

Newlands+Auldhouse

Community Council

Community Council Minute 01 : 02 : 2024

Newlands and Auldhouse Community Council Minutes

Thursday 1st February 2024

7pm - 8.30pm (Scout Hall)

Attendance: Jade Graham (Chair) (JG); Sandy Walls (SW); Alison Mitchell (AM); John Duthie (JD); Helen Dolan (HD); Adrian Stewart (AS); Jason Symmons (JS); Zara Kitson (ZK); Gurdev Singpall (GS) Sean Ferguson (SF)

Apologies: Collette McAlpine
Stephen Curran

Public Participation: Dr L Schulman (DrS); Caroline O'Toole (CO'T); Karen Stevely (KS); Owen Irwin (OI); Eva Patzewitz (EP);

Previous minutes: Approval of last month's minutes proposed by JG and seconded by SW.

Verify New Members : JG welcomed JS and GS and confirmed they are now both ratified as council members.

Police Report: No report submitted.

Community Lunch/Tea in The Park : HD advised that the monthly Community Lunch in the Scout Hall is going from strength to strength with good attendance figures. The Xmas Party was a great success and enjoyed by all. JG confirmed that, in conjunction with Friends of Newlands Park, it is hoped to have a community lunch within Newlands Park.

Friends of Newlands Park: No report submitted.

Proposed Friends of Auldhouse Park: ZK confirmed that she is now in a position to begin moving forward with setting up a Friends of Auldhouse Park group. ZK raised the issues of a burnt/damaged refuse bin and general litter within the park. JD asked SW if the Scouts would like to get involved with litter picking and it was suggested that ZK and SW would liaise on this matter. Being mindful of issues with e.g. discarded needles, a cautionary approach would be required regarding this. KS confirmed that in Linn Park three bins had been replaced by one which was leading to issues with litter. SF advised in response that he would chase up the outstanding matter of the damaged bin. ZK suggested that more use could be made of the wooded area(s) alongside the riverbank which currently are overgrown and prone to litter. AM queried the ownership of these areas and would have to be investigated further. SF advised there are monies available through the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund for such projects, and when there is an officially constituted friends group, this may be a possible source of funding in the future.

Councillors Reports:

Lewis Massie: No report.

Steven Curran: No report

Sean Ferguson: Submitted a written report prior to the meeting the content of which briefly discussed and can be summarised as follows :-

- Offered to assist Friends of Newlands Park with sourcing funds for a new tool hut as existing building was badly damaged in a storm.
- Newlands Park pond – some work has commenced on the pond and confirmation has been requested as to when the path will be completed.
- Langside Drive traffic calming issues, signage has been completed at the Mochrum Road / Quadrant Road / Langside Drive junction.
- Fernleigh Road traffic calming – works were recently completed and the general feedback from residents has been positive. There are still concerns about traffic volume and the roads department have committed to a second traffic survey this year to see how the current measures are affecting traffic and speeds.
- Coylton Road and Laggan Road traffic calming – Bollards have recently been installed but there are still some outstanding concerns about signage.
- Bin collection Issues (Auldhouse) – Reoccurring bin collection issues in heavily flatted areas. This is a city wide issue and are due to such factors as e.g. staff sickness/mechanical breakdown.
- Potholes and streetlighting – A number of reported and outstanding repairs have not been tackled at e.g. Calderwood Road, Alloway Road, St. Brides Road, Monreith Road and this has been raised with the relevant officers. Aylmer Road has been resurfaced. Various lighting faults e.g. at St. Brides Road and Lanton Road have been reported.

SF advised that the bin collection issues are largely due to e.g. pay rises, no overtime, adverse weather conditions, staff sickness and recruitment issues.

A number of issues with street lighting were highlighted. HD advised that four street lights are out on Mamore Street; GS raised issues with street lights in the back lanes and SW raised the issue of poor lighting at the side of the Scout Hall.

JD suggested a public meeting as lots of complaints/concerns about rubbish and bins.

