

## Minutes of Neilston Community Council 29<sup>th</sup> May in the Glen Halls, Neilston at 7pm.

**Present,** J Scott, A Walker, J Sheriff, R Mould, J Connery, M Pettigrew, E Mould, Cllr Gilbert, PC (Police Scotland), T Platt, C McLeish, N Christie

**Apologies:** S Crabbe, Cllr Buchanan, Cllr O’Kane, R Junner

### 1. Police Report

Police report attached: Summarised below

***Housebreakings.***

*No reports*

***Antisocial behaviour***

*Fire-raising in Main St.*

*Car Vandalism in Holehouse Brae, Kingston Rd, Crofthead Rd*

*Youth Disorder Kingston Rd*

*Vandalism in Dundonald Place – 12 year old arrested*

*Threatening and abusive behaviour/ Misuse of Drugs – Uplawmoor Rd*

***Drug Dealing and Misuse.***

*Possession of cannabis – Madras Place – Kingston Rd*

*Possession of heroin – Main St*

*Possession of cocaine – Uplawmoor Rd*

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

### 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.

The Cabinet has approved the purchase of the reports from BHA at a cost of £87,000.

There was some discussion as to the real value of these, particularly given the proposal for the joint campus.

It was suggested that this might be “called in” by the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

## 5. Community Council Issues

### **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**

This may not go ahead due to the WREN funding having been withdrawn. It is alleged that this is due to the contractor not meeting the completion date, however the funding was pulled before the completion date and previous discussions and correspondence indicated both that the contractor did not seem to be responsible for the overrun and that ERC has WREN approval to complete one month behind schedule.

There was an issue regarding dog walkers in Neilston cemetery and defecating in area raised last month, this has been raised and publicised in the Barrhead News.

### **Crossing – Main St**

Still no action on signage and complaints about timing with elderly people not apparently having time to cross

## 6. Planning

### **On Line Representations in Planning**

Public representations are now going to be published on line, the exact details are still not clear nor is the implementation date.

Additional staff are required for this allegedly due to the GDPR rules and this will take time.

### **Kirkton Rd**

The PAN meeting by Dawn Homes did not give a lot of information. Approximately 110 houses spread over 2 sites. One site is owned by Dawn the adjacent site is owned locally.

There was a discussion regarding a potential land swap with Dawn to move the Joint Campus to Kirkton RD.

This concept has been considered for some time both in the LDP process and at the CAG.

There will be a presentation for the public regarding the Joint Campus on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June in the Glen Halls, which has been advertised by NCC on social media.

Consideration might be given to advertising it in other ways for those not on social media

## 7. Windfarm Legacy

There was an issue vigorously discussed regarding a letter sent by the NCC Chair to the Trustees of the Neilston Windfarm Legacy. (NWL) which was read out to the meeting (see attached).

It questioned the composition of the Trustees with no representation from Neilston as originally proposed, amongst other items.

A member of NDT Board present stated that this would not change, since there were 3 independent trustees chosen by NDT Board.

It was stated that this was not a Community Benefit Scheme like Whitelee but a legacy gifted by NDT for the benefit of the village.

From the approx. £2.4M return on the sale NDT had retained approximately £300,000.

It was stated that the original proposal included representation of NCC and ERC.

NDT is a democratic organisation with a publically (members) board.

It was alleged that the Chair had exceeded his remit in sending the letter ,which was disputed.

It was stated that the letter would be “invoke a robust response from NWL”.

## 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**

Letter has been provided and has been sent to ERC to open discussions.

**Summer Event**

No update.

**WWI Event**

No update

## 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 J Connery and seconded by E Mould and approved.

The notice for the AGM has been circulated and will be held next month Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of June.

## 11. Finance

TSB – £1041.09

BS – £1187.78

## 12. A.O.C.B

It was agreed that £150 would be donated to Parish Church Holiday Club. Similarly it was agreed subject proper condition that £150 would be donated to the Fun Day in Kirkstyle Lane.

There was a discussion on the reality of Community Participation as experienced by NCC in relation to the ERC approach to this element of the Community Engagement act.

The actions experienced so far do not indicate that ERC really want the community to participate in the decisions that the council makes.

As examples:

Parking consultation – incorrect information and having to go to the information Commissioner to obtain facts.

Dog Fouling – No active participation or interest from Community safety

Kingston Park – Fencing installed with no pre warning when CAG working with Council on improvements.

Skate Park – Numerous delays and lack of information.

Data Protection – no active help and ignored the GDPR for Community Councils, did not like constructive criticism.

Madras Play area - £50K budget, then £30K with money spent on fencing then corrected.

Main St – Public plan with fund raising then ERC installed crossing and additional works ignored.

These examples really to not encourage community participation

**The next meeting is Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7pm in the Glen Halls and will include the AGM**



## **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 **19<sup>th</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018**. 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. Homes being broken into**

No reports have been received during the period under review relating to homes being broken into in your community council area.

#### **2. Antisocial Behaviour and Disorder**

Officers are continuing investigations into a wilful fireraising that occurred during the early hours of 15<sup>th</sup> May, in Main Street, Neilston, whereby a “wheelie bin” was deliberately set on fire.

A total of 6 vandalisms to cars have been reported between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of May in Crofthead Road, Kingston Road and Holehouse Brae. No persons have been identified at this time for these crimes, and enquiries remain ongoing.

