

Newlands+Auldhouse

Community Council

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Minutes of meeting 9 March 2023

Attendance: Jade Graham (JG), Helen Dolan (HD), Alison Mitchell (AM), Sandy Walls(SW), John Duthie (JD) Adrian Stewart (AS), Councillor Sean Ferguson (SF), Councillor Steven Curran (SC), Councillor Lewis Massie (LM)

Public Participation: Charlie and Anne Kennedy (CK/AK), Dr S (DrS), Caroline O'Toole (CT).

Apologies: Zara Kitson (ZK), Julia Murphy, Collette McAlpine

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

Police Report: PC Bilal Rana (BL) attended the meeting primarily in a listening capacity. CT raised the issue of cars speeding in Fernleigh Road and requested that the police look into the matter as local resident's anger and frustration was escalating due to the lack of action by the Council given the issue had been raised back in 2014. BL advised that he would look into the matter and the possible instigation of police checks. Dr S raised the issue of cars parking on double yellow lines which BL confirmed was a matter for traffic wardens.

Friends of Newlands Park: No representatives attended the meeting. SC advised that discussions were ongoing between the FofNP and the Council regarding possible terms, conditions, management arrangements etc in respect of the future of the tennis courts.

Proposed Friends of Auldhouse Park: JG advised that ZK hopes to be able to resume progressing matters in respect of setting up FofAP.

Councillors Report: LM was welcomed to his first meeting of the CC.

Councillor Sean Ferguson:

Advised the meeting that overall education services had performed well in respect of, for example, the high level of school leavers who went onto further education, training placements etc and was fourth in the Scottish league tables. There were also new grants to facilitate improvements to adult (19 years old and over) literacy. A Coronation Fund has been set up to identify community champions. Submissions require to be made by 22 March 2023 and SF would be happy to pass on any nominations to the Council.

A report on the Langside Drive Management proposals is expected soon. SF confirmed there had been meetings with Council and residents of Fernleigh Road regarding ongoing traffic management issues.

Previously reported issues of faulty lighting columns on Kirkoswald Road have been resolved and he will chase up matters relating to the damaged sign on Mamore Place. Fly tipping was again discussed, and SF confirmed that there is a Private Lane Improvement Fund which could be investigated as a means of deterring the issue.

Improvements have been carried out in Auldhouse Park which the CC acknowledged and welcomed. There were still ongoing issues with regard to litter on the river embankment.

There is a £1m infrastructure grant administered by GCC for community led projects on Council maintained land e.g., lighting, upgrading paths, stairways, play equipment. Steps at Hillpark were briefly discussed but are not covered by an active community council. However, it is hoped that all areas would benefit from the funding. JG raised the issue again of the boundary railings at

Auldhouse Park which are in a very poor condition and hoped that the matter could be considered for funding.

Dr S raised concerns about a set of traffic lights on Langside Drive which do not appear to relate to traffic flow. SF offered to give him GCC contact details.

Councillor Steven Curran

Issues with anti-social behaviour in Auldhouse Park has prompted significant improvements to the park in respect of, for example, cutting back shrubs and removing low tree branches. The works also unfortunately highlighted issues with litter. The infrastructure grant could be a means to make further improvements to parks.

City wide, the Council has a 5-year programme of replacing streetlights with LED units which unfortunately is progressing in a piecemeal manner. Outstanding road repairs to Newlands Road, in particular, is putting cars and pedestrians at risk. GCC trying to prioritise evidence-based action. Some back lanes from which refuse bins are uplifted are adopted, i.e., have public lighting, and are in poor condition. Advised that in Shawlands, for example, there have been successful, grant assisted, back lane improvements.

GCC to make £50m in savings. Increases in, for example, Council Tax are proposed, and charges levied for uplifting of brown bins.

CK challenged the proposed charging for services and suggested that Council monies could be better used. SF advised that some Scottish Government funding is ring fenced for specific projects. Parks, for example, is not a statutory service

and the Scottish Government has, for example, criticised GCC for not fulfilling commitments to Homeless Services.

Councillor Lewis Massie

Advised that he had nothing to add to matters covered by SF and SC. He did, however, refer to issues relating to the poor safety/ high level of accidents at the Toll roundabout at Barrhead Road/ Pollokshaws Road/ Nether Auldhouse Road, Thornliebank Road junctions and would welcome any views on the matter.

Finance: JG advised that the scouts had put in a bid for £700 of funding for the installation of a new kitchen in the scout hall. She advised that she has given the scouts a cheque for £700 to be actioned by the end of the financial year.

Planning Correspondence: AM advised that the following planning applications have been received for the period 31 January to 6 March 2023:

23/00156/FUL Erection of single storey extension and formation of raised deck to rear of dwellinghouse with installation of glazed doors to side, erection of garden fence, formation of hardstanding and partial demolition at 43 Carlaverock Road.

23/ 00267/FUL Erection of single storey extension to side and alteration to rear of dwellinghouse at 18 Tavistock Drive.

By way of an update, AM advised that the application for the erection of a restaurant at 2A Fernleigh Road (22/02254/FUL) has been withdrawn. CT confirmed that representees had been notified by the Council.

There had been a brief reference at the last meeting to potential unauthorised works at 30 Langside Drive. AM advised that information now on the Councils planning portal confirms that there is an active enforcement case reference number, 23/00009/EN, for the *Alleged installation of additional driveway entrance and variation to approved plan*.

AOCB. AS expressed an interest in investigating/progressing matters regarding a website highlighting the NACC on social media in collaboration with ZK. No objections were raised, and JG suggested that "Communications" could be put on future agendas.

Dr S raised issues with the display of public notices.

CT expressed concern that there are road safety issues everywhere in the area. SF offered to ask the Council for, for example, a list of road improvements and works proposed.

JD made reference to the uncertainty regarding the future of Pollok Cricket Club located within Pollok Park.

No other business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Date of the next meeting is **Thursday 4 May 2023** at the Scout Hall.