpine asked Baillie Docherty about recent increases in the cost of Nursery Fees. Baillie Docherty explained that these were necessary to fund the cost of extra nursery hours and that the charges had been set at levels that would protect low income families.

John Duthie said that 13th May will be the 450th Anniversary of the Battle of Langside and that various events are being organised to commemorate the occasion. This was noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14th June @ 19.15.

**** End of Minutes ****

NEWLANDS AND AULDHOUSE

MEETING ATTENDED BY PCs ALLEN IRVINE AND PC BRIAN WATT

FROM 01/04/18 – 10/05/18

24 CRIMES RECORDED – 9 DETECTED

CRIMES OF NOTE

Vandalism:	2 Reports – 0 Detected
Assault:	2 Reports – 1 Detected
Theft	3 Reports – 1 Detected
Theft by Housebreaking:	3 Reports – 1 Detected (Non Dwelling)
Theft by Housebreaking	1 Report – Undetected (Commercial)
Attempt Housebreaking	1 Report – Undetected
Road Traffic:	1 Report – 1 Detected
POLLOK PARK	
Drugs	1 report 1 Detected
Alcohol	1 report 1 Detected

ADDENDUM

Not for Publication

The Council then adjourned to consider, in private, the request that has been received from a member of the public to join the Council.

Secretary reported that he had written to Steven Dowling to ask for advice on this matter, as agreed at the last meeting.

Steven has confirmed that:

- The council can decide to fill the vacancy but do not have to do so
- However, if they do decide to fill the vacancy, they must inform Steven.
- He will then organise an election that will be publicly advertised and at which anyone who wishes and is eligible can stand for election.
- The candidate who is elected will join the Community Council.

After some discussion, it was agreed that we would try to fill the vacancy and that the Secretary should write to Steven Dowling, informing him of this decision and asking him to organise an election for the vacant position.

**** End of Addendum ****