

Minutes of Neilston Community Council 24th April in the Glen Halls, Neilston at 7pm.

Present, J Scott, A Walker, J Sheriff, R Mould, J Connery, M Pettigrew, R Junner, E Mould, Cllr Gilbert, Cllr O’Kane, PC (Police Scotland),

Apologies: J Scott, S Crabbe, Cllr Buchanan

1. Police Report

Police report attached: Summarised below

Housebreakings.

1 Housebreaking

Youth Disorder

Police are aware of issues in village and urge residents to report alleged incidents.

The increased police presence has been noted particularly regarding the recent reported issues and including the addition of the mounted branch.

The issue with ownership of the lane and responsibility has still to be resolved.

The issue of Neighbourhood Watch was discussed.

A representative from Neighbourhood Watch Scotland could be invited to a future meeting.

2. Wardens

No wardens present, due to the lack of interest from Community Safety it was agreed that this item be removed from the agenda

3. Locality Planning

A meeting is due to be held to finalise the questions to be put to residents.

4. Kirkstyle Lane Development

The planning application is still live.

No update on the invoice from BHA to ERC for costs incurred but it will be go to

Cabinet with a recommendation to pay £87,000 to BHA for reports on building on Kirkstyle Lane.

5. Community Council Issues

The response to the request for input to improvements to public realm in Neilston was poor; however there is a proposal to improve the toddler's facilities in Madras which is being progressed.

The consultation for a proposed joint school campus will be put to Cabinet on the 16th of May; this will look at options and potential time lines.

6. Planning

On Line Representations in Planning

There is a paper being brought forward on this to the Planning Committee details will follow.

7. Windfarm Legacy

Being progressed and financial strategy being developed. Legacy.

8. Project Updates

Main St Puffin Crossing.

No update on the issues here and the possible solutions regarding leaflets or signage.

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Bus Bay – Main St

Letter still to be finalised.

Main St – Shop Car Parking

Draft letter has been provided but still to be sent by shopkeepers to ERC.

Additional Village Works

The proposal being considered is toddlers play area in Madras.

Skate Park

Due to be started soon and complete by end of summer.

Summer Event

No update.

WWI Event

No update

9. Sports Hub Engagement

Charity status now finalised.

Lease terms on Brig O Lea stadium still unclear.

10. Charter Advisory Group

The approved CAG notes will be distributed later prior to meeting

10. Minutes

The minutes having been circulated were proposed by R Junner and seconded by E Mould and approved.

11. Finance

TSB – £1041.09

BS – £1187.78

12. A.O.C.B

The road closure signs in Kirktonfield rd still remain and unless lifted might be subject of vandalism.

There was an issue regarding dog walkers in Neilston cemetery and defecating in area.

An increase in fly tipping was noted in the area of the village. A discussion was had regarding the increased control of trade waste at ERC dumps and the increase in fly tipping. This is a delicate balance and will be monitored.

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The next meeting is Tuesday 29th May 2018 at 7pm in the Glen Halls



Community Council Meeting Updates

Our focus..... Your priorities

INTRODUCTION

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the **Neilston Community Council** area for the period **22nd March to 19th April 2017**. A list of these priorities is provided at the end of this report for your reference.

This report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to the members of the Community Council and to the residents that they represent.

This document does not provide a comprehensive statistical breakdown of numbers of crimes reported as this does not provide any context for the reader.

INFORMATION

1. Assault & Violent Crime

There have been reports of assault in public locations in your area during the period under review.

2. Drug Dealing & Drug Use

On the 3rd April officers reported a 45 year old male with possession of controlled drugs after he was found with white powder in Madras Place, Neilston.

No persons have been detected in relation to supply of drugs in your area.

3. Drunk or Disorderly Behaviour

We have received a number of reports regarding large number of youths attending in the vicinity of Kingston Road, Neilston, committing acts of anti-social behaviour. Our Local Problem Solving Teams are aware of these reports and will continue to afford extra attention to this area.

We have received a number of calls recently regarding use of Off-Road motorbikes in the Neilston area. On the 9th April, officers seized two off-road bikes from adult males

in the Neilston area. We will continue to monitor this situation. We would be glad to receive any information from the public in relation to persons who are using off-road bikes in the Neilston area, registration numbers of vehicles being used to transport off-road bikes and any places where they may be stored when not in use. In addition to the noise nuisance, these machines are often used in a manner which poses risks to the users and by-standers, particularly when they are taken on to public roads.

4. Housebreaking & Other Theft

There has been one attempted housebreaking reported to a derelict building in Kirktonfield Road, Neilston between the 9th and 11th April. No property was stolen.

