

Netherlee and Stamperland (NeSt) Community Council Meeting Agenda



Thursday 15th August 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Clarkston Hall – Lesser Hall

Topic	Minute	Action
Welcome, members present and apologies	<p>Siobhan welcomed those in attendance.</p> <p>Present: Joanna Teuton (JT), Graham Keany (GK), Siobhan McGuinness (SM),</p> <p>Member of the community: Gill McEwan</p> <p>Elected Officials: Cllr Annette Ireland (AI), Cllr Katie Pragnell (KP), Blair McDougall MP (BM)</p> <p><i>Andrew Reid, CCLO attended in part</i></p> <p>Apologies: Bronwen Livingstone, Jim Boyle, Michael Sweeney</p>	
Police liaison update	<p>Community Police Officers/report.</p> <p>The report was discussed. Some concern around the increase in thefts in the area and noted social media highlighting the issue locally too.</p> <p>Cllr Pragnell will ask the local police chief constable for any further insight</p>	
Minutes from previous meeting agreed and outstanding actions reviewed	<p>Thanks to JT for the minutes from the previous meeting.</p> <p>Proposed by SM and seconded by GK as correct.</p> <p>Actions reviewed – Meadow in a box is being worked on by BL and aiming for a spring launch.</p> <p>Newly elected MP written to and welcomed.</p> <p>SM met with “Thrive under 5” team, general introduction and as things progress they will keep us informed.</p>	
Financial Matters/Treasurer update	<p>JT confirmed the annual grant has been received for 2024-25.</p> <p>Small expenditure for posters promoting survey for pump track</p>	

Pump Track update	<p>SM updated on the pump track. Now discussing with potential funders to establish what is available. Also continuing discussion with ERC for support, CEO letter sent but no response as yet.</p> <p>Survey results promising and very positive. Further analysis to be done to ensure all comments are considered.</p> <p>Discussed the possibility of a consulting firm to help with feasibility and funding applications. Agreed in principle this would be a good avenue to explore.</p> <p>It was discussed that Netherton Braes are being utilized as a track and whether this could be considered when thinking about the pump track in Overlee Park. Netherton Braes is land of special interest and unlikely to have permission for this use.</p>	<p>SM to continue working with partners to progress.</p> <p>SM to investigate possibility of external input with consulting firm.</p>
Defibrillator Update	<p>BL has liaised with Cllr Montague and the out of service defibrillator at Tan Oz has now been removed. Discussion around a sign being placed to advise on nearest defibrillator due to this one being longstanding and members of the public may be unaware.</p> <p>All agreed best to discuss further with Cllr Montague</p>	<p>BL to kindly discuss with Cllr Montague about sign</p>
Himalayan Balsam	<p>Gill attended to discuss an issue with Himalayan Balsam on the Stamperland Walkway. Invasive species and is taking over indigenous plants.</p> <p>Suggestion to contact Environment Department at ERC for discussion.</p> <p>Gill advised that best way to deal with is to remove before flowering between April and June.</p> <p>Proposal for a “community event” in May to highlight biodiversity along the walkway and highlight the Stamperland Walkway improvements. Would also compliment work being done on pump track and Meadow in a Box. JT has agreed to begin work on this with Gill and will update</p>	<p>JT to liaise with Gill for a small group to organize an event in May 2025</p>
Stamperland Walkway signage	<p>JT has made enquiries for a sign. Awaiting guidance from ERC around requirements.</p>	<p>SM to contact ERC for details</p>
Christmas Market - Clarkston	<p>Members to consider hosting a stall for Christmas market. Discussed and agreed that would be better to invest time in event in May and can showcase our work in a more suitable environment. Unanimously agreed</p>	

Elected Officials Update	<p>BM – welcomed to the community council meeting. Will update on surgeries when more settled in post. Looking at office space currently. Will be answering queries on policy issues asap and has engaged with several groups locally already.</p> <p>Some concerns from one after school club around rent increases in the church.</p> <p>AI – pavement outside the Linn café has been upgraded. Junction from Ormonde Drive onto Clarkston Road to be confirmed for improving visibility for vehicles.</p> <p>Discussing removal of “for sale” signs that have been put on lampposts/fences</p> <p>KP – cycle lane options being considered by ERC.</p>	
AOB	Voluntary Action now have a hub in Clarkston	
Close	SM thanked everyone for attending. Next meeting to be held on Thursday 19 th September at 7.30pm in Clarkston Hall	