

Minutes of Neilston Community Council 25th Oct. 2016 in the Glen Halls, Neilston at 7pm.

Present, J Scott, J Sheriff, R Mould, R Junner, E Mould, A Walker M Pettigrew, Cllr V Wood, Buchanan, Police Scotland

Apologies: Cllr Buchanan, Cllr Green, Cllr O’Kane, J Connery

1. Police Report

Police Scotland had e: mailed us a copy of the crime report for Neilston ahead of the meeting, which was a welcome addition to their Community engagement. In addition a representative of Police Scotland attended the meeting. The Police report for the period is as follows

Assault and violent crime	3 Assaults were reported 2 detected accused held in police custody and appeared in court. The 3 rd crime remains undetected
Drug Dealing	1 -Male reported under Misuse of Drugs Act
Drunk and Disorderly	5 - Complaints by residents but no crimes established. Residents encouraged reporting
House Breaking	1 – Housebreaking with intent to steal
Theft	5 – Two from motor vehicles including theft of number plates and vehicle left insecure.

Residents are encouraged to visit Police Scotland website and complete the “YOUR VIEW COUNTS” questionnaire.

Road Traffic – Previous reports of Quad bikes have decreased and the issue appears to have decreased for the time being.

2. Wardens

No wardens present

However it should be noted that temporary CCTV has been erected by ERC at Brig O Lea stadium; perhaps this can be used in Kingston Park.

3. Community Council Issues

Data Protection

Having written to the Democratic Services Manager outlining our concerns at the latest issue and having requested Community Participation, under the proposed secondary legislation in the Community Engagement Act, we have had a response from ERC but it does not address the issue nor refer to our proposal in practical terms.

We have not had an “informal chat “with the Head of Democratic Services but will progress this.

Representation in Planning

Still ongoing, given the fact that the council are committed to “a digital future” with Community participation it is unfortunate that the Planning & Building Services Manager is “not minded” to change the current position on public representations on line.

Cllr O'Kane has been asked by CC for a report into cost savings and / or other savings due to disallowing public representations online

There was a discussion on the costs of this where part of the reason was the cost of redaction, however if the information is available in paper form at Spiersbridge then is redaction still not necessary?

4. Projects

Kirkstyle Lane – Raised Beds

Ongoing with bulb planting planned for November

Kingston Park

Trees

It is likely that the damaged trees will be replaced once the replacement trees are ready for replanting around the end of the year.

Skate Park

WREN application for funding being made by ERC has been rejected on the basis that we require planning consent BEFORE the application can be considered.

A similar situation in Inverclyde has been overcome by using the Planning Regulations to overcome this but ERC want to be consistent. Delayed by 4 months whilst ERC apply for planning permission.

We would want to encourage as many groups as possible to participate in the final decision.

Litter Picking

The 10 volunteers picked up 10 bags of rubbish on Make a Difference Day

Event Funding

Because of problems with the afternoon tea organisation which was wholly funded by St Thomas's, it was agreed that the unallocated funds (£282) be returned with a note of thanks.

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Proposed Park & Ride Charges – Kingston Rd

The Council are proposing that no charges are applied to the Park & Ride at Kingston Rd.

Distribution of Development funds and public spending

There was some discussion on the use and distribution of developer funds particularly in relation to the monies spent on Barrhead relative to other areas such as Neilston on a pro rata population basis.

In particular the spend proposed on Calibar Park in Barrhead was raised.

Cllr Buchanan explained that some of the funding came from the ASDA contribution which was "earmarked" for Calibar Park however it was also stated that Community Benefits contributions were not ring-fenced.

(See attached SPG for information)

There is no budget for the development of Neilston Public realm.

The Whitelee fund (now ERREF fund) is now open for applications.

5. Boundary Changes

The Scottish Government have accepted the Boundary Commission proposals in respect of East Renfrewshire – 2 less Councillors and Uplawmoor moves to Barrhead. ERC are considering their position on this along with other Local Authorities

6. CAG

The last CAG meeting was focussed on the detail and funding of the Kingston Park ensures we have a thought out proposal if funding were to become available.

Ongoing as above

7. Minutes

The minutes for the Sept meeting having been circulated were proposed by R Junner and seconded by E Mould

9. Treasures Report

The YES academy invoice has been paid and the monies for the afternoon tea support will be returned as agreed above.

10. AOCB

A meeting was held with Neilston Juniors and Wasps in regard to the development of a Community Sports Hub in Neilston. It was agreed that the Community Council would support the public discussion and initial consultation on this and a meeting would be organised by interested parties on the 22nd of November in the Glen Halls

The next meeting of Neilston Community Council is on Tuesday 29th Nov at 7pm in the Glen Halls

There will be no meeting in December and the following meeting will be on Tuesday 31st of January 2017