

**Meeting Minutes – 12th June 2024**

**Location – Dullatur Village Hall**

**Attendees:**

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

**Agenda:**

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| **Item** | **Discussion** |
| **(1) Welcome**  **(2) Approval of Minutes** | CR welcomed everyone and apologies noted.  AdA volunteered to take the minutes for the meeting, in EMcM’s absence.  Any actions outstanding have been carried over.  Minutes from 8th May 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 24th May is £3054.57 (additional cheque to £320 to be banked). 2. Treasurers account balance as of 24th May is £1527.31.   Accounts for 2022/23 to be submitted to North Lanarkshire Council by July 2024 and this will trigger the next annual grant.  Direct debit has been renewed to cover the water rates going forward.  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. Despite the DCC asking NLC since the Winter ’23 for this to be remedied, and although it was trimmed, the hedge still needs to be cut back. NLC has fed back that this is to be done at the end of the bird nesting period, at the start of Spring. This is to remain as an agenda item until start of Spring. 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 professional repair is required. NLC has written back stating that they would address any urgent work required on the speed bumps but this remains an ongoing issue and DCC agreed that CR would contact the relevant NLC department to check when they will be inspecting the speed bumps on the estate. 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. DCC agreed that we need clarity on whether the NLC has reconsidered the decision – CR to contact AM and EMcM to update minutes.   DCC to follow up with AM on items 1 and 2 and request 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. No report has been provided in time for this meeting. |
| **(7) Hall Bookings/Use of Hall** | Costs of booking the hall rates confirmed below as agreed previously by DCC.   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 will be similar to the last social (charcuterie etc) as that worked well and include vegetarian options.  CR to send out a reminder to members of the community ahead of this weekend.  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 alternative use could be benches and picnic area as a play area is already provided and used elsewhere in Dullatur and managed by North Lanarkshire Council.  Sheds need to be assessed for weather tightness and potentially rationalised.  GB to assess shed at the very corner near bins, dismantle and dispose of it and also review the DLTC shed (once items have been relocated to DCC shed) as it is no longer suitable.  GB agreed to develop a generic poster for the noticeboard to aid community communication.  <https://www.dullatur.org/community-council>    The hall would benefit from a paint touch up and this will be scheduled after the infrared heaters have been installed.  LH circulated information on infrared heater supplier. Initial plan is to install a heater in the baby change area and activated by a movement sensor (estimated cost c.£150). Thereafter, seek to fit two/three infrared heaters in the main hall (estimated cost will depend on requirement). These will be more effective and efficient than the current convection heaters (both to be retained to afford flexibility).  DCC to review and agree in time for Autumn ‘24.  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. Due to end of school term and holidays, this will be followed up post-Summer period.  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.  DCC has been approached by a university student about the potential interest in displaying 350 million years old Fossils previously found in the area of Dullatur, which are currently being exhibited at the Lyell Centre in Edinburgh. Discussion took place about the potential community interest to loan the fossils and have them exhibited at the Dullatur Village Hall as part of an Open day for the community.  A Glen Road resident has been in touch with DCC to highlight the danger of an obscured wall which has resulted in a number of cars crashing into it. CR has been in communication with NLC and they have stated that the land owner is responsible for clearing the grass and moss from the wall, which in this case may be NLC itself. John Ashcroft, NLC Council Roads and Land Maintenance Manager has agreed to come to review the wall.  Next DCC meeting planned for Wednesday 11th September at 7pm at Dullatur Village Hall. |