

# Newlands+Auldhouse

Community Council

Community Council Minute 05 : 10 : 2023

## **Newlands and Auldhouse Community Council Minutes**

Thursday 5th October 2023 7pm - 8.30pm (Scout Hall)

**In attendance:** Jade Graham (Chair) (JG); Sandy Walls (SW); Alison Mitchell (AM); Adrian Stewart (AS); Collette McAlpine (CM); Jim Kane GCC (JK); Debra Gill (DG); Councillor Sean Ferguson (SF); Councillor Stephen Curran (SC); Councillor Lewis Massie (LM)

**Public Participation:** Dr L Schulman (DrS)

**Apologies:** Julia Murphy, Helen Dolan, John Duthie, Zara Kitson

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

**Police Report:** No report submitted.

**Digital Update:** AS advised that the NACC Website and Instagram platforms continue to attract increasing number of visits. DG confirmed that she will send AS copies of "official" photos of the fête to be uploaded to the social media platforms. There was a general discussion regarding matters that could be digitally shared including, for example, local organisations and school events. AS would need dates in advance of any events for inclusion in the platforms. There was a discussion regarding championing an award for local residents/ businesses who have gone out of their way to help the local community. The digital platforms could raise the awareness of the matter and invite nominees. The meeting agreed with JG that Chris, who runs the local shop at Mamore Place, was worthy of the award. CM advised that he is very popular with the local children who attend Tinto Primary School and an award ceremony at a school assembly could be a fitting tribute to him. JG will contact Chris direct and liaise with CM regarding assembly dates.

**Proposed Friends of Auldhouse Park:** No update.

**Friends of Newlands Park Update:** DG advised that Julia McDonald has stepped down and David McLeod was now the new chair. Meetings are now quarterly rather than monthly. Consider that a longer preparation lead time, and a larger committee, are, for example, required for the 2024 fête. It is a good opportunity for the Scouts and Guides to engage with the local community and both groups enjoyed participating this year. A representative from GCC events department attended the fête and will be liaising with the FoNP regarding future activities.

SF advised that £20,000 has been authorised for repairs to footpaths and it is hoped that the works would be undertaken this winter. The Countryside Rangers are progressing matters

DrS requested an update on the proposed works to the pond. DG advised that there were issues with, for example, safety concerns; its designation as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation; the sluice and licensed works. SF advised that funding is in place and it is hoped that works could commence this winter. It was noted that a homeless person was

found living in a tent in the park has been assisted by relevant charities and Street Homeless Team.

**Public Participation:** No issues raised.

**Councillors Reports:** SF advised that, although outwith the remit of NACC, funding (£50,000 over 2 years) has been made available for works to Ashtree Park in Pollokshaws. A further £52,000 has been earmarked for the river walkway between Pollokshaws Road and Shawbridge Street to improve biodiversity together with path and lighting improvements. The former football pitches have been earmarked for housing. He has engaged with local residents who have indicated an interest in the aforementioned matters and in restarting the currently inactive Pollokshaws Community Council. Signalling upgrades and new textured pavements are proposed for the Langside Drive/ Merrylee Road junction. Laggan Road/Coylton Road and Fernleigh Road traffic calming schemes are set to commence. No further complaints regarding anti-social behaviour under the bridge at Riverford Road. JK advised the meeting that he had been in touch with the police. It appears that, for the moment, the issue has been resolved. Reference was made to an incident at Langside Drive where a lollipop lady was knocked down by a car. He is liaising with the PTA's and GCC has agreed to bolster safety measures with improved signage.

SC advised that Liveable Neighbourhoods are proposed for Mansewood/ Pollokshaws. Access issues with Tinto School. The brown bin uplift charge is generating complaints, but it is not a statutory requirement and the Council is facing funding pressures. AS expressed concerns that people may consider replacing lawns with concrete which would have implications for biodiversity. Council may consider franchising the no 29 bus route.

LM advised that, although outwith the direct remit of NACC, major scheduled works are to be carried out on the Auldhouse/ Toll House roundabout including, for example, a reduction in number of lanes from 3 to 2 on Barrhead Road at approach to roundabout; alterations to give way markings (and appropriate signage) from Barrhead Road onto Pollokshaws Road; reassessment of traffic signals at retail park and refurbishing road markings.

### **Planning Correspondence**

AM advised that, for the period 5th to 11th September 2023, the undernoted planning applications were received, none of which raised any significant issues.

23/02080/FUL Erection of dormer extensions to rear and side of dwellinghouse at 17 Calderwood Road.

23/02060/FUL Erection of single storey extension to side and alterations to rear of dwellinghouse at 4 Aylmer Road.

23/02138/FUL Erection of single storey extension to rear and external alterations to dwellinghouse at 24 Langside Drive.

Notification was received on the 27 September 2023 from GCC regarding a licensing application submitted by Newlands Tennis Club. It is proposed to increase the hours for sale of alcohol from 12.30pm to 11am on a Sunday and on Friday and Saturday from midnight to 1 am for functions only.

### **AOCB**

With reference to the matter referred to by SF, AM advised that correspondence had been received from Cathcart District Community Council (CDCC) regarding the incident at the unofficial pedestrian crossing at the junction of Langside Drive and Mochrum Road used by children going to Merrylee Primary School. The lollipop lady was hit by a car. Thankfully, she was OK but was badly shaken. CDCC has contacted the NACC as, although the school is within the administrative area of CDCC, the road junction is within NACC jurisdiction and hence they were looking for a collaborative approach regarding the issues in the area. AM will send an appropriate response to CDCC.

JG thanked all those present for attending the meeting. The next meeting of the Community Council is **Thursday 2nd Nov 2023**