

**Meeting Minutes – 13th December 2023**

**Location – Dullatur Village Hall**

**Attendees:**

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| **Community Councillors** | **Supporting Groups / Members of Public** |
| Clare Ross (CR)  Alan Davidson (AD  Gerard Burns (GB)  Lorraine Harkins (LH)  Andre de Almeida (AdA)  Ewan McMillan (EMcM)  Vivien Mitchell (VM) – Apologies  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 to the meeting and thanked all Community Councillors for their support in making the Halloween and Christmas Lights switch on events such a success. In addition, CR thanked GB for cutting back the area around the “Welcome to Dullatur” stone sign.  Any actions outstanding have been carried over.  Minutes from 8th November were noted and approved. These will now be posted on the Dullatur Community Council website. |
| **(3) Treasurers Report** | AD provided the Treasurers Report. In summary, Treasurers account – £867.63  Maintenance account – £1369.35.  Administration grant expected from North Lanarkshire Council (NLC), circa £400. Action – CR  In addition, opportunity to apply for a grant to fund village hall TV, dishwasher and possibly Wi-Fi. Action – AD  Discussed heating costs and worth exploring infrared heaters to replace the convection heaters.  Expenses from Social and Halloween events to be paid to VM, CR and AD. |
| **(4) Update from North Lanarkshire Council** | AM discussed the current repairs to the access road to Dullatur. Works likely ahead of plan. Conscious of disruption but time slot chosen to minimise impact (10am to 2pm).  GB enquired about the road to Banton that has been closed for some time (Wyndford Road) and if there was an opportunity to open again to relieve the pressure on the only other two routes. In particular, the Glen Road to Kilsyth can be challenging and has become increasingly busy. AM said that he thought the costs of repair were too high. However, he agreed to enquire again with the relevant department.  EMcM asked AM about the hedge cutting programme as the height of the hedge at the tennis courts still needs cut. AM said that he through the programme would be restarting in January 2024. |
| **(5) Planning Applications** | Three items received from the Planning Department and will be posted on the Dullatur Community Council website.   1. Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2. Dullatur Appraisal and Management Plan 3. Town Centre Action Plan   In addition, CR highlighted the K9 Kennels are seeking planning permission to extend their facility (15 to 30 dogs). Deadline for comments is 14th December 2023.  Following an enquiry from a resident regarding the planting of a memorial tree and plaque in the “Bunnyhop” the Community Council have confirmed that the local playgroup liaised with North Lanarkshire Council and the family concerned. There was clear sympathy for the sad situation, and this is a one off that has been allowed. |
| **(6) Update from Police Scotland** | MR was unable to attend due to an operational matter. Subsequently confirmed nothing material to report. |
| **(7) Hall Bookings/Use of Hall** | CR confirmed that the Pilates class is seeking another night (Thursday – currently Monday and Tuesday). Good discussion on the cost to rent the hall and its purpose. All agreed that it was fair to separate community groups and charities from commercial enterprises and have different price points. Agreed to offer the additional night but discuss both cost and that we may need the night in the medium term for other groups as we continue to encourage the use of the hall for a variety of activities. |
| **(8) Community Events** | Discussed events for 2024 such as Easter Egg Hunt, Summer BBQ, Outdoor Cinema, Christmas Market. More ideas to come but agreed to prioritise four events in the year. |
| **(9) AOB** | Nothing to note. |