

Drylaw Telford Community Council
Minutes
Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre
23rd November 2022
7pm

Attendance: Jackie Brown (chair), Penny Donnelly, Cllr Vicky Nicolson, Cllr Jule Gandel, Cllr Hal Osler, Eileen Brash, Thomas Brown (minutes), Ann Black, Colin Fraser, Joyce Henderson, Jason Whitfield.

Apologies: Jimmy, Andy, Dave, Pam and Cllr Max Mitchell.

1.) Welcome and Apologies

Jackie welcomed everyone to the meeting and the above apologies were noted. The meeting was not quorate so no decisions could be made however, it was agreed the meeting should still go ahead.

2.) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Vicky Nicolson declared an interest in item 11 as a Board Member of Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre.

3.) Minutes of last meeting

These couldn't be approved as the meeting wasn't quorate.

4.) Police Report

No Police officers were present.

5.) Chair Report

No report.

6.) Secretary Report

No report.

7.) Treasurer Report

Jackie reported a bank balance of £2,781.87.

8.9) Councillor Reports / Telford Road

Cllr Vicky Nicolson:

Officials believe the flooding at the Red Bridge last week was likely caused by the work being carried out on Crewe Road North. The contractors brought a pump in to assist in clearing the water however, by the time it arrived it was too late.

Vicky has been in Ferryhill School where she met with pupils who have created a petition about the amount of plastic on our beaches. Vicky will share this with the DTCC when she receives it.

Vicky continues to work on issues with bins, potholes and street markings.

Cllr Hal Osler:

Has been in contact with officers regarding the ongoing work on Telford Road in response to complaints from residents about the noise. Officers have been asked to consider residents when they plan future work.

Hal will seek clarity on what double yellow lines are going to be installed around junctions and report back to the DTCC.

The TEC will discuss the Telford and Fettes parking plans when they meet in December 2022. The issue of displacing commuter traffic from Telford would result in it causing issues in other areas including Drylaw. Hal agreed to discuss this with officers.

Hal agreed to request officers check filters on traffic lights on Telford Road at the junction with Groathill Road North and also South Groathill Avenue as it was reported that the filter sometimes fails to work.

10.) Drylaw Park and Other Greenspaces

The following were the main concerns / points noted about the Easter Drylaw Park:

- Ongoing issues with a lack of grass cutting. *Councillors informed the meeting that there is a priority system in place and sports facilities will be prioritised over other areas.*
- The park is well used by local people.
- The football goals were damaged and never replaced.
- Dog fouling is an issue and this problem is exacerbated by the long grass.
- The bins need to be emptied more often or we need bigger bins.
- Locals had to pick up lots of rubbish after fireworks night.

There was a discussion about how to improve the park and other open spaces in the Drylaw and Telford area. The prospect of holding a series of consultation events with local people was discussed and felt to be a positive step.

Jason indicated that Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre were planning to consult local people to gather views about the Centre. It was agreed that we could work in partnership with the Centre to achieve this.

Thomas will prepare a proposal for the next DTCC meeting in January around a consultation and will meet with Jason to ensure the DTCC is involved in this process.

In January if the DTCC agrees funding could be applied for from the Community Grants Fund to contribute to these costs.

11.) DNC Update

Jason Whitfield the DNC Chairperson attended and provided the following update:

- The centre has undergone a period of change and at the start of November the centre manager and admin worker were made redundant.
- The volunteer Board are now operating the centre and opening up and locking up after groups.
- Youth work and the gardening project still continues within the centre.
- Earlier this month the centre received £30,000 from the Council. This was part of a £50,000 emergency grant that was allocated in June. The remaining £20,000 is still to be released.
- They have been awarded £94,000 from the Lottery over two years and this funding will 'kick in' from January.
- They are still looking for additional Board members to join them.
- A warm space co-ordinator is being recruited for this winter project.
- The warm hub project will be advertised in the coming weeks.

Cllr Osler expressed the view that everything that has gone on at the centre recently should be seen as a positive step and welcomed the new funding as the area needs resources.

12.) AOB

Jackie Brown requested the DTCC make a financial donation / contribution to the school to allow some toys or clothing to be purchased for kids over the winter and for Christmas presents. The general feeling of the meeting was that it was a good idea. Jackie will meet with the headteacher at the school and circulate a proposal to be approved via email.

Hal Osler informed the meeting that an exhibition of pictures of local kids had gone on display in the Museum. The photos were taken when they were taking part in a drumming workshop.

13.) Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 25th January 2023 7pm in Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre.

Action points from this meeting:

Action	By Who
Ferryhill kids petition to be circulated	Cllr Vicky Nicolson
Clarity on double yellow on Telford Road to be sought	Cllr Hal Osler
Traffic light filters on Telford Road to be checked	Cllr Hal Osler
Express concern regarding displaced commuter traffic moving into Drylaw once Telford parking issues are addressed	Cllr Hal Osler
Meeting with DNC to discuss co-ordinated approach to community consultation proposal	Jason Whitfield and Thomas Brown
Proposal on financial contribution /	Jackie Brown

donation to Ferryhill to be drafted and sent to Community Councillors for approval	
Discussion paper / proposal on community consultation to be drafted	Thomas Brown