

Drylaw Telford Community Council

25th January 2024

Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre

7pm

Present: Pam Higgins (secretary), Vicky Nicolson (Cllr), Thomas Brown (CC), Eileen Brash (CC), Paul Gunderson (Police), Shirley (local resident), Jason Whitefield (CC).

Welcome

Apologies from Sara Collins (Chair), Jackie Brown (treasurer)

Chair Report

- No report

Secretary Report

- No report

Treasurers Report

- No report

Councillors Report

- Cllr Nicolson advises that CEC to host a consultation regarding EDP at DNC. Possible regarding flood prevention. More information to follow.

- Still pushing to get double yellow lines opposite the parking bays on Telford Drive to stop commuters parking in these spaces which then stops residents from being able to park in permit bays as this would block the road.

- Reporting a lot of fly tipping behind the New Harbour Homes development on Telford Drive however it gets reported, cleared and then tipped on again. We have mobile CCTV cameras in operation now so if we could have the paths running through these tarmacked (very muddy at present) and intended as a cycle path and lit - it may deter people from fly tipping.

- Approached by someone interested in path network/greenspaces in Drylaw - keeping clean and litter free. Interested in setting up an official litter picking, "friends of", scheme with its own constitution etc. Vicky to liaise with Thomas regarding this.

- NEPS (Neighbourhood environment partnership scheme). I have proposed that the garden behind the shops on Wester Drylaw Drive (South side) is unkempt and needing a lot of work. I have asked some of this fund to be used to do something here. Consultation will need to happen with the residents in the affected properties and if more than 50% of residents are in support, this may go ahead.

Police Report

- Nice to meet everyone - I have been with Drylaw Police since July 2023 but due to work schedules, annual leave etc, I haven't managed to make a meeting.

- Done lots of work prior to bonfire night with youths who have been causing problems around the local shops etc.
- Figures since last meeting Nov - Jan. Increase of 13 incidents. As police station falls within the area, it may not be an incident that occurred in this area, just where the incident was recorded. This is a similar increase to the same period last year.
- There are no trends to specific crimes and things have settled down. Perhaps due to the weather. Online scams/fraudulent trends have increased slightly but this is not specific to Drylaw and is happening everywhere. Please be aware of doorstep callers etc.
- Paul to send Neighbourhood watch link.
- Asked us to send over any areas of concern that we would like us to look at e.g. Road safety.
- looking to set up drop-in sessions potentially at DNC and open to suggestions of day/times/frequency etc.
- Hope to introduce bike marking
- Cllr Nicolson has noticed that the fences at the back of Rowanfield have been covered and incidents of fire raising within the grounds seem to have slowed down significantly.
- Cllr Nicolson asked if fly tipping is an area that the police can assist in. Advised that yes, to forward any information/personal info found within the waste and the police can see if they can take this forward.

Greenspace Consultation

- Thomas needs to chase up response from the school (hopeful for pupil input as we are extremely low on child participants). Also to contact Easter Drylaw Park ranger due the wild flower areas. The area beside the park is covered in litter so needing to find out what is to happen to this area. The wild flower area sits for a year and then the area becomes an area for weeds (and catching litter that blows through - current state). Is there anything they can be done to this area?
- Support for outdoor gym equipment and picnic benches
- Report can be finalised when responses from children are received.

AOB

- Local resident Shirley - looking to see if a yellow box can be put on Telford Road at the Scottish Engineer as it can be big delays getting out of the junction and accidents have been known to happen. Cllr Nicolson will come along, take pictures and look at how she can take this forward.
- Trees blown over In Easter Drylaw Park need to be removed - Vicky to take this forward.
- Lights in path (vennel) from park onto Easter Drylaw Drive and along the back of the houses from the vennel to the entrance at the notice board. Pitch black - cannot see in front of you. No CCTV either so a safety concern.

Date of next meeting - 22nd February 2024