

Netherlee & Stamperland (NeSt) Community Council 2nd Annual General Meeting – April 2023 Chairperson's Report



A year ago, one of NeSt's top priorities was to make ourselves known to our community. In summer 2022, we produced a flyer featuring our contact details and explaining what we do and a team of us ensured that one was delivered to every house within our Stamperland and Netherlee boundary – thanks to all that were involved!

Within the past year we have set up our own website (special thanks to Bronwen!) and increased our social media presence (thanks to Bronwen and Siobhan). We have continued to form links with neighbouring community councils and have maintained positive and productive relationships with local police officers and elected officials. We are grateful for the time that these partners give to attend our meetings, to share information with us and to participate in dialogue.

Last summer, we conducted another litterpick, this time around Netherlee Pavilion, which was the area that received the most votes from members of our community via social media.

More recently, we have been working with East Renfrewshire Council's Regeneration and Economic Development team to try to improve aspects of our local area. Recently, we conducted a survey on the pathway leading from Linn Park onto Stamperland Walkway, which suggested that many residents would be in favour of making this path safer, better and more accessible to all. We are hopeful that this will result in tangible improvement in the year ahead, although this is dependent upon allocation of funding.

We are also excited to have instigated a project to create wildflower areas on selected local Council owned lands. This project is in its early stages and we are working closely with East Renfrewshire Council's Environment team on this.

I would like to express thanks to the Council officers who are collaborating with us on these projects.

As chairperson, I have attended a few events on behalf of the community council, including the Holocaust Memorial Event and an action on alcohol conference organised by Police Scotland. Other NeSt members have also represented us at a number of events, consultations and training sessions on a range of matters relating to planning, community mapping, health and social care, budgeting and have fed back knowledge gained to our wider group.

Within the past year we have also agreed upon changes to our constitution to better embody the ethos we wish to maintain within our community council and have contributed towards East Renfrewshire Council opening up for review the overarching Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils. This will hopefully ultimately result in improved rules and processes for all community councils within East Renfrewshire.

We have continued to consider and comment (where appropriate) on local planning applications of community interest, with some positive outcomes.

Thanks must go out to all of our members for their commitment and contributions. Joanna, Siobhan and David have done a great job in their office bearer roles and helped to keep things running smoothly.

Finally, special thanks must be accorded to O'Hara's accountants who have once again donated their time to approve our accounts.

Victoria Pearson

Chairperson of Netherlee and Stamperland Community Council

(May 2022 – April 2023)