HD raised concerns about the number of potholes in Alloway Road. In particular, there is a long established large hole in the pavement which is a dangerous trip hazard. The original complainant was directed to contact Virgin Media which apparently now controls the communication lines under that section of the pavement.

DrS urges people to make on-line complaints to GCC as the matter is then given a reference number. SF confirmed that the street lighting in the private lanes are the responsibility of GCC.

Public Participation: CO'T, with regard to traffic calming measures in Fernleigh Road, acknowledges that issues with drainage, potholes and traffic volumes have largely been resolved. However, the residents are experiencing a higher number of larger vehicles. Also the different spacing of speed bumps is resulting in some drivers accelerating between the bumps. SF will ask GCC to revisit the specification of measures already taken.

HD raised concerns about a resident from the Bield housing development in Mamore Street who is an electric wheelchair user and has been going down the wrong way in a one way street. GS offered to contact the Housing Association regarding this matter.

SF advised that pavement parking legislation is now in place. GCC is auditing the situation as not all streets allow for the legislation to be enforced because drivers have no choice but to park on the pavements to allow traffic flow. Reference was made to sections of mature hedging which are encroaching onto pavements and having an adverse effect on pedestrian movements. SF advised that there is no longer a gardening assistance scheme which is exacerbating the issue further.

Finance: JG reminded the meeting that the CC still does not have a treasurer leading to, for example, issues with the bank. There are also correspondence issues as communications are still being sent to previous treasurer.

Planning Correspondence: AM advised that, for the period 31 October 2023 to 1 February 2024, ten planning applications have been submitted which are as follows:

23/02556/FUL Formation of vehicular access and installation of gates to perimeter wall; erection of garden retaining wall and associated works (part retrospective) at 30 Langside Drive.

23/2573/FUL Formation of door to side of dwellinghouse at 16 Newlands Road.

23/02787/FUL Installation of permanent two bay cricket practice net at Langside Sports Club, 34 Kintore Road.

23/02934/FUL Erection of single storey extension and second storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse at 435 Kilmarnock Road.

23/02963/FUL Erection of single storey extension to rear with alterations to conservatory and garage to form habitable rooms at 27 Merrylee Road.

23/02981/FUL Use of land for charging of electric vehicles, installation of EV charges, feeder pillar, access and associated works at 2A Fernleigh Road.

23/03044/LBA Internal and external alterations at The Beeches, 83 Langside Drive.

23/03071/FUL Erection of single/ two storey rear extension to side of dwellinghouse at 34 Mamore Street.

23/03076/FUL Formation of dormer extension to rear of dwellinghouse at 8 Mossgiel Road.

23/03045/FUL Subdivision and change of use of care home(Class 8) as one dwellinghouse (Class 9); two properties to be used for short term use (sui generis) and external alterations at The Beeches, 83 Langside Drive.

23/03129/FUL Erection of extension to sunroom at rear including formation of flat roof with living green roof system, raised terrace and alterations to dwellinghouse (part retrospective) at 30 Langside Drive.

24/00025/FUL Installation of permeable hard surface to driveway at front of house at 6 Laggan Road.

24/00053/FUL Erection of single storey extension to side of dwellinghouse at 10 Riverside Road.

AM highlighted the planning applications submitted for sites at 2A Fernleigh Road and The Beeches 83 Langside Drive as both had a history of previous proposals which had generated public interest.

AOCB: JG acknowledged and thanked AS for updating the NACC website. AS suggests continually updating it ourselves so it can be managed more effectively. It should, however, include regular updates to generate interest and relevancy e.g the community lunch, Newlands Park Fete, Church

activities etc. AS has suggested that the public should be able to submit photos to the site. Consideration should be given to sources of community funding eg Morrisons. JG suggested that the CC could, for example, liaise with local churches to promote their activities etc for inclusion in the web site. Similarly, with the local scout group.

Date of next meeting – 7th March 2024

JG thanked all those present for attending the meeting.