

Drylaw Telford Community Council

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre

7pm

Present: Cllr Vicky Nicolson, Eileen Brash (CC), Thomas Brown (CC), Pam Higgins (Secretary), Christine Paterson (CC), Jason Whitefield (CC), Muriel Moore (local resident), Cath Spence (local resident), Rik Hodgson (DNC Coordinator), Cllr Jules Bandel

Apologies: Sara Collins (Chair), Jackie Brown (treasurer), Cllr Hal Osler, Cllr Max Mitchell

1. Welcomed by Thomas Brown and above apologies noted.
2. Declarations of interest – none
3. Minutes of last meeting – approved
4. Chair Report – No report
5. Secretary Report – No report
6. Police Report – Nothing of major concern. Some crimes of dishonesty reported and advised to ensure that your property and possessions are safeguarded. Advice on a number of topics can be found on the Police Scotland website under “Advice and Information”.

Local resident aware of an assault and theft of bikes in the area which is under investigation.

Concerns that motorbikes/electric bikes in the area are increasing and causing nuisance and intimidating people due to their behaviour and appearance (balaclavas etc) – ACTION POINT

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7. Treasurer Report – no change to previous report.

8. Councillors Report

Cllr Nicolson

- After months of asking for the road markings on Easter Drylaw Place to be repainted, they have been done today.
- Reports regarding buzzing sound at electrical sub Station on Telford Road. This has been resolved.
- Emails re bins and fly tipping at Easter Drylaw Park which are being regularly picked up.
- Large vehicle tracks in Easter Drylaw Park

In order to empty bins. Suggested by parks department that large bins are put at the entrance to the park and smaller bins in the park removed. General consensus that this wouldn't be a good idea but will gain community opinion. ACTION POINT 2

Reporting procedure for bins, fly tipping etc to be re-shared on to Community Council Facebook Page. ACTION POINT 3

(Local resident asked for a bin to be placed at the bus stop opposite Drylaw Parish Church on Groathill Road North. Cllr Nicolson to enquire about this).

9. Greenspace Consultation – consultation to be shared with the children of Ferryhill Primary School. Thomas Brown submitted a report on the current status of the consultation.

Future Friendly Funday – Sustainability Day at DNC on Sat 12<sup>th</sup> April which perhaps the Community Council with the Greenspace Consultation, and the 'Greater Craigleith' Council consultation could become involved in. Working together would ensure that no duplicate developments are presented and agreed. ACTION POINT 4

## 10. Tramline Proposals

- Council Consultation in the springtime. The Community Council will be asked for an opinion of the proposal. Cllr Nicolson adds that local opinion is very important.

Invite senior officers of the project along to a meeting to answer the questions of local residents from a non-political point of view. Potentially 25<sup>th</sup> April? ACTION POINT 5

11. Telford Road Parking. Since pavement parking ban, lane 1 on Telford Road turning left on to Groathill Road North is now blocked and causing traffic and travel disruption – are parking bays an option due to the width of the pavement?

Cllr Nicolson – roads to coordinate a site visit regarding this and parking/yellow line issues in Telford and have been asked to attend the next community council meeting in March. Cllr Nicolson to send details to Secretary to invite residents affected to next months meeting. ACTION POINT 6

## 12. Any other business.

- Local resident sharing their concerns regarding the return of the 42 bus and wish to campaign for its return.

- Cllr Nicolson suggests a supportive bus service may be an option if Lothian Regional Transport deem the return of a bus through Drylaw to Craigleith un-viable.

- Contact to be made with Lothian Buses with these concerns. ACTION POINT 7
- Local resident would like to raise awareness about the increase of scam calls to elderly residents and to remind people to never agree to anything over the phone and to always say no.

13. Date of next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Action Points:

1. Pam to email police and ask them to increase their patrols around Easter Drylaw Gardens and surrounding area in the evening due to an increase in motorbikes/electric bikes.
2. Ask opinion of the movement of bins in Easter Drylaw Park – Pam
3. Pam – Reporting procedure for bins/fly tipping etc to ECC to be shared on to Facebook Page.
4. Thomas will liaise with Lynn Stocks (Consultant from Realtimis who is working on the “Greater Craigleith” consultation”) re working together to ensure no duplication on local improvements and the possibility of having a presence at the Future Friendly Funday on 12<sup>th</sup> April at Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre.
5. Pam will email the senior officers of the tram project and invite them to our Community Council meeting in April. Once date confirmed – Pam will advertise on social media, posters in Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre, Church, local schools etc.
6. Pam to email Vicky on behalf of Drylaw Telford Community Council and state that it is imperative that officials from the Roads team attend a community council meeting. Once a meeting is confirmed, Pam will share details on social meeting regarding this visit to discuss the parking/yellow line/pavement parking legislation issues in Telford Drive/Telford Road and invite local residents to attend.

7. Pam to email Gaynor Marshall – Communications at Lothian Buses with local concern.

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