

Newlands+Auldhouse

Community Council

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Newlands and Auldhouse Community Council Minutes

Minutes of Meeting 1 June 2023

Attendance: Jade Graham (JG), Alison Mitchell (AM), Collette McAlpine (CM), Adrian Stewart (AS), Stephen Curran (SC), Sandy Walls (SW).

Public Participation: Irene Wilson (IW), Charlie Kennedy (CK), Karen Stevely (KS),
Caroline O'Toole (CT), Jim Kane GCC (JK)

Apologies: Julia Murphy, Sean Ferguson, Lewis Massie

Previous Minutes: Proposed by SW and seconded by AS.

Police Report: No submission.

Report from Jim Kane: JK introduced himself to the meeting. His role is to act as a "one stop shop" co-ordinator across various council departments. There are continuing and ongoing concerns regarding, for example, bin collections, fly tipping, grass cutting etc and he will try and assist if there are recurrent problems.

With regard to giant hog weed in Auldhouse Park, JK advised that eradication treatment was undertaken in May with another scheduled for July. Issues with the lack of maintenance of local parks is exacerbated by the fact that two different depots deal with the local area hence the difference in, for example, maintenance schedules etc.

The issue of localised fly tipping in, for example, back lanes was discussed and JK advised that constituted groups could apply for grants/ funding to where appropriate provide secure access and he would forward on details. Service issues are largely as a result of severe financial restrictions with £21million cuts in funding. Staff shortages is a major issue.

IW raised the issues of communal bins and uplifts in Lochlea Road and JK advised that he will check which depot covers the area. IW also advised that despite repeatedly reporting faulty street lighting, the problem had not been rectified and she gave JK appropriate details.

AS enquires as to whether RALPH is still the best route to report roads and lighting faults. JK confirms that it is but advises if problems continue then the matters could be escalated via the NACC.

CK advised that he reported issues with street lighting in May which, to date, had not been rectified. JK advised that no repairs were undertaken during covid restrictions and as such there was a huge backlog. The problem is also exacerbated by the fact there previously were two people employed to attend to street lighting but now there is only one.

CM raised the issue of a domestic bin that had been damaged by the Council operatives and which to date had not been replaced. JK took note and will investigate the matter.

CM raised the ongoing issue of cars parking/ dropping off children adjacent to the primary school and signalised junction on Nether Auldhouse Road. JK advised that issue is not a police matter as area is not designated as a Car Free Zone (CFZ) despite ongoing efforts by parents and teachers campaigning for one. CM and JK will continue to have discussions to try and address the issue.

CT raised the ongoing issues with cars parking on the pavement in Fernleigh Road. As there are no parking restrictions in the area, JK advised that this not a

police matter but he would contact the parking wardens. JG suggests that CT also her send an email with supporting photos and she would forward it to JK.

Digital Update: AS advised that domain/web site has been purchased. JG will reimburse AS. There was then a general discussion on what could be included in the website eg photos, community group news/ activities. Further discussion on this would be had at the next meeting with suggestions offered such as community litter picking, details of community lunches, blogs, events, defibrillator sessions etc.

Proposed Friends of Auldhouse Park: No report but it was agreed to keep the matter on the agenda and in the meantime investigate local business etc who may be able to provide some funding and/ or support.

Friends of Newlands Park : No representative in attendance. SC advised that last meeting is 18th June and the tennis courts will open on the 17th June.

Councillor Report: SC advised that he and SF have met with residents in Largie Road. He is hopeful that matters will move forward to a conclusion.

Funding for roads resurfacing coming from environmental projects. Budget to be rolled out for LED lighting in respect of city wide repairs.

JG has received update from Sean Ferguson regarding Private Lane Improvement Fund.

Public Participation: CT advised that residents in Fernleigh Road had an on site meeting with Andrew Mollon of the Roads Service. They were neither impressed nor encouraged by Mr Mollons comments and/or attitude which was annoying and frustrating. JK advised that he would speak to the roads safety officer.

Finance: No report.

Planning Correspondence: AM advised that the following applications have been received for the period 2 May to 29 May 2023:

23/00963/FUL Demolition of domestic garage and erection of detached garage to rear of house at 17 St Brides Road.

23 /00968/FUL Removal of chimney, reroofing and installation of 8 solar panels to rear of house at 42 Calderwood Road.

23 /01024/FUL Erection of single storey extension and installation of two rooflights to rear and erection of wall and gate to side of dwellinghouse at 45 Monreith Road.

23/ 00866/FUL Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse at 58 Lochlea Road.

23/01065/FUL Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse at 39 Largie Road.

23/01137/FUL Installation of a perimeter two bay cricket practice net at Langside Sports Club 34-36 Kintore Road.

23/01120/FUL Erection of extension with raised terrace, rooflights and associated works to dwellinghouse at 30 Langside Drive. AM advised the meeting that an earlier application for this property, 23/00727/FUL, which had previously been brought to the Community Councils attention, had been refused by the Planning Service.

AM also advised the meeting that a license application had been submitted for Langside Sports Club.

With regard to previous discussions regarding the Laggan Road Traffic Management Order, AM advised that, under instructions from the last meeting of Commity Council, a letter was sent on the 28 May to Andrew Mollon. To date, there has been no acknowledgement or response.

AOCB: There was a brief discussion again regarding the poor condition of the railings at Auldhouse Park. JK advised that blacksmiths appointed by the Council would require to prioritise those that present a danger to the public.

Date of next meeting is the 10 August 2023