

Minutes

28th September 2022

1900 hrs

Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre

Present: Andy Nimmo, Pam Higgins, Vicky Nicolson, Jason Whitefield, Rosy Hume, Jule Bandel, Penny Donnelly, Leanne Dickson, Euan Sinclair

Apologies: Jackie Brown, Hal Osler, Thomas Brown, Lynne, Jimmy Galloway, Jennifer Porter, Dave Pickering

1. Welcome to all and thank you for attending
2. Apologies noted above
3. No Chair report this month as our Chair is unwell.
4. Financial Report – from our treasurer – Jackie Brown
5. Election of Office Bearers – Jimmy would like to stand again, no other members stood for chair. Proposed by Jason, seconded by Andy, Jackie as treasurer – Proposed by Pam, seconded by Penny, Andy as Vice Chair – proposed by Jason, seconded by Penny. Secretary - Pam proposed by Andy, seconded by Jason, Community engagement officer – Dave Pickering.

Community Councillors Thomas Brown proposed by Pam and seconded by Penny

Eileen Brash, proposed by Jason, seconded by Andy. Penny Donnelly – proposed by Jason and seconded by Andy.

September Meeting

1. June's meeting minutes – happy, no amendments
2. Secretary Report
3. Councillors Report
 - Vicky – Parking complaints from hospital in Telford Drive. Walk around done with residents and even though there are restrictions now in place, there are still problems with parking.
 - Space in Wester Drylaw Place/Lane/Drive – money available in housing revenues account (NEP) to tidy and clear area of fly tipping and vermin. Perhaps slab the area.
 - Fortnightly litter pick organised by the Community Council.

Question from LD – can we have a council van or skip for residents to take large items rather than fly tipping? This is something that we are looking at. Perhaps a skip that moves around the area? Can we join up with the 2 neighbourhood schools to do community litter picks etc?

Jule Bandel - Roads team have looked at the streets that I reported as having no dropped kerbs and they have been now completed. Request for side-lines to be improved and crossing to be narrowed at junction of ED view and ED Drive to make it safer to cross.

Still chasing Cammy Day for an update on when the emergency funding granted in June will be paid.

4. Police Report – stats much improved in the area.
5. Rosie Hume – Head Teacher from Rowanfield school. Increased vandalism, nothing in 6-7 years but massive amount since April 2022. Playground equipment, vandalism (words) to walls, windows smashed (22 over the summer holidays), alcohol bottles, knives, gas cannisters. The school is currently making a video about the school and they will share with local schools who will share with their pupils so they are more aware about the type of school Rowanfield is. We would really like a relationship with the local schools and the Neighbourhood Centre.
Police – 2 people reported after latest incident, 1 charged (age 12), other too young to be charged. Briefing note sent to all officers at Drylaw to be aware. Regular foot patrol on cycle path and in vicinity of school. Crime prevention visit to school planned and a report with recommendations will be provided. Euan will speak to Ms Dunn to perhaps do a short presentation at their assembly.
6. Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre – Jason - Chair of the DNC board of trustees. Going forward, as a board, we would like to engage more with the local community. We have joined the R-squared group in the North of the City to work together to succeed. We were awarded £50,00 emergency funding in June at full council but yet to receive funds due to the due diligence process required. We met with the Community Empowerment Officer who advised that it is a timely process. Council Leader Day will be meeting with our local councillors on Thursday 29th September – hopefully with an update. Redundancy notices have been given to the Centre Manager and Administrator who will finish in post on 4th November 2022. In more positive news, the NEA Shed project will be relocating to the DNC for a period of 18 months while the Macmillan Hub (their permanent home) is finished. Member of staff from The Shed should be able to support the DNC with opening and closing the building as necessary. Other grants and funds have been applied for which we are awaiting decisions on.
7. Website – www.drylawtelfordcc.org.uk – please have a look and make any suggestions. Perhaps Links to community police and post events in church.
8. Any other business – nothing.
9. Date of next meeting 26th October 2022 at 7pm