

Drylaw Telford Community Council

24th May 2023

Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre

Minutes

Attendance: Pam Higgins (Secretary), Thomas Brown (Acting Chair), Jackie Brown (Treasurer), Penny Donnelly, Sara Collins, Eileen Brash, Cllr Vicky Nicolson, Abbie Cunningham, Cllr Jules Bandel

Apologies: Jimmy Galloway (Chair), Dave Pickering (Community Engagement Officer), Cllr Hal Osler, Police

1. Welcome & Apologies

- Thomas welcomed everyone and the above apologies were noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

- None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Approved by Cllr Vicky Nicolson, seconded by Sara Collins

4. Chair Report

- Vicky has spoken with Jimmy who has advised that the Edinburgh Tenants Federation are to offer training on being a member of a board/committee. Jimmy will check if this training is only for members of the Edinburgh Tenants Federation or if it's open to the wider public.
- Jimmy's health is slowly improving however he has made the decision to step down as Chair Person at the AGM next month.

5. Secretary Report

- Email received from a resident on Wester Drylaw Place who has concerns with fly tipping, overgrown hedges and motorbike use. A walk round is to be arranged with the Ward Councillors and Community Warden in the near future to identify the issues.
- We will hold our AGM next month and encourage new members to come along.

6. Police Report - No Police in attendance.

7. Treasurer Report

- Our account currently holds £6511 which includes the £5000 grant awarded for the Greenspace Consultation.
- We have spent just short of £1000 on 2 sheds and 2 shed floors for Ferryhill Primary School as part of the donation we agreed to make.

8. Councillors Report

- Cllr Bandel – Crewe Toll Roundabout to be assessed for a re-design as it has been identified as one of the top 10 dangerous junctions in the city.
- Hedge at Fire Station beside the roundabout is obscuring drivers view and is in the way of pedestrians on the pavement.
- Road surfacing in Drylaw – improvement to potholes however residents are complaining re the poor materials used and that it is already coming loose.
- Cllr Nicolson – Groathill Road North to be resurfaced between 29th May – 2nd June.
- Cllr Nicolson – visited Ferryhill Primary and Rowanfield Special Needs School and hopes to work with both schools in bringing children from both schools together to try and alleviate the vandalism in the grounds of Rowanfield. Head Teacher of Rowanfield

(Rosie) to develop a flyer to distribute around the community which raises awareness about the long-standing issues with vandalism and damage in the school grounds. The school are happy for the community to use the facilities in the grounds as long as they are respected and left in a good state.

- Jackie Brown is shocked at what she has been hearing about the issues of violence etc at Ferryhill Primary School and the issues surround potentially losing the second Deputy Head Teacher. Cllr Nicolson encourages those with complaints regarding the school should make their complaint formal in order to raise awareness of the support required for the school.

9. Open Space Consultation – Strategy

- Consultation with Schools – Mid August
- Graffiti Art Project – Liaise with DNC
- Events in the park
- Leaflets at Church and Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre for those who can't get online.
- After all information is collated – they will come up with a plan as to what would work best.
- Greenspace Funding Officer would offer support to secure funding.
- Greenspace sub-group - Thomas, Jules, Vicky and Pam

10. Any other business? None

11. Date of next meeting – AGM 29th June 2023