



Dullatur Community Council - Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 8 October 2018
Location: Dullatur Village Hall

Attendees:
Community Councilors: Margaret Smillie
John Wright
David Young
Marilyn Sweet

Apologies Alan Davidson
Margaret Kennedy
Vivien Mitchell
Tony Ross

Supporting Groups: Cllr Alan Masterton
Members of Public: See Attachment

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Approval of October Minutes

In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer, Margaret Smillie opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She asked that the residents attending gave consideration in allowing her time to chair the meeting, monitor the agenda and take the Minutes.

The meeting agenda was circulated to all present. Minutes from the September meeting had been previously circulated to all committee members and were duly approved after an amendment was requested by J Wright for agenda No 7; Any other business; re consideration of a defibrillator to be installed outside the Hall. "This would be considered at the meeting of DCC to discuss priorities and the vision for the future", the amendment was agreed.

2. Planning Matters

A public consultation was held on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 September at the proposed site at the Westway Retail Park. No representation from Dullatur Community Council members. A map of the site could be seen on the Cumbernauld Community News Facebook page.

3. Police Report

PC Catriona Blair compiled a list of the crimes within the area from 26/08/2018 – 26/09/2018. For Carrickstone/Westerwood/Dullatur there were 14 crimes in total over the month. 7 of these crimes were detected.

The list of crimes are as follows:

Road Traffic – 2

Vandalism – 1

Assault – 1

Theft – 3

Motor Vehicle Theft – 2

Anti-social behaviour – 1

Licencing offences – 1

Drugs Offences – 2

Resist arrest - 1

The Community Council asked if in future that crimes linked to Dullatur were specified.

4. Other NLC matters

Airbnb ; Ongoing problems with unacceptable noise levels from 2 Airbnb rental properties in the Lane on the weekend of 29 / 30 September. One property had complaints from residents in Antonine Road via the website and the second had complaints from residents in Prospect Road.

M Smillie read a message from M Kennedy who is on holiday until the end of the month who wrote. "Further to your email of last week re noise from our house on Sunday 30th September. On arrival, our guests are always taken through health and safety and the house rules. In this instance, I sent them an email to that effect, stressing the importance of respecting the neighbourhood and keeping noise to an acceptable level, contained within the house. This was also repeated and made clear to them on arrival, by Di, who manages the bookings in my absence. I have since found out that they had brought in a karaoke machine, which goes against house rules.

The rules are made clear to guests at the time of booking and there are hard copies displayed in the house. Clearly, in this instance the house rules were not observed and I regret any upset caused to neighbours. I have reviewed my house rules and the enforcement of these, and I am sure that there will no repeat of last week's behaviour. Normally, we are on site on a concierge basis to assist our guests and to manage any situations that may arise. A near neighbour, normally alerts us to any excess noise. On this occasion, she did not alert us.

A discussion took place between residents affected by the noise. It was asked, if NLC were aware of the upsurge of Airbnb in the area and if the by laws had been changed. Cllr Masterton gave the residents an update from NLC who are now pursuing the legal aspect of properties listed with Airbnb, causing anti social issues with residents. He again repeated the importance of residents of dialling the Police on 101 or NLC anti social behaviour response team. John Wright took time in endorsing Cllr Masterton advice. Residents, However are concerned that large houses in the village could be bought as “Party Houses”

Bunny Hop

The bollards that were placed at one end of the Bunny Hop to stop vehicles from using the route as a short cut while allowing service access have been moved during the past two weeks (J Jenkins - Victoria Terrace) It would seem that it is Network Rail staff are moving the boulders

Cllr Masterton gave an update on some items raised at the last meeting:

- Conservation Village sign is being designed. Expected to be placed between Victoria Road and Glen Road
- Pumping Station at Abbots Court - Cllr Masterton indicated the council still does not have ownership but the NLC team are active in pursuing.
- Croy Walkway Path issues - Cllr Masterton updated that Stewart Milne have investigated an engineering solution and will rectify the drainage issues.
- Japanese Knotweed - Cllr Masterton following up with David Boyce and if required will escalate to the Chief Exec of Network Rail. M Smillie stated that Mrs Dunlop was concerned that no evidence of any weed clearing was obvious, she included the work sheet advice of 2016.

5. Financial Report

In the absence of Margaret Kennedy, Margaret Smillie gave the following update:

Balance in main account = £904.42

Balance in maintenance account = £1,145.20 with £300.00 banked from the Toddler /Playgroup

Accounts remain with auditors but should be returned soon.

6.Village Matters;

Website - 100 people now registered. The Chair encouraged further publicity of the need for residents to subscribe to the mailing list, to be kept up to date with matters.

Facebook; M Smillie asked J W if the Facebook page transfer promised within a week of the September meeting had taken place. J W did not answer. M Smillie asked if there was a reason for this not happening as this request had been made at every meeting from March 2018, again J W did not reply. She asked if there was a problem in transferring the details as residents were now asking the question why had the Dullatur Community Council Facebook page not been updated from February. Two Facebook pages would be confusing to the residents. It is not difficult to close the inactive Facebook account down. B Smillie, on behalf of the attending residents asked J W what his agenda was in his non compliance with the

DCC Chair and Vice Chair request to close the account down. His only reply was he would speak to A D.

