

Netherlee and Stamperland (NeSt) Community Council Meeting

Meeting held on 19th August 2021 at 7pm on Zoom

The first part of this meeting was chaired by Vincent McCulloch, Community Council Liaison Officer, East Renfrewshire Council.

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
1. Members present and apologies received	<p><i>Present</i></p> <p>Catriona Milosevic (CM), Andrew Morrison (AM), Martin Armitage (MA), Joanna Teuton (JT), Victoria Pearson (VP), James Boyle (JB), Duncan Scott (DS), Siobhan McGuinness (SMcG), Katie Pragnell (KP), Graham Keany (GK), Bob Shaw (BS), William Considine (WC), Bronwen Livingston (BL), Pdraig O'Duffin (PO'D), John Boyle (JBo), Margaret Corrie (MC), Jim Boyle (JB)</p> <p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>ERC Councillors A. Ireland, D. MacDonald & S. Miller (Ex Officio members)</p> <p>Margaret Hamilton – Scottish Gas Network</p>	
2. Report on signatures of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office	Vincent McCulloch advised that members have been sending these forms to him; he asked that those members who have not yet sent in their Declaration form could get this done	All
<p>3. Election of office bearers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson • Vice Chairperson • Secretary • Treasurer 	<p>Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nomination - Bob Shaw ○ Proposer - Andrew Morrison ○ Seconder - Pdraig O'Duffin <p>There being no other nominations, and no member being otherwise minded, Bob Shaw was elected Chairperson.</p> <p>Vice Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nomination - Victoria Pearson ○ Proposer - Andrew Morrison ○ Seconder - Bob Shaw <p>There being no other nominations, and no member being otherwise minded, Victoria Pearson was elected Vice Chairperson.</p> <p>Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nomination - Siobhan McGuinness ○ Proposer - Katie Pragnell ○ Seconder - Duncan Scott <p>There being no other nominations, and no member being otherwise minded, Siobhan McGuinness was elected Secretary.</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nomination - Pdraig O'Duffin 	

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4. Adoption of Model Constitution and Model Standing Orders	<p>Following a request for clarification, Vincent McCulloch confirmed that all office bearers stand down at the annual general meeting, however these office bearers can be re-elected. V McCulloch also advised that: <i>“A member may not be appointed as Chair more than twice during a term of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, nor be reappointed other than at the first AGM following an election, or at the AGM prior to an election.”</i></p> <p>It was also highlighted that some community councils have had this clause removed from their constitution.</p> <p>The community council adopted the model constitution and the Model standing orders.</p>	
5. Appointment of independent examiners of accounts	<p>Andrew Morrison noted that the firm where he works may be able to examine the community council’s accounts. Vincent McCulloch advised that this is fine if it is done by someone that is not in the community council and it is free of charge. Andrew confirmed that it would be. This will be decided upon by the community council at a future date.</p>	BS/AM - for future agenda
<i>Bob Shaw took over the position of chair at this point in the meeting</i>		
6. Gas works in Stamperland	<p>Margaret Hamilton from Scottish Gas Network (SGN) noted that she was meant to be accompanied by colleagues but they had to cancel. She was happy to take away any questions she was unable to answer.</p> <p>Margaret explained about SGN’s role and responsibilities and assistance and support available to certain categories of people including a priority service register. She intimated that she would be happy to explain in more detail at a future date if the community council wishes.</p> <p>Margaret noted that work has been getting carried out in Stamperland as part of the mains replacement programme. When they are doing this they contact stakeholders and affected residents get several written communications in advance of the works. They are normally able to hire out a community hall to share information and answer questions but have not been able to do this due to the current Covid-19 pandemic situation.</p>	

