

## **Waterside Community Council**

Minutes of meeting of Tuesday 8 November 2022

Present: nominated members K. Chesney-Bathie; F. Gilmour; C. Lilly; J. Marks; C. Notman; M. Todd;  
J. Whyte.

Cllrs. S. MacDonald; S. Murray; P. Marshall. PC C. Addyman; PC G. Canning.

Also in attendance: A. Thomson; D. Paterson; D. McFadden.

Apologies: E. Carlin; J. Herriot.

- (1) First part of meeting was chaired by C. Lilly. Meeting began at 7.35pm.
- (2) **Police report:** Advice was be vigilant in view of attempted thefts in Woodilee Village. If anything suspicious seen, note registrations and report to the police. No naming on social media. There had been an incident in Waterside where a resident had assaulted a youth after eggs thrown at a window. Also a number of youth disorder calls in relation to bonfire night.
- (3) **Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.**
- (4) **Matters arising:** a planned walkabout had had to be postponed. New date to be advised.
- (5) **C. Lilly gave a recap of events** (from past minutes/website accounts) over WCC's last 5-year term, beginning with installation of the village sign (hopefully to be returned soon) and its christening by J Whyte on 11 November 2017. Other lovely memories included the enormous contribution of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) to activities and improvements (with well over £20K spent on Waterside); two Waterside Village Fests; a Christmas Nativity; a Christmas pantomime; Christmas markets, two Window Wanderlands; light switch-ons and Santa's grottos; the annual Easter duck race; a Halloween scarecrow competition; the recent Halloween costume and pumpkin event; bulb and fruit tree plantings; the installation of the carved bench; Christmas boxes; to name a few. Big thanks to everyone who brought these about. There'd also been Edward Z. Smith's three books highlighting local social history (one distributed to every household in Waterside thanks to the CRT). The period had seen much campaigning and letter writing by both WCC and those forming the Waterside Action/Strategy Group to try to retain our green spaces (particularly in light of EDC's ASN school decision); demonstrations included chock-a-block and a protest football match among others. Another campaign started the process of returning 'Waterside' to Waterside addresses (now with Royal Mail). The Miners Club closure (just before Covid) meant another huge community loss. Other issues: tipping; vandalism; antisocial behaviour; speeding; potholes; unkempt hedges; boundary reforms. Very sad community losses over the period included former chair Bill Lapping, and regular attender Tam Willson.
- (6) Cllr. MacDonald chaired election of new office holders. He **thanked** the previous committee for all the efforts made and their achievements, saying Waterside was a place to be proud of.
- (7) The new positions proposed and seconded were as follows:
  - Chair:** M. Todd
  - Vice-Chair:** C. Notman
  - Secretary:** J. Whyte
  - Communications Coordinator:** C. Lilly
  - Treasurer:** J. Herriot (as co-opted member)
  - Interested Tenants:** J. Marks and Karen Chesney-Bathie
  - Village Improvement Officer:** F. Gilmour.
- (8) **M. Todd** took over as chair. Future meetings to be no longer than one hour.
- (9) **Subcommittees** to be discussed further at a future meeting. J. Marks keen to start **choir**. (Arts Council grants could be of interest for musical score costs.) C. Notman contacting Taylor

Wimpey re area for **growing space**. K. Chesney-Bathie will continue to organise dog-friendly **group walks**.

- (10) **Cala's proposed name for development at Duntiblae: The Weavers, Weavers Wynd, or Weavers Brae.** WCC preference was **Weavers Brae**. Street names Cala was proposing included **Bluebell Walk, Birch Brae, Campsie View**, though it was pointed out there is another Campsie View in Kirkintilloch, which could cause delivery confusion. Cllr. MacDonald mentioned historical interest of pillbox on site. Worth preserving?
- (11) **Swing park update.** This is likely to be built in the next financial year. Gordon Strain, the officer responsible, will discuss ideas with us probably in January. Some Taig Road residents are opposed to its being built on the green near them.
- (12) **Food poverty and hardship issues:** In addition to the Food Bank (where benefit help can also be provided), there are various bodies which can help, including Community Response in East Dunbartonshire (CRED) and CAB. P Marshall to send poster with details of help available. Local churches and organisations coordinating warm spaces and meals.
- (13) **An email had been sent to Gartconner re a possible road safety campaign.** Children running around Bankhead Road in the dark not looking where they are going. Three near-misses had been mentioned.
- (14) **A Halloween event had taken place since last meeting.** It had gone very well, with kind Lisa Giffen at Archie's providing free hot dogs and delicious hot chocolate etc. She and Cat Monaghan had decorated the Shed and surrounds wonderfully. Prizes were given by WCC and Luggiewatch for best costumes and pumpkins. A really enjoyable occasion.
- (15) **Santa's Grotto.** Lisa Giffen is likely to do her own Santa's Grotto this year, which would mean WCC might not need to do one. It was suggested that the light switch-on be at Archie's rather than in the village this year if Lisa didn't mind.
- (16) **CRT Networking Day in Blantyre, 11 November.**
- (17) **CRT and Local Place Plans:** D. McFadden mentioned CRT's intention to update action plans and provide Local Place Plans. (These have to be taken into account by councils drawing up Local Development Plans.) **Action: contact Enid Trevett.**
- (18) **Noticeboard:** Some members suggested a new noticeboard would help visibility of notices. The EDC grant scheme could probably assist.
- (19) **Bonfire Night:** A bonfire at Taig Road flats had left a mess once more. A request for this to be cleared was passed to the councillors along with details of overgrown shrubbery.
- (20) **Moss Goat burn** is overflowing; there is even a gas cylinder there now as well as an assortment of rubbish. This complaint was raised at the last estate walkabout but nothing has been done.
- (21) **Date of next meeting** 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- (22) **Meeting** closed at 8.30pm. All new members were wished the best.