Hall Bookings –

The enquiry for a Tae Kwan Do group will not proceed, the space is not big enough for the group and storage for their equipment was an issue. The annual booking for the Linnvale Way Residents Christmas night will not go ahead.

The Coffee Morning has been building up each session, 13 residents attended with 3 apologies;

DLTC has booked the Hall on Saturday 27 October for a fund raising Halloween event.

Emma Macdonald, Dullatur Playgroup/ Toddler Manager asked that Gerard Burns was thanked for his kind donation of a CD/Player for the group.

It was confirmed that a cleaner has been retained for 1 hour per week, she will start on 17 October. Most likely every Wednesday afternoon. The rate is £12.00 per hour and will be paid by cash at the end of the month. The Treasurer will draw down the appropriate sum by hours worked and it will be handed over to M Smillie for payment. A dated petty cash slip will be signed for each day worked.

The St Andrews Night was met with approval by residents attending. The date of 24 November was noted, this may be changed when the details are discussed at the interim meeting.

7. AOB

Dullatur Village Winter preparedness was discussed, with an appeal to be circulated in the Autumn Newsletter of residents who are receiving critical medical treatment make themselves known to DCC as they will be given priority if the road condition deteriorates. J Wright offered his services to transport any residents to Monklands Hospital if required. Residents should be made aware that only main routes are prioritised in bad weather.

Marilyn Sweet also raised the concern of the difficulties in traffic management on the Wilderness Brae in adverse weather situation. Cllr Masterton has also raised this with NLC.

A quantity of salt will be purchased for use at the Village Hall, last year Tony Williams company (Westerwood Community Council) had a salt delivery service for village residents. Bill Smillie had again offered his services to clear the snow at the Village Hall for the Playgroup/ Toddlers. If Bill is not available Tony Ross has offered to clear the snow.

It was noted in the earlier Newsletter that the speed bumps were being removed, this was a misunderstanding, they are being repairednot replaced. This was confirmed by Cllr Masterton. On checking the previous leaflet it was confirmed that it said repaired rather than removed.

Internet Service

Residents in Prospect Road have been experiencing either no connection or slow service over the past two weeks. Cllr Masterton took residents detail and will look into it with BT.

Update of matters discussed at an interim DCC meeting on Thursday 4 October. (A Davison, V Mitchell and M Sweet present):

1) Hall-Hire – The Scottish dance /Exercise class organiser has been to see the hall and is keen to proceed. She initially requested a Tuesday evening but now wants to go for a Wednesday evening between 7.30pm and 8.30pm with her first date being on the 24th October. Alan D has drafted a simple hire agreement (attached) which has been sent to her for comments. Rate proposed is private hire rate of £12 ph. Agreed this provides a good basis to further promote use of the hall for other community interest groups.

Noted the coffee mornings up and running and last one brought in £66.00 for hall funds.

2) Website - those subscribed is now 100. Agreed to do another leaflet campaign at end of October (A D will prepare a draft but CC's should still continue to update him with any suggested contact - main purpose will be (i) to encourage further use of hall, (ii) encourage residents to subscribe to mailing list and (iii) advertise any upcoming events.

3) Facebook page - As previous Facebook admin rights have still not been handed over by John, Vivien has agreed to set up a new Facebook account that can be linked to the website.

4) Noticeboard – DCC are keen to get an update on where they stand on the progress of a new notice board. Margaret S was asked to find out if John Colquhoun is still able to do this? Vivien as a contingency will look at what one would cost.

5) Hall and Grounds - a number of matters discussed including painting, upgrading the kitchen, refurbishing the tennis club centenary gate. It was mentioned that David Young was re-painting the handrail at the entrance. AD will pick up with tennis club re re-furbing the tennis club gate. A D also discussed gardener costs with tennis club, who would be willing to share costs to include maintenance of court area.

6) De-fibrulator - discussed option of having a Crowd Funding campaign to progress either this idea or another idea which would require capital expenditure (for example replacement noticeboard).

7) Social – It was mentioned that Margaret S was exploring the idea of a DCC St Andrews night. This was supported by V M and A D who are happy to support and help and this event which can be publicised through Website, leaflet etc.

8) Diary Dates; Toddler / Playgroup Christmas Fayre Saturday 1 December.
Coffee Morning 14 and 28 November.
Christmas Eve; 24 December.

DCC Meetings - agreed that meeting on a monthly basis outside of the public meeting is a good idea to discuss and progress initiatives and agree any agenda items for the public meeting. Suggested that Thursday evenings 10 days before public meeting is best so next meeting would be Thursday 1st Nov (time 7.15 to 8.15pm). Unfortunately, Thursdays were

not favourable to the rest of the members and the next interim meeting will be held on Monday 29 October, at 7.15 -8.15pm

Margaret Smillie tendered her apologies for the November meeting

M Smillie thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Date of next meeting 12 November 2018, Dullatur Village Hall, 8.00pm

Members of Public in Attendance:

Bill Smillie

Rita Stewart

John Jenkins

Jean Young

Emma MacDonald

Joey Maclean Houston

Margaret McBride

Jack Houston

Margaret Young

