

## **NEWLANDS & AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Thursday 06 MAY 2021 19:00 (using online conference medium)**

### **PRESENT**

**Jade Graham (Chair), Jim Dryburgh, Alison Mitchell, Jules Murphy, John Duthie, Colette McAlpine**

### **ATTENDING**

**Adrian Stewart, Neill Murphy**

### **APOLOGIES**

**Sandy Walls, Councillors: Stephen Curran; Josephine Docherty; Kyle Thornton**

**Members of the committee who have been regular attenders in the past, but not for a while, are to be contacted: Helen Dollan, Phyllis Pasquale.**

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES (01 April 2021)**

**The contents were reviewed briefly. These comprised: Bin Collection date changes; Pot Holes; Newlands Park Tennis Courts refurbishment; ENV2 Grant money; Recycling.**

**It was confirmed that there would be no Summer (early September) Fair again, in 2021.**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Adrian Stewart reported that good progress has been made regarding the application to the City Council for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the Northern end of Lochlea Road to be made One-Way.**

**In response, the City Council has prepared a draft TRO which will be available to the public for consultation, presently. Its scope has been widened to include all streets in the area.**

**The North-South direction is preferred by local residents as it is their preference, in practice.**

When adopted, the measure may include one-way restrictions being applied to neighbouring streets, and traffic calming measures where appropriate.

### **COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

The City Councillors are having a busy day (It is Scottish Parliament Election Day) and are unable to attend.

Collette raised the matter of funding being awarded to the area without the involvement of local residents, Community Council and Residents' Association. In December 2020 she had written to our City Councillors and Member of the Scottish Parliament to discuss the matter, and had yet to receive a response other than an uncourteous one from a City official.

### **FRIENDS OF AULDHOUSE PARK UPDATE**

**Newlands Park Tennis Courts.**

Alison reported that there is a project to resurface the tennis courts at Newlands Park. Funding is available from Sports Scotland (Tennis), arising from the sale of the Hillpark Tennis Club property for redevelopment.

**Friends of Auldhouse Park.**

Jules reported on progress with the application to set up a Friends of Auldhouse Park Group. A Facebook group has been established, through which 41 people have expressed interest. Volunteers are required so that a Committee can be established. There is to be an on-line meeting, following which the Minutes are required to support submission of the application to the City Council.

**Phone Box Project.**

Jade reported that the Phone Box at the junction of Lochlea Road and Auldhouse Road has been added to the BT Adopt a Kiosk Programme. The Friends of Auldhouse Park group will proceed with the application for its adoption. It is hoped that the Community Council will agree to contribute to the project. The intention is that BT will continue to supply electricity to the phone box. However, funding is required for maintenance and re-development.

There followed a discussion as to what uses could be made of the facility, for example: Library; Toy Exchange; Defibrillator.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

The Treasurer advised that the bank balance stood at £4,838.06.

**The meeting was in favour of supporting the Phone Box project. In the first instance 600-700GBP was suggested. There would be joinery work needed, and replacement of glazing.**

## **PLANNING**

**Recent planning applications were discussed as follows:**

**18 Laggan Road, Erection of Outbuilding to Rear  
42 Calderwood Road, Installation of Replacement Windows  
54 Corrou Road, External Alterations to Conservatory  
34 Laggan Road, Single storey Extension to rear  
36 Briar Road, Single storey Extension to rear, with various.  
108 Merrylee Road, Single storey Extension to rear  
41 Cromarty Avenue, Single storey Extension to rear  
3 Broom Place, Erection of Outbuilding to Rear**

**From last time there was a query regarding a planning application already granted:**

**16 Calderwood Road, Solar Panels to roof.**

**Has the City Council policy changed, regarding the installation of solar panels in a conservation area (albeit in this case in a secluded location)?**

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday 03 June 2021 19.00.**