

**Meeting Minutes – 13th November 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)  John Wright (JW) – Absent | Alan Masterton (AM) – North Lanarkshire Council  David Smith (DS) – Police Scotland  Elaine McGregor (EMcG) – resident  Frances Devlin (FD) – resident  David Walsh (DW) – resident  Matthew McKeller (MMcK) – resident |

**Agenda:**

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| **Item** | **Discussion** |
| **(1) Welcome**  **(2) Approval of Minutes** | CR welcomed everyone and apologies or those absent were noted.  Any actions outstanding have been carried over.  Notes/actions from 7th October meeting were noted and approved subject to a small error in the text that has been corrected. These will now be posted on the Dullatur Community Council website. |
| **(3) Treasurer’s Report** | AD provided the Treasurer’s Report (banking as of 24th October 2024).   1. Maintenance account balance is £4006.86. 2. Treasurers account balance is £1538.58.   Several cheques from Toddler Group fees to be banked to the sum of £704.  EMcM confirmed that he has submitted seven sets of meeting minutes and one AGM covering December 2023 to September 2024 with the “People Team” at North Lanarkshire Council (NLC) and this should trigger the annual administration grant.  Cheque raised for £107.53 to cover recent expenses for Halloween Party.  CR confirmed that following a review of suppliers, the annual contract for electricity for the village hall has been renewed. |
| **(4) Update from North Lanarkshire Council** | 1. Main item was the proposed building of c650 homes on part of the Antonine golf course. This proposal is being presented to the NLC Planning Committee on 27th November 2024. Information on the development was recently posted on the DCC Facebook page. Residents can raise their views with Councillors and Jamie Hepburn MSP has made representation. VM agreed to post the link to the list of NLC Councillors on Facebook. 2. Following a review of title deeds and confirmation of ownership, NLC will progress the cutting of the beech hedge and the area local to the stone bench within the next couple of weeks and ahead of the Christmas Tree light switch on (1st December). They need the lights disconnected from the supply and EMcM will carry this out. 3. A survey of the speed bumps in the estate has been completed but the repair work has been delayed as a new contraction will be in place from 1st October and the work then needs to be programmed. 4. The steps that lead down to Victoria Terrace have been pressure washed and cleared of moss. 5. GB enquired about leaf clearing as there seems to have been none carried out in recent weeks despite a heavier than usual leaf fall due to the recent storm. AM agreed to follow-up with the relevant department within NLC. 6. Further, following up on a stone wall on the Glen Road that has become overgrown with moss/vegetation and has been the site of several road traffic accidents. 7. A resident has raised concerns about speeding on the Glen Road and seeking to influence NLC to reduce the speed limit (currently the national speed limit applies – 60 mph). CR to contact John Ashcroft in NLC Roads Department and copy in David Smith (Community Police Officer). 8. Trees were discussed again and the DCC agreed it would be useful to get an overview of planning law from NLC. This would help to advise residents on what they can and cannot do with regard to tree/vegetation management. Awareness of tree preservation orders (TPO) etc and plans for routine management of trees. AM agreed to follow-up with the relevant department within NLC. |
| **(5) Planning Applications** | DCC will routinely contact the Community Partnership Officer at NLC about local planning applications. Meantime 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** | DS confirmed that there was nothing material to report. He had followed up on an enquiry about a car routinely parked on the track/path local to where Network Rail carry out work (down from the “Bunnyhop”). Nothing suspicious to follow-up. However, he confirmed that we should contact him via e-mail if we have any community concerns and he will also endeavour to attend all our meetings. |
| **(7) Hall Bookings/Use of Hall** | Rates for booking the Village Hall have been published previously.  Pilates classes are ending and hall booking cancelled from 19th December 2024.  Hall booked on the 1st of December for a festive wreath making workshop.  Hall booked on the 8th of December for a private event. |
| **(8) Community Events** | The Halloween party on the 2nd of November was well attended and and much fun was had!  Christmas Tree lights switch on, Sunday 1st December at 6pm. EMcM to buy another set of lights and GB/EMcM will put up.  Christmas poster to be prepared and posted on the notice board, ideally week beginning 18th November. LH to discuss with GB.  Discussion on future events and GB mentioned an art exhibition.  Plan for 2025 to be established. Outline will be an Easter, Summer, Halloween, and Christmas events but opportunity to do more if there is the appetite. |
| **(9) AOB** | Elaine McGregor and Frances Devlin were proposed as future members of DCC.  Agreed that we would develop the list of local businesses on the website that offer a range of services much like the old Dullatur Newsletter used to do. Recent examples are the balloon business and Spur Whisky Club. Can also publicise on the Facebook page.  Stacey Palmer, Chair of the Toddler & Playgroup, has confirmed that the toddler group will take up the DCC offer of their recently cleared out shed to store toys and equipment. Wider action to review all the sheds and agree a consolidation plan. This will require input from DCC, DLTC and the Toddler Group.  It was agreed to buy a robot floor cleaner. CR to confirm model and progress purchase (model that does not require Wi-Fi and can be set on a timer).  Discussion around the purchase of a TV or projector. All depends on use, but both could be used with screen mirroring for presentations, gaming etc. Something to consider for the future.  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 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 before the infrared heaters have been installed.  Plan developed to improve hall heating using infrared heating and improving insulation at external door. Further, security light at access path to be replaced as part of work-scope.  All agreed that developing our social media presence is important, e.g. linking posts to website and increasing the frequency of posts.  Dates of future meetings: 8th January 12th February and 12th March.  Next DCC meeting planned for Wednesday 11th December at 7pm at Dullatur Village Hall. |