

# Newlands+Auldhouse

Community Council

Community Council Minute 07 : 09 : 2023

## **Minutes of meeting 7th September 2023.**

**Attendance:** Jade Graham (JG), Alison Mitchell (AM), Sandy Walls (SW), Adrian Stewart (AS), Collette McAlpine (CM), Helen Dolan (HD), Jim Kane GCC (JK), Sylvie Graham (observer)

**Public Participation:** Charlie Kennedy (CK), Anne Kennedy (AK), Rose Gillan (RG), Dr Lawrence Schmulian (LS), PC Lewis Webster (LW), PC Bilal Rani (BR).

**Apologies:** John Duthie, Councillor Sean Ferguson, Councillor Stephen Curran, Fiona Godsman (FoNP)

**Previous minutes:** The meeting was advised by JG that the draft minutes erroneously stated the next meeting would be the 10 August 2023. The date should have been given as the 7 September 2023 and the minutes have been duly amended. Approval of last month's minutes proposed by AS and seconded by JG.

**Police Report:** LW and BR advised that, to the 10 August, 157 minor incidences had been reported. One, which the officers considered was of particular interest to the meeting, was in respect of youths congregating under the bridge on Riverford Road. Unfortunately, when following up the complaints, the youths were not there when police went to the site. JK advised that he was aware of the issue and had been able to speak to youths at the site. There was no strong evidence of, for example, fires or alcohol consumption and it appeared that the youths were congregating while using vapes. The situation is exacerbated by broken fencing which provides access to the area. There has been a high level of complaints to the Council with councillors and MSPs now involved.

AS raised his concerns regarding the junction of Kilmarnock Road and Coustonholm Road which he acknowledged is outwith the CC area. The issue relates, in particular, to pedestrian/child road safety which the attending police officers acknowledged they were aware of. JK offered to investigate the possibility of getting appropriate street signage at the junction.

RG raised the issue of vehicles not adhering to the busy one way system at Mamore Place. HD confirmed that the missing /damaged 'One Way' sign, which has been reported to the Council, has not been replaced. **Action: JK will investigate the situation.**

LS, CK and HD raised the issue of bikes with no lights particularly in respect of delivery cyclists who frequently have total disregard for pedestrian safety. The attending police officers were aware of this issue locally and throughout the wider Glasgow area. JG suggested that Sustrans be contacted and JK advised that there is consultation open day about bike safety at 231 George Street on Saturday. The police advised that electric bike riders should use pedals and should not be on the pavements but current laws are not effective or up to date with the increasing use of electric bikes.

CM again raised the ongoing issues with inappropriate and dangerous parking and driving manoeuvres in and around Tinto School and advises that the PTA continues to campaign for the designation of a Car Free Zone. CM, and the PTA, seek the support of the police and the elected members in this matter. JK advises that Council services are being cut and that includes the funding for, for example, the provision of parking attendants.

The police were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting at 7.30pm.

**Digital Update:** AS gave a presentation/ update on the NACC website and Instagram platform including such matters as: erection and display of on-site QR codes; content for Instagram; seasonal / relevant photos/ videos; contributions from local organisations and the public.

**Actions required:** Laminated signs/ displays for Auldhouse Park. Notify JK when notices are ready. AS to contact JG

**Friends of Auldhouse Park Update:** JG advised that she had recently had a meeting with Zara Kitson to discuss progressing matters. JG advised that, in order to assist in Zara in setting up a Friends group, it would be helpful if at least another two or three members of the CC could get involved with the project.

**Friends of Newlands Park:** Submitted by email dated 7/9/23 from Fiona Godsman.

*I know that there would be significant interest in improving the play facilities at Newlands Park, as it's something that is raised frequently when people are asked what improvements they would like to see.*

**Fête Feedback:** JG advised that the CC had donated £500 towards the cost of the fête. Several members at the meeting confirmed that they had visited the fête and commented on its success.

#### **Councillors Report:**

Submitted by email from Stephen Curran 7/9/23 :

*One key item of note is confirmation that the road safety improvement blocking Coylton Road at Laggan Road now seems to be progressing, which will stop the 'rat run' of speeding traffic attempting to avoid the traffic lights at the junction of Merrylee Road and Langside Drive.*

Submitted by email from Sean Ferguson 7/9/23 :

*Anti social behaviour issues at the bridge on Riverford Road. Groups of people have been hanging out underneath it. Both the Police and Ward Co-ordinator Jim Kane have visited to deter youths. The council are also going to explore options for securing any weak points in the fence.*

*Grass cutting in Auldhouse area. Have raised with officers for their attention.*

*Play park improvements - £60m fund for Scotland of which Glasgow gets a population based share of £6m. The Newlands Auldburn Ward is getting £243,000. Auldhouse play park is set to get £15000 for improvements. Mamore PI and Newlands Park play area not earmarked for funds but the £1m infrastructure fund could conceivably be used for this if the community feedback is affirmative come the consultation process. The railings of Auldhouse Park could also receive funding from this on top of the £5000 that's been set aside for painting. I've been informed work is set to commence on the worst sections later this year.*

By way of an update, JK advised that the proposed traffic calming scheme at Fernleigh Road had been approved. Tenders were being sought for the implementation of the approved Laggan Road/ Coylton Road scheme.

JK advised that the Council's gully cleaning project commenced 18th August and was expected to be completed by 12 September. It is the intention that JK and Councillor Ferguson will visit the area to ascertain which areas have been missed. It is also the intention that gully cleaning will be

undertaken on a more regular basis. However, there are ongoing financial restrictions in addition to a shortage of specialist vehicles which will impact on services.

JG and HD raised the issue of two grey bins deposited/left on the area of open space at the junction of Mamore Street and Glenspean Street. Furthermore, this area, and other small areas of open space/ lanes, are overgrown and unsightly in addition to overgrown hedges which impact on pedestrians. JK advises that there are no legal height restrictions for hedges and all ongoing issues are largely associated with a shortage of manpower.

CK raised similar issues experienced in and around Ashtree Park which is outwith the remit of NACC. There is currently no active community council for that area. JG advised him to email her the details and she will raise the matter at the next Area Partnership meeting.

JG suggested the possibility of a setting up a Community Award to, for example, recognise good works carried out by local people. Details/ nominations could be invited via the NACC's digital platforms. JG nominated that operator/tenant of the general store at Mamore Place which was unanimously agreed by members.

**Finance:** No report

**Planning Correspondence:** AM advised that the following planning application has been received for the period 8th August to the 4th September 2023:

23/01892/FUL Erection of single storey extension and raised deck to rear of dwellinghouse at 3 Earlspeak Avenue.

**AOCB:**

No other business was discussed and the meeting finished at 8pm. The date of the next meeting (AGM) is 5th October 2023.