

Minutes of Neilston Community Council 26th June in the Glen Halls, Neilston at 7pm.

Present, J Scott, A Walker, R Junner, J Sheriff, R Mould, J Connery, M Pettigrew, E Mould, Cllr O’Kane PC Nicol, PC Jefferies (Police Scotland), C McLeish, C Dray, W Dray

Apologies: S Crabbe, Cllr Buchanan, Cllr Gilbert

1. Police Report

Police report attached:
Summarised below

Violent Crime

Common assault near Madras Place – 2 adult women being investigated

Housebreakings and other thefts

1 vacant property broken into in May No property stolen

2 cars broken into

Kingston Rd van parked on driveway – No property stolen

Unlocked car in High St – Property stolen

Antisocial behaviour

Underage youth purchasing alcohol from off licence – Both youth and seller have been charged.

Racially aggravated message left at address in Main St.

Vandalism to motor vehicle in Duncarnock Crescent.

Drug Dealing and Misuse.

Possession of cannabis – Kingston Avenue

Possession of cocaine – Uplawmoor Rd

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

3. Locality Planning

No update currently. A meeting is due to be held to finalise the questions to be put to residents.

It was suggested that this might be moved to the Community Council meeting since it was open to public .

4. Kirkstyle Lane Development

The application has now been withdrawn by BHA after ERC agreed to pay them £87,000.

5. Community Council Issues

Roadside litter

Concern was raised regarding the amount of roadside litter in general and particularly around the cemetery

Madras Play area

The Madras children's Play area is being progressed however there is some confusion over the amount committed to by the Council.

Originally the sum in the budget was £50k but in discussion with ERC officials and looking at the budget again this has been modified to £30k, some clarity is sought on the exact sum to enable us to meaningfully proceed. ERC are progressing quotes from contractors for this.

Skate Park

A new application has now been made to WREN to support funding for this project. There is no guarantee of success the second time.

However Cllr O'Kane has confirmed that if the funding is not forthcoming from WREN then ERC will cover the cost.

Crossing – Main St

Still no action nor update on signage.

6. Planning

On Line Representations in Planning

Public representations are now going to be published on line, the exact details are still not clear but should start in August..

Kirkton Rd

There was concern raised by residents regarding the potential traffic issues and access to the planned development at Kirkton Rd.

It was pointed out that no actual planning application had yet been made and hence no details of proposal were known.

Any traffic issues would need to be addressed in the Traffic Statement as part of the planning process.

Further traffic issues would need to be considered and approved by ERC Roads Dept.

it was noted that a planning application had already been submitted by the Dawn Homes architect on behalf of Neilston Bowling club regarding Kirkton Road alterations and presumably this was part of the Dawn Homes strategy and that they would probably have consulted the ERC Roads Dept regarding this.

Joint Campus

The public meeting held in the Glen Halls as part of the statutory consultation generally appeared to be well received.

Main St Car park – Killoch

There are still some outstanding issues with the car park which were going to be resolved by ERC.

There is increasing litter around.

7. Windfarm Legacy

Further to last month's discussion regarding the fund various issues were raised.

It was agreed that the Chair's advice from OSCAR to write to the Windfarm Legacy Trustees (attached to previous minutes) was not outwith his mandate.

As advised by OSCAR the Chair wrote to the Trustees' and the Trustees' passed the letter to the board of NDT

This was objected to by one member of the Community Council who regarded the letter to the Trustee's as inappropriate since it was not clear what was asked.

The issue of the Legacy Fund which has been gifted to the village (via the Legacy Trustees) by NDT and a Community Benefit Fund was discussed in particular the differences.

It was again stressed by an NDT member that Neilston Development Trust is a democratic organisation which anyone in the village can join and stand for election to the Board.

The process set up enables the £2M received from the sale of the Windfarm to be used in perpetuity for distribution to village projects.

The question of local organisations not being represented on the Board of Trustees was raised again, since this was implied at the original announcement meeting along with perhaps local authority representation (e.g. a Councillor) as well. This was rejected by the NDT board, in case of accusations of political bias.

It was stated by the NDT board member at the meeting that the NDT board, after consideration felt it would be too cumbersome and potentially contentious to have a representative from a village organisation since there were a considerable number of them..

It was confirmed that approximately £70,000 from the windfarm trust monies would be paid to NDT per annum for 5 years to support their activities.

This was to help ensure NDT's self sufficiency and comply with the reserves required by OSCAR for charitable status.

Some members expressed concern regarding the lack of transparency around this issue and whilst being assured that there was no issue of dishonesty regarding this perhaps improved communications might have avoided the issue being contentious.

The Chair obtained the remit from the Community Council to pursue the issue as seen fit.

The NDT board member on the NCC responded with "its a waste of time"

A member of the NCC expressed disappointment with the argumentative approach from the NDT board member.

9. Sports Hub Engagement

Charity status now finalised.
No change to lease terms.

10. Charter Advisory Group

The approved CAG notes attached.

10. Minutes

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

The AGM will be held after this meeting.

11. Finance

TSB – £972.00

BS – £1187.82

The audited accounts were tabled and are attached.

12. A.O.C.B

The next meeting is Tuesday 28th August 2018 at 7pm in the Glen Halls.