

## **NEWLANDS & AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Thursday 03 February 2022 19:00 (using online conference medium)**

### **PRESENT**

**Jade Graham (Chairperson, JG), Sandy Walls(SW), Colette McAlpine(CM), John Duthie(JDu), Alison Mitchell (AM), Jules Murphy (JM), Councillor Kyle Thornton, Councillor Stephen Curran**

### **APOLOGIES**

**Jim Dryburgh**

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

**Lawrence Schmulion(LS)**

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES (04 November 2021)**

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted, proposed by JG and seconded by Sandy.

It was proposed that the next meeting, in March should be held in the Scout Hall

Hosting of meetings

It is opposed that face to face meetings be reinstated in time for the next meeting, in March. The preference is for this to be a hybrid meeting, to enable those who wish to persist with attending on-line to do so. The 29th Glasgow Scouts' Zoom membership may be available for this. Jade and Sandy to discuss this and other details.

The proposed schedule of meetings was addressed.

The first Thursday each month is to be retained.

An exception is to be made in June, when the meeting will be held on Wed 01 June. This is to avoid the dates of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the October meeting.

It is intended that the meetings in Nov and Dec be held exclusively on-line.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Lawrence Schmulion, a former member of the Community Council, was present.

**Street Lights.**

LS brought to the attention of the Council problems with street lighting. Faults reported are not being repaired. This was a problem pre-Covid.

Councillor Thornton replied that there are several reasons for this: owing to the impact of the omicron variant, emergency repairs only are being conducted; this is adding to the backlog; external contractors are expensive; many of the lighting units are obsolete and for these no longer are replacement parts available and new units are required.

### **Cycling.**

LS raised the concern regarding cyclists being out after dark with neither bicycle lamps nor high visibility clothing.

### **PHONE BOX**

This is the phone box situated at the junction of Lochlea Road and Nether Auldhouse Road. At present the telephone is in service.

The meeting agreed that final acceptance for the adoption of the site in the name of the Community Council be accepted. As far as is known, this is the first such adoption of a phone box within the municipality.

This being done, consideration is to be given to the future use of the site, one of these being the home for a defibrillator. Approximate costs are: 1,000GBP for the machine; 700GBP for the secure enclosure; added to which would be a maintenance fee.

### **AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB**

Arrangements are in progress for the use of the Scout Hall as the venue for the resumption of the lunch meetings.

Morrisons Supermarket has offered to donate supplies of tea and coffee. Running costs are expected to be 400GBP per month. Soup and sandwiches for 30 would be 70GBP to which would be added e.g. heating costs for the hall.

The meeting agreed to the contribution of 400GBP to meet the first month's costs. The Auldhouse Tenants and Residents Association may be in a position to contribute, in addition to which donations from other sources are anticipated.

### **POLICE REPORT**

The written report was read out, as follows:

In the month of January crime has remained low and is lower than this time last year.

There are a number of undetected break-ins to lock ups and sheds that are still being investigated.

There have been two crimes of a sexual nature which are both isolated incidents and not linked to each other. The police enquiry into one has been concluded and the other is still being investigated. However, the police are not looking for anyone else in connection with either of them.

There has been a spate of vandalisms where graffiti has been sprayed on walls and we are still investigating these.

There has been a small amount of disorder whereby persons have been charged with breach of the peace, assault and breach of bail offences.

The police have continued to be proactive in road traffic matters and a number of motorists have been charged with offences, including no licence, no insurance and careless driving.

We have been monitoring the parking issues at both Hillpark secondary and Merrylee Primary. Again, the issue is that when we are there people tend to behave themselves, and don't when we are not. We will continue to monitor this and be present as much as we can.

We continue to provide support to the children's units at Newlands Road and at Monrieth Road.

We continue to provide a mixture of high visibility foot and mobile patrols, along with plain clothes patrols, which provide public reassurance.

It is likely that there will be a report in person at the March meeting.

CM added that it has been learned that the area around Tinto Primary is not to become a Car Free Zone, as had been hoped, much to the dismay of local residents.

SW noted that he had received reports that it has been noticed that packages are being transferred among vehicles parked in Calderwood Road by Newlands Park, at which place and time fumes from the burning of unusual substances may be detected.

## **COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Councillor Thornton raised the following items:

Street Lighting problems. This was covered earlier, above.

Blue Bins. There had been several missed collections from Auldhouse. Please contact him should there be a recurrence.

The City Council Budget. This is due to be agreed on 17 February 2022. There is to be a 33.9M GBP reduction for the year forthcoming.

The Parks and Open Spaces Fund. Allocations from this have been used to repair the pond in Newlands Park, and to attend to the drainage problem at the other end of the rose garden from the pond.

The Railings at Auldhouse Park. A section of the perimeter fence has been identified for repair. Specialist contractors are required, due to the historical use of lead paint. The allocation is 5,000GBP. The resulting costs, when extrapolated, will help determine an estimated cost of the refurbishment of the remaining sections.

5,000GBP is the amount allocated for the planting of bulbs and general plant care. AM noted that this seemed generous, to which Councillor Thornton added that other parks were to benefit from this amount.

## **PARKS**

JG reported that she had learned from the Parks Department that the trees being felled due to the ash die-back disease are to be replaced.

Zara Kitson has kindly stepped in to organise the Friends of Auldhouse Park group, for which volunteers are now coming forward and more would be welcome. JDu mentioned that offers of help had been communicated through the Community Council web site.

Julia Radcliffe has made much progress with Newlands Park, where volunteers conduct 140 hours of work per month. The tennis courts are to be refurbished and more resources are required.

“We are proceeding to try to up the ante as far as the tennis courts are concerned - contacting all the organisations necessary to make a major refurbishment possible. The options are - leave them to degenerate further or make a significant, meaningful investment and manage them properly. An application for a Green Flag Award, which would require City Council support, is being considered.

Volunteer numbers are up to twenty-four, with four new regulars and four more expressions of interest. Donations are healthy.

We have received 300GBP since Christmas.”

Much work is required to be carried out on both parks. JG added that progress is being made and there is a long way to go.

Councillor Curran added that of the 60,000GBP for parks in the Newlands and Auldburn Ward, 30,000GBP had been allocated to those in Newlands and Auldhouse, and this in a time when there is a lack of resources. He noted that it is good that local people have been working for improvements.

Councillor Curran told the meeting that there was a need for road repairs, despite the mild winter, and that priorities can be influenced by local people, LS having enquired as to whether there was a list of such repairs.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Again, this time there was no movement to report.

JG noted that changes to the bank account signatories are required. JG and JDu should be added.

SW requested that the Lunch Club, above, make a formal application for the use of the Scout Hall. He added that the Arnold Clark organisation has a fund for supporting projects such as this.

## **PLANNING**

This month's Planning Applications list was prepared by AM.

Period 9 November 2021 to 3 Feb 2022

21/03382/FUL Erection of single storey side extension to side of house at 25 St Brides Road.

21/03415/FUL. 20 The Quadrant. Installation of replacement windows to rear of dwelling house.

21/03590/FUL Installation of roof lights to side and rear of dwelling house and removal of chimney at 16 Newlands Road

21/03611/FUL Erection of single storey extension to rear, formation of dormer extension to front and external alterations to dwelling house at 19 Fernleigh Road

21/03613/FUL Erection of single storey extension to side and rear and formation of dormer window to rear at 15 Laggan Road

21/03449/FUL Installation of 4 floodlighting towers at Newlandsfield Park 1 Newburgh Road

21/03632/FUL External repairs to 8 flatted dwellings at 64 Langside Drive

21/03645/FUL Alterations to dwelling house roof includes erection of rear dormer with Installation of roof lights to side and rear at 12 The Quadrant.

21/03725/FUL Demolition of garage and erection of garage with habitable room to side and installation of solar panels at 445 Kilmarnock Road.

21/03631/FUL Formation of door from window and erection of single storey extension to side of dwelling house at 53 Newlands Road.

21/03753/FUL Alterations to dwelling house and associated works, includes erection of single storey side extension with fence and gate to front, formation of pergola and shed to rear garden at 10 Newlands Road.

21/03807/FUL Erection of two storey side extension to rear of dwelling house at 8 Langton Road.

21/03883/FUL Installation of replacement windows at 65 Lubnaig Road.

21/03760/FUL Formation of French doors from door and window opening and installation of roof lights to rear of dwelling house at 28 Corroul Road

21/3715/CON Demolition of detached garage to side of house at 445 Kilmarnock Road

22/00040/FUL Erection of outbuilding (in retrospect) at 26 Briar Road.

AM observed that with the exception of the floodlighting for Pollok FC, all other applications were for domestic purposes. Regarding the floodlighting, the angles of the lamps should not affect local residents.

In respect of the application for the outbuilding at Briar Road, the last item on the above list, JDu mentioned that a message had been received that morning, bringing various aspects of the application to the attention of the Community Council, and that its author had been invited to attend the meeting. It was agreed AM and JDu would consult and prepare a response on behalf of the Community Council.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday 03 March 2022 at 19.00, in the Scout Hall, and on-line.**

With this the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.