Dullatur Community Council – Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 15 April 2019

Location: Dullatur Village Hall

Attendees:
Community Councilors: Alan Davidson
Margaret Kennedy
Vivien Mitchell
Tony Ross
John Wright
David Young
Margaret Smillie

Supporting Groups: Cllr Alan Masterton

Members of Public: See Attachment

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

   Chair, Alan Davidson, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The meeting agenda was circulated to all. Minutes from the previous meeting had been previously circulated to all committee member. JW had some comments on the minutes which he and the chair agreed to discuss outside of the meeting (in the interests of time).

2. Co-option of Members to the Committee

   The chair explained that following the application or Arun Khanna to join the committee (application received in February 2019) it was understood that under clause 7.x the committee could co-opt members to the committee. Since Mr Khanna’s application two further applications had been made (one from Ian Ferguson and the other from Gerard Burns). After taking advice from NLC co-option is not considered the correct route to take. There are 2 options available:
i. Publicise that the committee has 2 open vacancies and invite nominations with the potential to hold an election, or

ii. Since the current committee must stand down in October 2019, continue with the current 7 members until October when all 9 positions would be filled / re-elected.

The committee agreed to proceed with option ii.

3. **North Lanarkshire Council Matters (Including Planning)**

*From Archie Aitken; Head of Legal and Democratic Solutions*

For the purpose of the Quadrennial elections in 2019, that the date on which the Community Council members will stand down shall be Monday, 7 October 2019 at 11.59pm.

**Planning Applications:**
- Garage extension at 13 WestertonRoad
- Penthouse Apartments development within Cumbernauld Town Centre – 35 1 bed flats

**Other matters:**

- Wyndford Road to Wardpark remains closed for subsidence.
- Palacerigg Park – peaceful protest was held on 24\textsuperscript{th} March and there is a public meeting on 16 April 7.30-8.30 in Cumbernauld Village Town Hall
- The trees felled between Kings and Queens Drive in Westerwood were removed today (15 April).
- **ACTION:** The chair will write to Ogilvie Homes to request a meeting with DCC to discuss the ongoing maintenance plans for the area

4. **Police Report**

One reported crime within Dullatur – attempt to gain access via the rear garden of a property. Two charges of speeding on Dullatur Road following the police campaign last Thursday. A number of other cautions issued.

4. **Financial Report**

Margaret Kennedy, Treasurer gave the following report:

Village Hall Maintenance account balance on 31 March 2019: £3, 087.82 Due to the cheque books being held over by the auditor, payments were made from the DCC Account. £735.75 was transferred from the Maintenance Account to the DCC account

Within the DCC account the balance for the same period was £1,213.28

Both accounts were audited by North Lanarkshire Council appointed auditors, Feely & Co and no issues found.
M Smillie will bank any coffee morning and cheques when M Kennedy is on holiday

6. **Village Matters**
Chair thanked Gerard Burns for his hard work in tidying up the planted area by the Victoria Road steps. Gerard suggested we could have a gardening morning in the better weather and consider other areas to maintain in future.

J Wright indicated that Dullatur Community Council owned a wholesale trading card for Craigmarloch Nursery, Kilsyth, for landscaping purchases. M Smillie replied that this was not the case and it was a personal card. T Ross and G Burns added that they also had a trading card for the Nursery.

Chair also thanked John Jenkins for his construction of a barrier at the bunny hop. The placement of this barrier was raised by Ian Ferguson as it caused him concern that Network Rail vans were then using the bridleway to access the railway. MS pointed out the barrier was placed by North Lanarkshire Council ground staff and authorized by William Thomson, NLC area manager. Network Rail should not be using the track from Prospect Road as an access route and should instead use the Station Yard the designated access point.

**ACTION:** AM to discuss with NLC whether more signage is needed

Ian Ferguson raised the issue of dog fouling especially in the area between the tennis courts and Victoria Road steps. The issue of horse fouling was also raised.

**ACTION:** Chair to add to a reminder in the next newsletter re dog fouling. MS to raise with local farms the issue of horse fouling and ask them to remove or politely request they keep off the pavements (and steps) within the village.

The wooden bridge across from the tennis courts is falling into disrepair. The owner of the property close to the bridge (Jim Harkins) it is unclear whether Mr Harkins is responsible for maintenance

**ACTION:** TR to discuss with Mr Harkins

The issue of the school bus parking was raised again. Parked buses were

**ACTON:** AM to raise with David Craig; area Educational Officer, who is on holiday until 1 May. M Smillie contacted SPT Support to log the report.

AirBNB Update:

- Gerard Burns met with new owner of Dullatur House who intends to only continue as an AirBNB until the end of this year.
- Jean Young requested AM chase for a response to her petition.
  
**ACTION:** AM to raise

- Phillip Rose raised the issue of a conflict of interest on DCC with the owner of Kennedy House a committee member. Chair acknowledged comment. He reminded all present that all complaints must be logged with the Police (101) or the Anti Social Behaviour unit at NLC. Website has the information and notice will be added to fb

**Village Hall bookings:**

19 May – 3 hrs party
16 April – DLTC coaching resumes for the first 8 week block – access has been paid for toilet use
11 May – DLTC 3 hr funday
21 June – 4 hr party
As from 12/3/19 Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club no longer have a liability to the premises owned by Dullatur Community Council. A copy of the letter received from NLC Non Domestic Rates was forwarded to the DLTC committee for their records.

DCC received notice from NLC that the premises (Village Hall/Tennis Courts) is zero rated for 2019/20.

The Dullatur Toddler and Playgroup held a successful fundraiser on 15/3/19

Garden maintenance resumes end April – 2 hrs every weeks at £17.50 per hour

PAT testing to be completed by President Fire Solutions after 23 April

7. AOB

Cala development. JW raised that most homes are sold. 
ACTION: Chair should write to Cala requesting a meeting with site manager to replant trees removed at the start of the development.

At the April meeting The Chair, in response to J Wright’s list of items out with the agenda, reminded all committee members and spectators that any items to be raised for discussion at Community Council meetings should be included in the Chairman proposed agenda list sent out at least 7 days before the meeting. And not added at the end as Any Other Business. Alan has the right as Chair to control the amount of time spent in debating an issue.

Fire Assessment.
ACTION: TR to request a letter from the fire inspection regarding the suitability of the current disabled access. TR also to arrange for his contact to be in touch with MS re fire assessment

Meeting closed.

Date of next meeting 13May 2019, Dullatur Village Hall, 8.00pm

Members of Public in Attendance:

Bill Smillie
Jean Young
Ian Ferguson
Rita Stewart
Gerard Burns
KJ Khanna
Arun Khanna
Gary Nicholson
Gillian Rose
Philip Rose