

**Meeting Minutes – 8th May 2024**

**Location – Dullatur Village Hall**

**Attendees:**

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| **Community Councillors** | **Supporting Groups / Members of Public** |
| Gerard Burns (GB) – Apologies  Alan Davidson (AD)  Andre de Almeida (AdA)  Lorraine Harkins (LH)  Clare Ross (CR)  Ewan McMillan (EMcM)  Vivien Mitchell (VM)  John Wright (JW) – Absent | Alan Masterton (AM) – North Lanarkshire Council  Martin Rae – Police Scotland – Apologies |

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| **Item** | **Discussion** |
| **(1) Welcome**  **(2) Approval of Minutes** | CR welcomed everyone and apologies noted.  Any actions outstanding have been carried over.  Minutes from 10th April were noted and approved. These will now be posted on the Dullatur Community Council website. |
| **(3) Treasurer’s Report** | AD provided the Treasurer’s Report.   1. Maintenance account balance as of 19th April is £2801.57 (additional cheques to c£480 to be banked). 2. Treasurers account balance as of 19th April is £1527.31.   The background to the two accounts was discussed at the last meeting and agreed that it makes sense to simplify and consolidate to one account at this time.  Accounts for 2022/23 to be submitted to North Lanarkshire Council in due course and this will trigger the next annual grant.  DCC members who have had expenses confirmed receipts and associated cheques raised. |
| **(4) Update from North Lanarkshire Council** | Nothing material to report from NLC but the following items were raised by the DCC.   1. The beech hedge at the tennis courts requires to be cut back. It is overgrown and will eventually damage the tennis court fence. Further, it prevents banners to be hung promoting community events. 2. While it was recognised that some work has been progressed on the estate speed bumps the repairs are rudimentary and a more lasting and progressional repair is required. 3. It is understood that secondary school buses from Dullatur will stop from this August and primary school buses from August 2025. NLC are offering the statutory minimum only as part of budget pressures. DCC again raised concerns and that this will just lead to additional traffic on the road and in particular congestion at schools.   AM agreed to follow up on items 1 and 2 and feedback on item 3. |
| **(5) Planning Applications** | No material updates on local community planning from North Lanarkshire Council. However, an invitation was extended to the DCC to join the next Cumbernauld Community Board. The meeting will be held in the Muirfield Centre, Cumbernauld on Tuesday 28th May at 6:30pm. CR agreed to represent the DCC.  Finally, all local planning applications can be viewed by following the link below.  <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-applications/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications> |
| **(6) Update from Police Scotland** | MR was unable to attend due to his shift pattern. He did provide a report and in summary, in the April/May period there were 10 incidents reported in the Dullatur area with 1 crime recorded. Full report sent separately. |
| **(7) Hall Bookings/Use of Hall** | Costs of booking the hall was again discussed and rates confirmed below.   1. Residents – £20/hour 2. Non-residents – £25/hour 3. Pilates class – £20/hour (existing user) 4. Toddler Group – £8/hour (existing users) |
| **(8) Community Events** | Summer Social date of 15th June confirmed. The cost will be £5/person and on a BYOB basis. Food likely similar to the last social (charcuterie etc) as that worked well and include vegetarian options.  Future events are planned with Halloween on 26th October and Christmas Tree lights switch on – 1st December. |
| **(9) AOB** | Play area adjacent to the tennis courts was discussed at the last meeting. Future use for area to be examined. Possible use could be benches and picnic area as a play area is provided and used elsewhere in Dullatur and managed by North Lanarkshire Council.  Sheds need to be assessed for weather tightness and potentially rationalised. To be planned.  GB agreed to develop a generic poster for the noticeboard to aid community communication.  <https://www.dullatur.org/community-council>    To complement the safety signage, AD agreed to paint the perimeter of the deck to highlight the edge and step.  The hall would benefit from a paint touch up and this will be scheduled after the infrared heaters have been installed.  LH to circulate information on infrared heater supplier. Initial plan is to install a heater in the baby change area and activated by a movement sensor. Thereafter, seek to fit two/three infrared heaters in the main hall. These will be more effective and efficient than the current convection heaters (both to be retained to afford flexibility).  A resident has made a request to post a happy birthday to their daughter on the noticeboard. This was approved. Further, Diego the cat remains lost, and the owner is keen to post a message on the noticeboard. Again, approved.  Local services list on DCC website to be updated. CR offered to do this and will allow new businesses to publish their contact/promotion details.  All agreed that an Instagram account would be useful and can be linked to Facebook, offering both social media channels. LH agreed to set this up.    Next DCC meeting planned for Wednesday 12th June at 7pm at Dullatur Village Hall. |