

Drylaw Telford Community Council

25th January 2023

Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre

Minutes

Attendance: Pam Higgins (Secretary), Thomas Brown (Acting Chair), Jason Whitefield (DNC), Eileen Brash, Sara Collins, Penny Donnelly, Jule Bandel, Cllr Hal Osler, Abdul Mukit

Apologies: Jimmy Galloway (Chair), Andy Connelly-Nimmo (Vice Chair), Euan Sinclair (Police), Jackie Brown (Treasurer), Dave Pickering (Community Engagement Officer), Cllr Max Mitchell.

1. Welcome & Apologies

- Thomas welcomed everyone and the above apologies were noted. Introductions from everyone.

2. Declarations of Interest

- None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- We were not quorate but actions points covered in Agenda.

4. Chair Report

- Chair Absent

5. Secretary Report

- Our Vice Chair Andy has unfortunately given his resignation with immediate effect. We wish him well for the future. Pam will advertise for new members on social media. Twitter page for Community Council to be set up (Thomas).
- The Improvement Service, Scottish Rural Action and Geosphere are hosting a free webinar for community councillors to learn more about Community Map Scotland. The webinar will take place online on Microsoft Teams on Friday 10th February at 2pm.
- Edinburgh Community Climate Fund:
 - o £100,000 is available for community groups in Edinburgh to put their ideas into action. Groups can now apply for projects that aim to make Edinburgh a greener city.
 - o Ideas can be large or small and will be eligible as long as they are in line with one or more of required aims and cost under £20,000.
 - o Please contact Pam for more info.
- Enquire about use of fund for a "Wee Forest" in the school and Potential bike scheme/club from Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre with this fund?

6. Police Report

- Police absent however monthly report submitted. Statistics overall down for the last month.

7. Treasurer Report

- No change to bank account - £2852.08 which includes grant of £620.16 for 22/23. Cash £19.79.

8. Councillors Report

- Vicky Nicolson – Final consultation letters out for Wester Drylaw using NEP scheme to clean up badly fly tipped area between Wester Drylaw Place and Drive where 2 cul-de-sacs meet.
- Sam Ainslie – Chief Inspector of Lothian Police in charge of prevention work. Keen to get involved in some work between Ferryhill and Rowanfield. This has come about due to the

vandalism that occurred within Rowanfield last summer and to educate other children on Rowanfield School and the children that they support.

- Easter Drylaw, Wester Drylaw and Groathill Road North to be re-surfaced in the near future.
- Trolleys on the cycle path campaign with Angus Robertson. Met with managers from Craighleith Shopping Centre. They will employ one of their litter pickers to go around the area once a week to collect any abandoned trolleys. Please let Vicky know if you see any stray trolleys in the area.
- Litter picks to re-start when clocks change.
- Jule Bandel – Council Tenant repairs organised after tenant had a lot of issues getting them organised previously.
- Hal Osler – speeding continues to be an issue. Residents are contributing to this issue in their own area. Should we contact police again and ask about speed guns, speed safety vans? Will this make a difference? Will this just be a waste of resources? We need to have a think about how we can change the culture and mindset of local people. Can we work with the school? Vicky Nicolson suggested speaking with Stockbridge Primary School who have developed an initiative to tackle similar issues outside their school. Sara Collins suggests working with the Church, the DNC and the CC and developing a survey monkey to gauge the opinions and suggestions from the community in how we can combat this.
- Also been dealing with some anti-social issues in Telford.
- Telford parking – awaiting legislation from Scottish Government about parking on pavements. Police can deal with double yellow lines however it takes a minimum of 2 years for the Council to paint double yellow lines. This has been further delayed due to covid. No double yellow lines opposite resident parking bays on Telford Drive therefore non-residents park opposite the bays making them redundant.
- TRO to be designed for a Controlled Parking Zone - The Fettes (Grigor, Davidson, Khimmergame, East Fettes) and will be open for comments for Fettes. This CPS could have a negative impact on Telford and Drylaw as parking issues from The Fettes will shift towards this area.
- Long term plan? Parking will always be an issue. Hal recommends keeping it on the agenda every month so we are regularly updated and informed.

9. Update on Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre (Jason – Chair of Board of Trustees)

- Footfall slowly increasing, many positive changes. Sara has been making massive progress in bringing new people in and going above and beyond her role. More funding streams are coming in and we will have posts available in the near future for a Social Link Worker and a Development Worker.
- Meeting at the end of January with Council Officers, Local Councillors, Drylaw Board and Council Leader to discuss the outstanding £20,000 from ECC that was agreed last summer.
- Sara is sourcing funding streams to renovate our all-weather court and to engage children to use the facilities.

10. Open Space Consultation

- Proposal to have these events (see report) in April however due to funding already being allocated we would be better to reapply on April 1st for £5000.
- Working Group would need to be set up to work with The Greenspace Trust.
- DTCC would consult with the Community on their opinions surrounding developing Greenspaces.
- Could DTCC allocate some funds? (around £1500). Will allow 1 month and discuss at next meeting. Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre and Drylaw Church would also like to be involved in

some way. Thomas will aim to arrange a meeting with The Greenspace Trust within the next 2 weeks.

11. Any Other Business

- No other business.

12. Date of next meeting 22nd February 2023.

Action Points from this meeting to discuss at next meeting.

Action	By Who
Set up CC Twitter Page	Thomas
Think about a Wee Forest/Bike Scheme using Edinburgh Community Climate Fund	All
Open Space Consultation (allocation of funds from DTCC).	All
Advertise of social media for new Community Councillors	Pam