

NEWLANDS & AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thursday 03 June 2021 19:00 (using online conference medium)

PRESENT

Jade Graham (Chairperson), Jim Dryburgh (Treasurer, Alison Mitchell, Sandy Walls, John Duthie, Colette McAlpine, Councillor Kyle Thornton

APOLOGIES

None

The Chairperson reported that, since our last meeting, Phyllis Pasquale and Helen Dollan had been contacted. Both are standing down. She thanked them for their efforts over the years, and sends them our best wishes.

She added that currently there are seven members of the Community Council. With the four year election cycle being renewed in October the members should take this opportunity to encourage others to join the group.

PREVIOUS MINUTES (06 May 2021)

Further to the matter of funding being available through the Connecting Pollokshaws group, Councillor Thornton reported that this funding is from SusTrans and that discussions have been held between the City Council's Area Partnership and Connecting Pollokshaws, with a view to supporting after schools clubs and travel for Hillpark Secondary School. The Newlands and Auldhouse Community Council's interest has been noted and it will be notified once there is anything to report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairperson had invited two interested parties. However, neither was present.

Roads. Councillor Thornton reported that the City Council is in the process of drawing up a detailed proposal in respect of Police, Fire and Ambulance.

Sandy Walls told the meeting that a resident of Largie Road had indicated that the volume and speed of traffic using Largie, Coylton and Laggan Roads was of concern. Councillor Thornton observed that this is traffic seeking to avoid the Langside Road/Merrylee Road junction. In such cases the City Council could conduct a speed

survey and that reference could be made to Police accident reports. He noted that the latter do not include reference to accidents where there is no involvement of emergency services and where the drivers involved have exchanged details as necessary. Lubnaig Road attracts a number incidents where damage has been inflicted on parked vehicles.

John Duthie reported that a resident of Laggan Road had noticed that three lamp posts had been erected alongside existing lamp posts near to its junction with Coylton Road, obscuring a road sign at the confluence. Indeed, the work appeared to be incomplete.

COUNCILLORS' REPORT

The Chairperson began by commending Councillor Thornton for his regular attendance at the Community Council's meetings. There ensued what could be summarised as a bit of banter.

Bins. Councillor Thornton reported that missed bin collections were the major concern this month among the populace. Both sides were still acclimatising to the revised collection rotas introduced at the start of the tax year. Bins on occasion were emptied on the following day and indeed there were instances of some being missed. City Councillors have access to an App, which displays reports of bin emptying problems from householders.

Roads. This item has been quiet this month, especially since the resurfacing work on Newlands Road had been completed. There is an on-line reporting service for problems with roads. However, Councillor Thornton recommended that it is preferable for notifications to be made through the City Council's reporting service, which enables the City Councillors to see them directly.

Litter. Councillor Thornton was aware of problems with litter around Newlands Park. He told the meeting that street bins now were all of the correct size and design, and that come early July the bins within Newlands Park will have been replaced.

The Chairperson noted that the Dandelion Café is using recyclable cups and that perhaps it should be provided with suitable receptacles to assist with the recycling. The Community Council is to discuss the matter with the Friends of Newlands Park group

FRIENDS OF AULDHOUSE PARK UPDATE

Committee. There has been a meeting of interested parties, including the Chairperson, to attempt to establish a committee in order to make progress with the project. Further support is needed and encouragement by means of a flyer/poster campaign is to be considered.

Phone Box Project.

The Chairperson reported that the outcome of the application to the BT Adopt a Kiosk Programme in respect of the Phone Box at the junction of Lochlea Road and Auldhouse Road should be known by the end of June. Should this be successful, progress will be made as regards possible uses of the facility. A former local resident, now in East Fife, has been helpful in sharing his experience in converting a phone box there, and how to obtain spare parts.

FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer reported that there has been no change since last time, and that the bank balance remains at £4,838.06.

The Chairperson noted the size of the balance, and proposed that members consider appropriate activities which would merit the Council's support and cited a Spring Fair as a possible example.

PLANNING

Recent planning applications were discussed as follows:

77 Merrylee Road, Erection of Single Storey Extension to Rear

33 Langside Drive, Erection of 2-Storey Side Extension, Internal & External Alterations

84 Newlands Road, Formation of Dormer Window to Rear, and Roof lights to Side

117 Riverford Road, Morrisons, Erection of Garden Centre Retail Unit, and Fascia Signs

42 Calderwood Road, Erection of Single Storey Extension to Rear, and other works

26 Quadrant Road, Alterations to Side and Rear, including Raised Terrace to Rear

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Auldhouse Tenants and Residents' Association is proposing holding a farewell party for Phyllis Pasquale in recognition of her considerable contribution to the life of the community, and Collette McAlpine suggested that the garden at the Scout Hall might be a suitable venue.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 02 September 2021 at 19.00.