

**Meeting Minutes – 11th September 2024**

**Location – Dullatur Village Hall**

**Attendees:**

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

**Agenda:**

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| **Item** | **Discussion** |
| **(1) Welcome**  **(2) Approval of Minutes** | AD welcomed everyone and apologies were noted.  Any actions outstanding have been carried over.  Notes/actions from 12th June ordinary general meeting (OGM) and annual general meeting (AGM) 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 23rd August is £4566.92. 2. Treasurers account balance as of 23rd August is £1532.86.   Accounts for 2022/23 to be submitted to North Lanarkshire Council and this will trigger the next grant. Accounts for the 2023/24 year are being prepared and will be presented at the next AGM.  The direct debit for the water rates has been renewed with a typical cost £90/month.  DCC members who have had expenses will confirmed receipts, e.g. hall cleaning costs. |
| **(4) Update from North Lanarkshire Council** | Nothing material to report from NLC but the following items remain in progress.   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. The hedge could not be cut earlier in the year due to the bird nesting season. However, vegetation management will start again from October. Councillor Masterton agreed to follow-up and confirm the timescale. 2. A survey of the speed bumps in the estate has been completed but the repair work is yet to be started. Councillor Masterton will seek an update on the plan. 3. For clarity NLC have confirmed that secondary school transport will not be available for distances less than three miles door-to-door from August 2024 and less than two miles for primary school transport from August 2025. NLC are offering the statutory minimum only as part of budget pressures. DCC raised concerns on grounds of safety, congestion, and pollution. |
| **(5) Planning Applications** | EMcM will contact Annette Warren, Community Partnership Officer, at NLC regarding any updates to local plans.  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. However, he did provide a report that confirmed ten crime reports raised. All were in relation to the Children’s Home and nothing to concern the wider community. |
| **(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** | Halloween event planned for Saturday 2nd November (format from last year worked well) and Christmas Tree lights switch on, Sunday 1st December. |
| **(9) AOB** | Stacey Palmer, Chair of the Toddler & Playgroup, joined the meeting to discuss storage and specifically their medium-term plan for a new watertight and insulated shed. We agreed to explore this as part of the wider plan to consolidate the sheds, ensuring Playgroup, Tennis Club and DCC all have sufficient storage. E McM agreed to follow-up with Stacey. Further, we covered several points around cleaning supplies, floor cleaning, sanitary disposal, bathroom insulation/heating and waste disposal. These points had previously been covered by CR via e-mail.  It was also agreed to buy a robot floor cleaner. Finalise and progress at the next meeting.  The play area next to the tennis courts was discussed at earlier meetings. Future use for the area to be examined and a decision taken ahead of summer 2025.    GB has cleared the shed at the corner near the bins and carried out repairs to improve its weather tightness. Other sheds to be assessed in due course.  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.  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 Monday 7th October at 7pm at Dullatur Village Hall. |