

Waterside Community Council

Minutes for meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>.June 2021

Present: J. Whyte (Secretary), C. Lilly (Communications), K. Chesney-Bathie (Treasurer),

M. Todd (Co-opted member).

Cllrs. S. MacDonald, S. Murray.

Also in Attendance:

D. McFadden, M. Renshaw, L. Renshaw, D. Paterson, C. Willson.

Apologies: J. Herriot (Chair), Cllr. J. Jamieson, I. Bowman, E. Carlin, C. Notman.

- (1) Meeting commenced at 7.40pm. C. Lilly chaired the meeting in the absence of J. Herriot, who had a prior engagement.
- (2) **Minutes of previous meeting** were read and approved (proposed and seconded by D. McFadden and L. Renshaw respectively).

**Items arising from the minutes were nos. 3-7 from the following:**

- (3) **Complaint about containers** still lying at Taig Road. These have still not been removed and the grass is growing up around them. The grass had just been restored after the last time containers were put there. Residents unhappy. Cllr. Murray will make enquiries.
- (4) **Calfmuir Rd blocked right of way:** no further information.
- (5) **Luggie path subsidence.** The problem near the stepping stones resolved by the faithful "Elves". This site was inspected by an officer from the Council, J. Oates, accompanied by Cllr. S. Murray, C. Lilly and J. Whyte on Thursday 13 May.
- (6) **Cala Housing.** The proposal for Duntiblae includes a four-storey building up against the hillock. Some attendees were unaware of this change made since plans presented in 2018. The protected native Scottish bluebells growing there may be at risk (vulnerable to disturbance), with plans to put in paths over the hillock and no mention in the planning documents of their presence. They and the hillock are a beautiful sight and it would be a tragedy if this were spoilt. Another problem to take into consideration is how it will affect the traffic on Market Road if these houses are built. Some houses will have vehicle access straight onto Market Road or Chryston Road. Representation deadline is 11 June (in practice representations accepted later provided planning board hasn't met).
- (7) **ASN School.** Question was raised about whether the funding had been agreed by the Scottish Government. There should be more information by our next meeting in July.
- (8) **Environmental issues.** The council are not back to full strength at the moment as it is not allowed for two workers to travel in the vans together, owing to Covid restrictions. Discussions with unions are taking place about installing Perspex panels in the vans. Hedges, strimming grass etc. is behind schedule. Cllr. Murray is raising the matter again. The turning circle (Cross) has been sown with wild meadow flower seeds by the council.
- (9) **Flooding from Pit Road onto Bankhead Road.** Cllr. MacDonald is still pursuing this matter. The factor and farmer have been lettered by T. McMenamin at the council (though it appears the council are not obliged to do anything as this is a private road; however, the water does end up spilling onto public roads, and Cllr. MacDonald will follow this up). Problems on Pit Road have been ongoing for many years. M. Renshaw mentioned 1976,

for example when she and her family lived there. Cllr. MacDonald has been recommending council adoption of the road for years, but it needs to be a certain standard before that can happen.

- (10) **Damaged Kerbstones at Cairnview.** The damage has been caused by bin lorries trying to pass parked cars. Nothing has been done to repair these to date.
- (11) **Burnside path cracks.** The path is quite badly cracked, Cllr. Murray has examined the area, and suspects tree roots may be a cause. The problem has been reported by paths officer J. Oates.
- (12) **Wall opposite feature** is cracking and becoming a danger. Cllr. Murray checking it out. D. McFadden mentioned its being in a conservation area.
- (13) **Lack of fencing at the Moss Goat Burn.** E. Wilson had complained about this as she believes the lack of any fencing poses a danger. T. McMenamin had said it did not require a fence to be put back. Cllr. MacDonald advised residents should complain.
- (14) **Damaged pavement at Gartconner end of school path.** E. Wilson had also complained about the damage caused by construction work at the St Agatha's development – in need of urgent attention.
- (15) **Two MSPs** have acknowledged receipt of correspondence regarding ASN school proposals and are raising WCC comments with the relevant department.
- (16) **Monies from Wm. Surgeon's books.** This book was created by E.Z. Smith, who has generously donated a great many copies to WCC to help funds [update: payments of £64 received up to 30 June]. C. Lilly reported on a message from the great-nephew of a heroic wartime pilot described in one of the verses, who had been very moved by what he read.
- (17) **Police update.** Antisocial behaviour is being treated seriously. Vandalism included a window being smashed at Archie's new chalet. CCTV footage will be passed to Police. A window in the Miners has also been broken (to be raised with CISWO). Speeding on Waterside Road is causing trouble as usual. It was suggested a camera installed on Bankhead Road might reduce this as Police van on Gartshore road does not seem to be the answer as drivers are flashing each other of its position. Cllr. Murray said satnavs forewarned drivers of fixed cameras.
- (18) **Scams.** Police have also advised residents to beware of scams in the area, either door to door or on the internet. Do not give bank details to callers and be vigilant about callers at the door.
- (19) **Aldi Store.** The response to this proposal has been overwhelming – 300 letters of support have been received with 87% in favour. [However, there now need to be comments on the planning application. Deadline: 16 July.]
- (20) **Christmas tree.** J. McBride had approached a workman putting down weedkiller near the tree and asked what he was doing. He said he couldn't cut the grass round the tree so was using weedkiller instead. She told him she would cut the grass and take care of the tree and to leave it alone. Thanks to her for taking on tree care. It's now looking a lot better.
- (21) **Area at Moss Road** destroyed by elec. works. Cllr. MacDonald is chasing up Scottish Power, who are liaising with Morrisons, the contractor responsible. The promise was that it would be rectified during the growing season. As we are nearing the end of the season and nothing has been done it looks like the council will have to pay for this, which is not acceptable.
- (22) **Lights on Moss Road:** officers had said they were working. However the problem was an intermittent one. Cllr. MacDonald requested lamppost number.
- (23) **Hedges problem.** It would appear that the council policy is not to intervene until they are causing an obstruction. This information was given by Cllr. MacDonald.

- (24)**Roughcasting.** 10 and 13 Cairnview omitted. [Update from Cllr Murray: this is because of the mixed ownership of the block. If private owners do not want to pay for their property to be rendered, the Council will render half the block if it owns 2 properties on the same side. Otherwise if it only owns 1 out of 4, or 2 out of 4 which are diagonally opposite, they do not render because it leaves an unsightly patchwork.]
- (25)**A “windfall” of £62,000** came into our possession owing to a mistake by the council, Karen is rectifying this mistake with the assistance of Cllr. MacDonald.
- (26)**Protest on the park.** It was reported that there had been a socially distanced picnic in the sunshine on the park on 30 May, with balloons showing the very shocking height of the proposed ASN school building.
- (27)**No correspondence** this meeting. Date for next meeting 13<sup>th</sup>. July. C. Lilly thanked everyone who had zoomed in for tonight’s meeting. Meeting closed at 8.20pm.