

NEWLANDS & AULDHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Thursday 08th March 2022 19:00 (in the Scout Hall)

Present

Jade Graham (Chair), Jim Dryburgh (Treasurer), Helen Dolan, Collette McAlpine, Alison Mitchell, Lawrence Schmulion (in attendance), Adrian Stewart (in attendance)

Apologies Zara Kitson, John Duthie, Sandy Walls (Vice-Chair)

Thanks

Kyle Thornton would like to thank you for his time working with the community council and the community council would like to thank him for all his support over the past five years.

Previous Minutes (03 March 2022)

Alison's name was missing from attendance list. Otherwise, the minutes were accepted.

Police Report

Community Police officers were in attendance.

There were 107 calls received in Feb and 137 calls in March. Traffic being the biggest reason for call.

14 Road traffic Matters

11 Theft and dishonesty

2 house break-in's – these have been targeted

2 Hate crimes (sporadic)

Discussion on traffic and in particular the challenges that are continued to be faced at Tinto Primary school. The officers in attendance are happy to support highlighting to their Sargent Emma Wright who can raise this with the council.

Lawrence raised the safety aspects cyclists with out lights on.

New Members

Helen Dolan is now reinstated as a member of the community council. And Zara Kitson has been approved as a new member. Adrian has been accepted as a member and this was proposed by Jade Graham and seconded by Collette McAlpine.

Public Participation

One way system around Lochlea Road has been approved on the 26th of March and now has a period of 6 weeks for any issues to be raised.

Phone Box Adoption Update

The chair reported that the phone box has been officially handed over from BT. The community council voted that the best use of box would be to fit it with a community Defibrillator given the challenges faced accessing this out of hours nearby. (Morrisons defib does not have access when closed)

The chair in contact with St John's ambulance and Adrian has offered support as has previous experience in having these installed, update on costs and installation next month.

The chair has also been in contact to enable the phone box to be repainted and have stain glass fitted. Timings to be confirmed.

Friends of Auldhouse Park Update

Zara Kitson sent apologies for this month.

Update from the chair on the section of park railings to be reconditioned. Discussion focused on what is possible given the type of railings.

Notes from Zara post meeting –

- There's a new email account set up for Friends of Auldhouse correspondence -

friendsofauldhousepark@gmail.com

- the storytelling event planned for the 9th of April has now been postponed until the 30th of April. Linking in with the event as a route to engaging the community in the development of the friends of the group, and consulting on hopes and wishes for the park.

- we're linked in with key GCC officials from the parks team, and have been added to key mailing lists for news and information

- the council has shared over the maintenance schedule for the park, which I'll share with others who have expressed an interest in engaging with the friends of group

- next step is to get key folks already involved together and make a plan for next steps to engage the community, develop a group constitution, and plan for a public meeting to formally constitute the group

- Would be fantastic if we were in the position to engage members in the group come the September fete! A great milestone to aim for in terms of formalisation of the group and established mechanisms to enable engagement.

Friends of Newlands Park Update

Julia Radcliffe sent apologies. No update.

Auldhouse Community lunch

Helen Dolan updated the group on progress. It has been going really well and everyone is enjoying it.

They are exploring a venue for a Christmas party.

Helen raised if anyone would like to volunteer then this would be welcome, the lunch is every 2 – 3 weeks on a Thursday.

The chair has covered the cost of the food and drinks provided due to challenges with accessing the NACC bank account. This spend will need to be reimbursed.

Auldhouse Park Fete

The chair updated that she had been in touch with scout leader John Alexander to discuss the fete. The Scouts have agreed to set up on the day but would not be available for any meetings prior to the event or anything further that set up and take down.

The NACC members agreed that it would be difficult to manage something of this size and scale without enough volunteers, however did agree that perhaps a better idea would be to hold something for the launch of phone box.

Members to come back next month with ideas of what we could do to launch.

Councillor's Report

No councillors report to share.

Finance

The treasurer updated that there is £5,528.16 in funds. The Chair suggested that we should not be holding on to this level of funding and for the NACC to consider how to spend the bulk of these funds in the best way.

Correspondence Planning

22/ 000381/FUL Erection of domestic garage to form granny flat at side (in retrospect) and erection of single storey side extension to dwellinghouse at 13 Calderwood Road.

22/ 00439/ FUL Erection of single storey extension with raised platform to rear of dwellinghouse at 24 Invergordon Ave.

22/ 00441/ FUL Installation of replacement windows to dwellinghouse at 42 Calderwood Road.

22/ 00528/ FUL Formation of dormer window and 1 rooflight to rear and 2 rooflights to front of house at 377 Kilmarnock Road.

22/ 00595/ FUL Installation of 2 rooflights at 12 Briar Gardens.

22/ 00676/ FUL Installation of one air conditioning unit at Morrisons 117 Riverford Road.

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The next meeting will take place on Thursday 5th of May in the Scout Hall.