

Neilston Community Council Meeting –Minutes - 6th July 2022

1. Attending

Janice Connery, Colin McLeish

Vincent McCulloch - Community Council Liaison Officer

Malcolm Briggs, Gail Squires.

2. **Apologies** – Scott Montgomery, Cllr O’Donnell

3. **Welcome** – V Mc welcomed all to the meeting

4. **Police Report** - Officers Constable Cairns & Constable McMahon.

Highlighted that there were break in’s and theft on school property

The detection of a Cannabis ‘farm’

A general warning about fraud and scams (and how easy it is to be caught out).

5. **Co-opting residents to membership of the community council.**

- Local Residents Malcolm Briggs and Gail Squires, having completed the application form and being eligible to join, were seeking to be proposed and seconded to become members of Neilston community council.

- Malcolm Briggs - Proposed by Colin McLeish & Seconded by Janice Connery

- Gail Squires - Proposed by Janice Connery & Seconded by Colin McLeish.

- There followed a general discussion on the role of community councils and the extant and limitations of their roles as statutory consultees of East Renfrewshire Council.

6. **Dare Duff Quarry**

- The meeting was advised that this quarry has been given planning approval by East Ayrshire Council. It is also noted that the volume of lorries travelling through Neilston from the quarry will be significant; and could potentially be a hazard to other road users and pedestrians.
- Currently there are issues with traffic passing the garage, mainly due to inconsiderate parking.
- There was discussion about seeking an understanding with the transport company operating from the quarry to avoid Neilston during the peak time when school traffic and pupils are using the roads.
- Would traffic-calming measures increase safety for road users and pedestrians?
- It was highlighted that Lorries and construction traffic at the school are reversing into the school and going through Neilston at peak times.

7. Linking Communities – participatory budgeting.

The Linking Communities / Participatory budgeting event went well.

Once the votes were counted there were some front runners but the others were so close and given a couple of groups had withdrawn it was decided to fund all the groups who attended on the day.

8. Finance – There was discussion about what the community council can spend money on.

9. AOCB

a. JC – Council own and maintain the surrounds of Neilston Parish Church & Graveyard, Main Street, However the maintenance is unsatisfactory, grass is not lifted and there are patches that have not been cut. It is unsightly for visitors, but it does not need to be that way.
It was agreed to raise the issue with the Environment Department with a copy to the Councillors. Action VMc

b. JC advised that there had been a survey on parking in the village, however there has been no feedback or survey results, find out if this information is available and send the response to the CC. Action VMc

c. McGills's - 395 bus (Uplawmoor to East Kilbride).
It is rumoured that it is planned to axe this service, find out if this is the case. Action VMc

d. Graveyard lodge house, council appears to working on it, try to find out for what purposes and what the intentions are. Action VMc

e. Can it be confirmed when the new school will be opened. Action VMc

f. Improving relations with Neilston Development Trust.

g. It was highlighted that the (email) communication amongst members should be improved, and this should form part of a development plan for the community council, this will include;

- Leafleting areas within Neilston (VMc to provide an example leaflet)
- Promoting the community council
- Having an open day
- Developing links with other organisations, and in particular, Neilston Development Trust.

10. Meetings of the community council

It was agreed that meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of the month in the Glen Halls, 7pm to 9pm, there will be no meeting in July or December.

11. The next meeting shall take place on Tuesday 30th August 2022.