CRIME PREVENTION

At this time of year we often see a rise in crimes relating to thefts of gardening power tools from sheds and garages.

Please take the time to ensure that buildings such as these are properly secured. Consider fitting security lights and shed alarms to deter criminals.

We remind all residents to remain alert to Internet and Telephone Frauds. We continue to receive reports from persons across East Renfrewshire who have made direct cash transfers to unknown bank accounts or who have been encouraged to purchase vouchers and then share redemption codes with fraudsters. Legitimate businesses and government departments don't make phone calls to request immediate payments. If you have any doubts as to who you are speaking to, tell them you are not satisfied as to their identity and hang-up.

OTHER NEWS

Policing 2026 Consultation

Police Scotland are currently promoting a consultation process seeking your views on our policing strategy for the next 10 years. We want to hear your views.

To take part in the consultation, please visit

consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/2026

Please remember you can communicate with us using any of the following methods :

Twitter - @policescotland
Facebook – PoliceScotland
Web – Scotland.police.uk
101 – Non emergency
999 – Emergency
0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers

LOCAL PRIORITIES

1. Assault & Violent Crime

You told us that assault and violent crime are concerns within the local area and the impact these have had on how safe the local community feels.

2. Drug Dealing & Drug Use

You told us of your concerns about people selling drugs from their homes and from streets within your community and the associated problems of drug users.

3. Drunk or Disorderly Behaviour

You told us that there were problems with public drinking, youth disorder and vandalism/graffiti.

4. Housebreaking & Other Theft

You told us your concerns about housebreaking and other forms of theft, including stealing from motor vehicles

Neilston – Charter Advisory Group
Meeting No. 32 –CAG Tuesday 17th April 2018

Note of Meeting

Attending and Apologies

Members Attending

A Walker – Chair

J Sheriff

Cllr Gilbert – East Renfrewshire Council

I McLean – East Renfrewshire Council

Cllr Buchanan – East Renfrewshire Council

Shaninn Naz – Neilston Traders

Apologies, Cllr O Kane, R Junner, J Ward, A Whiteford, K Robertson, W Sinclair, P Gallacher, J Scott

1. Notes

The notes having been circulated from the last meeting were proposed and approved.

2. Kirkstyle Lane – Housing Development – Barrhead Housing Association

Report to Cabinet on 26th April proposing ownership of Kirkstyle Lane be retained and studies commissioned by BHA be acquired by ERC for £87,000.

BHA were reported as having incurred considerable cost, before ERC decision to retain ground until after school feasibility study.

There was a discussion around this some members questioning the use of the data unless the same or similar project was being considered.

3. Windfarm Legacy

Update in next NDT newsletter.

4. Going Places

No update on LEADER application or other proposals

(See item 9)

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5. School Joint Campus

Meeting due next week with parents group.
This will be followed by report to Education Committee.
Statutory consultation still outstanding.

6. Projects

Town Centre

No update on this or the situation regarding the transfer back into the public realm of the area in front of Main St shops.

There was a discussion regarding this and it was pointed out that the shopkeepers need to agree the course of action they wish to take and send the letter to ERC.
JS agreed to forward another copy of the draft letter to the shopkeepers.

As discussed previously perhaps the CAG should take the lead with some proposals such as road and pavement surfaces, barriers, etc to formulate an outline plan for village centre enhancement.

In the Community Council/CAG engagement process regarding this, 2 areas of improvement were suggested.

Main St shops car park

Toddlers play area – Madras

It was agreed that the former was unlikely to be feasible given the amount of funding £50K and the private ownership.

It was agreed to look at the options for Madras with regards to an upgrade to the toddlers play area.

Skate Park

Due to be started in next month and ready by end of summer.

The shelter has still to be finalised with respect to location.

The issue of lighting was raised and perhaps funding for power supply could be obtained from ScotRail/Abellio funding

Event to recognise the improvements and contributions already undertaken still to be organised, perhaps involving the Community Sports Hub.

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7. Locality Planning

Meeting to be held to finalise questions.

8. Business Improvement District (BID)

No further information.

9. Funding

No update on proposals for LeadER funding for village centre

10. Communication & Engagement.

All organisations should encourage village wide input to projects, NCC input from villagers on improvements for village reference the £50k allocated in the ERC budget, this has resulted in 2 responses as above.

11. AOCB.

There was an issue raised regarding fly tipping around village as reported in the Barrhead News.

The next meeting of the Charter Advisory Group will be on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 at 6pm in the Bank