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	<p>Katie Pragnell noted that she lives on Stamperland Hill and received a letter saying they would fall within phase 2 but nothing seems to have happened at the part of the street where she lives. Margaret explained that they tend to inform of worst case scenario but might not have actually needed to do anything at that particular point.</p> <p>Parking on Stamperland Gardens was raised and Margaret explained the aim is for disruption to be as minimal as possible.</p> <p>Cllr Macdonald noted that alternative sources of heating are being encouraged and gas will be phased out, so he is wondering when the serviceable life of the pipes will end and does it make sense for this disruption to be taking place now. Margaret noted that they still need to ensure safety until that happens and pipes may still continue to be used. There is a pilot programme underway in Fife currently.</p> <p>Cllr Ireland noted there are other works planned by Network Rail within the area and sought clarification that SGN and Network Rail would be liaising to minimise disruption. Margaret noted that SGN are aware and Network Rail and SGN are co-ordinating to minimise disruption.</p> <p>Catriona Milosevic asked what state the roads and pavements would be left in. Margaret explained that there are certain standards that must be adhered to in line with council policy.</p>	
<p>7. Community council email address</p>	<p>Siobhan McGuinness noted that she has registered an email address for us. We have 3 website choices. Pdraig O’Duffin queried what level of grant we have and Vincent McCulloch confirmed that this is around £380. Graham Keany advised that there is about £500 still in the bank from the previous community council so we should have around £900 in total.</p> <p>Bronwen Livingstone noted that she used to be a web producer so she is happy to help.</p> <p>John Boyle expressed willingness to help writing Facebook posts.</p> <p>Members are also happy with the logos Siobhan had shared and are happy for Siobhan to press on and make decisions.</p>	<p>SMcG/PO’D</p>
<p>8. AOB</p>	<p><i>Chair meetings</i></p> <p>Bob Shaw noted he would send communication to office bearers to have a small meeting prior to the next</p>	<p>BS</p>

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	<p>full community council meeting.</p> <p><i>Planning application for mast</i> The planning application for a mast at Clarkston Road (ref 2021/0578/TP) was discussed at length. Cllr Ireland and Cllr Miller explained in advance that they sit on the planning committee at ERC and therefore cannot comment but are able to answer factual questions. Discussions circulated around how tall and prominent the mast would be in the chosen location and the lack of community engagement and consultation. Noise levels and more detail on when current mast will be removed will be requested as part of community council representation. Martin Armitage informed the group that someone had set up a petition against it. It was agreed that the community council would make representations and that Duncan Scott would take the lead on compiling our submission</p> <p><i>Bus Service</i> Andrew Morrison raised the issue of the reduced bus service in the local area, specifically the 4, 4A and 6 First Bus services. Cllr Ireland has been heavily involved in this issue as it affected pupils from Netherlee and Stamperland travelling to Williamwood High School. First Bus state that it is the same number of buses but at different times and have cited recruitment issues. There has been no success in reinstating the original timetable however there are ongoing discussions with McGills about providing a service in the area. This will be reported back as and when updates are received. Cllr Macdonald has also written extensively to First Bus about the issue. Regarding the reliance of Williamwood students on the bus service, he is disappointed in East Renfrewshire Council Education Department for moving the site of this school to a location that is difficult for many pupils to reach. Jim Boyle noted that school crossings and uniform policy are an issue alongside the reduced bus service. It was agreed that the community council support the work that Cllr Ireland has already undertaken and would offer their support as necessary.</p> <p><i>Access to future community council meetings</i> Cllr MacDonald noted that meetings of the community council should be accessible to members of the public to observe. The office bearers will discuss how to do this in consideration of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>DS</p> <p>BS, VP, SMcG, PO'D</p>
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	<p><i>Clarkston Road traffic</i></p> <p>Cllr MacDonald noted that residents on Clarkston Road are concerned that traffic speed has increased since the cones that were placed on Clarkston Road to allow for social distancing have been narrowed and reduced. It was agreed this will be placed on the agenda at the next meeting.</p>	SMcG
9. Next meeting details	<p>Bob Shaw noted that the third Thursday of the month would be suitable for further meetings.</p> <p>Jim Boyle is going to enquire about availability of Netherlee church hall.</p> <p>The chair thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and declared the meeting closed.</p> <p>Details for the next meeting will be circulated when venue is agreed.</p>	JB SMcG