During the period under review we have received a total of 6 calls relating to youth disorder. All of these are centred around Kingston Road, Neilston, on three separate

dates. Police have attended on each of the dates. On the 27th April a quantity of alcohol was seized from youths that were traced by the police.

A 12 year old boy has been identified and charged with a previously reported vandalism to a resident's property in Dundonald Place, Neilston.

A 29 year old man was arrested on the afternoon of the 6<sup>th</sup> May on Uplawmoor Road, Neilston. He has been charged, and a report is being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal for conducting himself in a threatening and abusive manner and an offence under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

### **3. Violent Crime**

No crimes of violence have been reported during the period under review in your community council area

### **4. Drug Dealing and Misuse**

Our officers continue to carry out regular proactive patrols in your Community Council area, in particular in relation to reports of youth disorder. Officers utilise their statutory powers of stop and search wherever circumstances merit and permit this.

The following drugs offences have been detected.

19 <sup>th</sup> April	Madras Place	31 year old man found in possession of cannabis
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Main Street	58 year old man found in possession of heroin
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Kingston Road	25 year old man found in possession of cannabis
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Uplawmoor Rd	29 year old man found in possession of cocaine

## **CRIME PREVENTION**

Now that warmer weather has arrived and we are spending more time following outdoors pursuits, please remember to secure valuable items such as bicycles at the end of each day. Across East Renfrewshire we have received a number of reports of thefts of property from gardens.

Please report any suspicious persons or activity via 101, or in an emergency, by dialling 999.

## **Neighbourhood Watch Scotland**

Have you signed up for Neighbourhood Watch Scotland alerts yet? We have now started issuing alerts on this system.

Further information can be found at

<https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/>

By signing up to this service you will receive crime prevention information relevant to both local and national issues.

## **LOCAL PRIORITIES**

The East Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan 2017-2020 can be found in full on the Police Scotland website

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/greater-glasgow/east-renfrewshire/>

This document explains our National and Local Policing Priorities how these have been identified and how they are linked to the Fairer East Ren – Local Outcomes Improvement Plan

The local Policing Priorities for East Renfrewshire have been identified as

**Homes being broken into**

**Antisocial behaviour and disorder**

**Violent crime**

**Drug dealing and misuse**

**Child abuse including child sexual exploitation**

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

Twitter - @policescotland

Twitter - @GreaterGlasgPol

Twitter - @EastRenPolice

Facebook – PoliceScotland

Web – Scotland.police.uk

101 – Non emergency

999 – Emergency

0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers



**Neilston - Charter Advisory Group**  
**Meeting No. 33 - CAG Tuesday 22nd May 2018**

**Note of Meeting**

**Attending and Apologies**

Members Attending

A Walker - Chair  
Cllr Buchanan - East Renfrewshire Council  
J Scott - Neilston Community Council  
Shanin Naz - Neilston Traders

Apologies: J Sheriff, W Sinclair, P Gallacher

**1. Notes**

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

**2. Kirkstyle Lane - Housing Development - Barrhead Housing Association (BHA).**

ERC Cabinet has agreed to purchase the studies carried out by BHA. The application is still active.

**3. Windfarm Legacy**

An update on the Neilston Windfarm Legacy SCIO ( NWL) was given in the latest issue of NDT's newsletter (The Space).

**4. Going Places Report**

No update on additional projects or LEADER application.

**5. Joint Campus**

Education Committee has approved a Statutory Consultation which is now in progress. The Options Report has been published and is available on ERC website.

There was discussion on the possibility of a 'land swap' with Dawn Homes to allow the campus to be built on the Kirkton Road Site which is currently being consulted on by Dawn Homes. Cllr Buchanan said that there were no plans for this. AW suggested that the ERC should be looking at the Active Travel issues associated with the site. JS pointed out that if Pig Square is used as a car park there are likely to be objections, especially if the tree is removed.

*(Supplementary Note: Subsequent to the meeting, AW emailed the consultants for Dawn Homes making the case for a 'land swap' which would be their contribution to the provision of Affordable Homes as required by Scottish Government Planning Guidelines.)*

## **6. Projects**

### **Village Centre**

A letter from the Shop Owners offering to pass ownership of the Shopping Square back to ERC has been sent and received by Cllr Buchanan. Cllr Buchanan undertook to pass the letter to the appropriate officials for consideration and discussion with the shop owners. Five shop owners have agreed. One still has to confirm agreement.

The Budget has still to be agreed.

No report on the CAG taking a lead on public realm improvements as yet.

### **Main St Shops Car Park**

No update.

### **Toddlers Play Area - Madras**

No update.

### **Skate Park**

John Scott reported that the project enabling works had been 1 week ahead of schedule but that Mark Brand from ERC had halted the work while he checked with the funder that they agreed to timescales. After discussion about what the perceived problem was, Cllr Buchanan agreed to resolve any outstanding problems with ERC officials.

No update on Event to recognise improvements to Kingston Park.

## **7. Locality Planning**

No update.

## **8. Business Improvement District (BID)**

No update.

## **9. Funding**

No update on proposals for LEADER funding for the village centre.

## **10. Communication & Engagement**

No update.

## **11. AOCB**

No business.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th June 2018**