



**Our Place Our Plan Whitlawburn & Springhall**  
 Neighbourhood Planning  
 Environmental and Anti-Social Behaviour  
 Working Group Meeting  
 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019  
 Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre

**Attendees:**

Ashleigh McGuinness	Resident
Ellen Cunningham	Resident
Susan Dunne	Resident
Susannah McMurray	Resident
Susan Paton	WWHC
Brendan McMahon	Police Scotland
Daniel Hartles	SLC Problem Solving Team
William Dale	SLC Ground Services
Joe Connor	SLC Ground Services
Anne Hopkins-Simpson	South Lanarkshire Council
Kenny Steven	Healthy n Happy
Jan Taylor	Healthy n Happy

**Welcome**

- Anne gave an update on progress so far in relation to OPOP
- A quick update was given by Anne regarding PB activity to date.

**Purpose of Meeting**

- Purpose of meeting was discussed and it was agreed this is to look at the 2 key themes of environment and community safety and the development of 2 working groups

**Themes and examples of potential early actions shared**

Anti- Social Behaviour, we discussed

- Issues regarding anti-social behavior and how we can work together to solve it
- Public reporting and public reassurance. We discussed confidentiality with regards to reporting anti-social behavior, it was felt that residents have a fear of reprisals and this stop those raising concerns. The number of the anti-social behavior team was shared (0800 389 1105) and it was reiterated that issues need to be reported in order for them to be addressed
- Police capacity at present was discussed, there continues to remain flexibility within team to ensure problems are addressed if reported.
- Brendan noted that crime stats for the area, particularly violent crime were different to public perception, we briefly discussed the possibility of an awareness raising campaign which would recognise the many positive aspects of the Springhall and Whitlawburn communities while encouraging diligence around reporting any concerns and raising awareness of how this can be done. This would require further discussion. Police have active twitter that can be used

## Environmental Improvements

Examples of issues include bins around sheds, bin sheds, litter, fly-tipping, unclean closes.

Ideas/ early actions included:

- A clean-up of area
- Area walkabouts (walkabouts already happening in West Whitlawburn)
- Community clean up
- Promote special uplifts
- Skips in hot spot locations/ informed community
- Gardening competition
- Housing officers invited to community events to support engagement

## **A.O.B.**

It was noted that Citizens Advice Bureau (C.A.B.) provide services in the Springhall and Whitlawburn areas as below

### Springhall Community Centre:

Every Wednesday from 10.00am to 4.00pm (drop in no appointments required)

### Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre:

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10.00am -12.00 and 1.00pm – 3.00pm (appointments only)

## **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March at 3.30pm in Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre