



In Attendance

Gillian Burnett, Judith Taylor – Tough, Susan Scott, Peter Scott, Denise Gardner, Leanne Blacklaw, Rachael Melvin

Apologies: Karen Bayliss, Anne Hyslop,

James Gibb

James Gibb continues to work on the replanting of the brown areas as discussed. This should all hopefully be completed soon. Leanne has been emailed for update re park.

Hopefully Leanne can attend meeting soon so we can discuss issues.

Volunteers

Another plea for people to join us. We have been now working together for 2 years since group was created. We are in the process of writing the Community Group Constitution. For this to be effective we require people for the following positions and general volunteers to ensure that we can continue to be of benefit to the community and instil the community spirit intended for this development. We cannot fully benefit the community without volunteers.

Current Core Members

Chairpersons – Karen Bayliss/Judith Taylor-Tough

Treasurer - Leanne Blacklaw

Secretary - Gillian Burnett

A Who's Who is to be placed on the website with small bios of each member.

A Facebook/Google Survey to be created to see if we can gauge.

What would encourage you to join – Different day/time/location?

What do you want from the Community Group?

We are now also looking at becoming OSCR registered.

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/becoming-a-charity/>. Application of this will be discussed at next meeting.

We cannot run the group without volunteers – there is little encouragement/engagement from the community and if this continues then there is the possibility that the group may have to be folded until more engagement comes from the community.

Countesswells Primary School

It is disappointing that we cannot access the primary school for events/meetings. We have written to the council regarding this as despite going backwards and forwards with facilities team we are unable to access school unless we cover a huge cost.

The school grounds need looked at and now we have map of boundary of school and who is responsible for this.

Dog Mess

After Littler Pick recently we again had to pick up a number of dog poo bags and noticed a significant amount of poo not bagged around the development. This is not acceptable. It is responsibility of dog owners to pick up any mess left by dog.

We are looking into a campaign such as Pink Poo by Chester City Council as a community event. Dog Warden has been emailed to see what initiatives we could get involved with. NES have been working with council to facilitate on the spot fines.

Pavement Parking

There has been more reports of inappropriate parking on pavements. This has been reported to council but until roads are adopted they cannot do anything. We have reported the pavement parking to Osprey housing for the houses that were recently built.

Badgers

It would appear that there are a few dead badgers around development. This has been reported to Scottish Badgers. It could be for various reasons but there has been reports of moved Badger Setts. Badger Scotland are going to investigate. See below link for information and reporting.

<https://www.scottishbadgers.org.uk/information-hub/faqs/>

Photography Competition

We are hoping to run a photography competition with prizes for best pictures. Details to be confirmed. Local businesses to be asked to sponsor provide prizes. It is hoped that winning photos will be used to produce calendar for 2026.

School Engagement

Community involvement to continue with primary school. We are currently looking at the potential of school award. This would be awarded to pupils.

A P7 Citizen award – Shield/Trophy to be sponsored by Community Group

House Award for winning house each year.

Judith/Gillian to look at trophy catalogues and get costs for this.

CDL/Development

No update from CDL as yet. They continue to be hopeful that they will be in position to update all soon.

Line painting to take place over the next few weeks between Gairnhill, Deer Park Drive and North Countesswells Road Junction.

Events

Easter event - 19th April date of 2025 10 – 1pm

We are looking to offer the following as they have proved a success in the past.

Easter Tattoos

Lucky Dip

Guess Eggs in Jar

Easter Bunny Name

Tea/Coffees/Hot Chocolates – Chargeable to guests to raise funds. Gillian urns etc will borrow from Tullos Training to help facilitate

Facepainting – needs 2 people. This would Close Early – 30mins approx. before end of event.

Easter Eggs – Donations Local Res - GB to Email Barbours/Dentist/Sains/Administrators

Scavenger Hunt – Outside/Inside – Tick those as they go around.

The above is only possible if we can achieve as many volunteers from the community as possible.

Next Meeting

Further meetings confirmed are as listed below at same time/place.

26th May 2025

30th June 2025