

NEWLANDS & AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thursday 07 October 2021 19:30 (using online conference medium)

PRESENT

Jade Graham (Chairperson), Sandy Walls, John Duthie, Colette McAlpine, Jim Dryburgh (JimD), Alison Mitchell, Councillor Stephen Curran

APOLOGIES

Jules Murphy, The Police (Written report in lieu).

IN ATTENDANCE

Adrian Stewart, Lawrence Schmulion

PREVIOUS MINUTES (02 September 2021)

These were adopted, by acclaim.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Adrian enquired if the Community Council was aware of any progress with the One Way system proposed for Lochlea Road and environs.

In response, it was reported that: Processing of the application is in progress; There have been objections; The Residents' Association (ATRA) has been pressing for this system for a decade; Councillor Curran proposed that he obtain an interim status report from the City Council.

POLICE REPORT

COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillor Curran reported that:

There have been problems with Bin Collections at Beaufort Lane.

The Couper Institute has yet to reopen. Scottish Government funding of £1.2M has been provided to assist councils with reopening premises after the Lockdowns. However, the cost of reopening the Couper Institute is expected to be £400,000.

FINANCE REPORT

Again there has been no change since last time, and the bank balance remains at £4,838.06. In the offing are two grants from the City Council and one payment to the Auditor.

The list of those who are to be signatories to the bank account requires to be determined, and applied. This may present a problem in the short term as typically changes to the list take some time for the bank to process. The Community Councils Officer may be able to advise as to how other Community Councils have dealt with this predicament.

It was decided that the signatories should be: Chair; Vice Chair; Treasurer; and Secretary, and that, in addition, electronic banking be considered. There may be a delay in establishing the latter.

PLANNING

The Secretary apologised for the delay in distributing the list of local planning applications being processed by the City Council. Application notified in the past month are as follow:

82 Merrylee Road: Replacement of Garage;
16 Newlands Road: Roof Lights to Front and Rear;
16 Corrou Road: Erection of Conservatory and Outbuilding to Rear;
16 Letham Drive: Replacement Porch at Front;
03 Carlaverock Road: Installation of Access Ramp;
10, 12, 22, 28 Letham Drive: Replacement Gas Pipework and Meter Boxes.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Lawrence enquired as to whether the City's Roads Department published a proposed programme of works, and raised the matter also of raw meat being left in Newlands Park. SW observed that, in response, a warning notice has been displayed in the park. The Chair added that a similar report had been made on the Friends of Newlands Park FaceBook Group.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 04 November 2021 at 19.00.

With this the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.