

WATERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 9th August 2022

Present: J. Whyte (Secretary); C. Lilly (Communications coordinator); M. Todd (Co-opted member);
Cllr. S. MacDonald.

In Attendance: C. Willson; J. Marks; F. Gilmour; A. Thomson.

Apologies: E. Carlin; PC. Addyman; C. Notman; I. Bowman; K. Chesney-Bathie (Treasurer);
D. McFadden; Cllrs. S. Murray and P. Marshall.

- 1 **Meeting commenced at 7.40pm.** C. Lilly chaired the meeting in the absence of J. Herriot.
- 2 Cllr. MacDonald confirmed that Aldi had been given the go-ahead to build on the site between Initiative Road and McGavigans Road.
- 3 **Previous minutes** were read, and proposed and seconded by M. Todd and A. Thomson.
- 4 **Matters arising:** the car-damaged fence on Bankhead Road is still awaiting replacement/repair. WCC considers this urgent because of dangerous bend. Thomas McMenamin (Executive Officer Roads and Environment) had said a land ownership search was under way to establish who was responsible for putting it right. However, Cllr. MacDonald believes that as the current fence was erected by EDC (thanks to Cllr. Jack Young), it must be its responsibility.
- 5 **Child safety:** There had been a report of twins aged around five wandering about the village unaccompanied. Police had checked this out and the twins were unharmed.
- 6 **Vandalism, youth bad behaviour:**
 - 6.1 **The hanging basket on the bridge** had again been thrown into the Luggie (retrieved by M. Todd, soil replaced by D. Scott, and replanted by F. Gilmour). Youngsters had thrown garden boulders into the Luggie too.
 - 6.2 **Saturday night break-in at the Miners Club:** Boards and glass had been removed from a downstairs window to allow access. No real damage inside, though fire extinguishers appeared to have been let off. "Reggy wiz here" written on a mirror. Outside, a drainpipe had been torn down. More boarding-up happening. Signage to be put up too.
 - 6.3 **Alcohol and weed:** Report of youngsters in late teens supplying younger kids with alcohol. Youths smoking weed at entrance to club.
- 7 **Community space between football park and changing rooms:** Christine Dalziel from Barton Willmore had requested a meeting with WCC to discuss options. ('Planning Condition 17 requires that a plan be prepared in respect of the area of community space identified within the site.') One suggestion was an attractive multipurpose octagonal wooden structure. Could key to changing rooms be provided to allow use of lavatories for meetings/functions if so? Cllr. MacDonald suggested discussing options with artist Elena Harris too.
- 8 **Community growing space:** Would the community space be suitable for the proposed growing space? Consensus was probably not because of size/location. Dimensions requested. Other possibilities still Alexander Place (possibly best option, despite use for parking); small play park (once it has been replaced with new £100K facility); and area near garage on Bankhead Road. Survey of neighbouring tenants and residents would be required before anything could be done. Suggestion made that the community could fundraise to buy part of cow field for growing space. Cllr. MacDonald suggested approaching developers: CALA had proved responsive. What about Wimpey, who own horse's field?
- 9 **Twechar Community garden project:** A volunteer had taken C. Notman, F. Gilmour and J. Whyte to see their enormous proposed horticultural site. Waterside proposal is not to have individually allotted beds but to grow food for communal use.

- 10 **Name of new ASN School.** The suggestions being put to interim parent council are deliberately ED-wide and unrelated to Waterside: Antonine School; Kelvin Valley School; Woodland View School, Collier's Brae School. If they could be combined with Waterside (e.g. Woodland View Waterside School), it would be less of a kick in the teeth for the community (already deprived of community open space by the school). C. Lilly had written to councillors to suggest Waterside School and Luggie Glen School as options.
- 11 **The sign indicating 'Kirkintilloch ASN School'** is still standing. Cllr. MacDonald will send another reminder about changing it.
- 12 **Waterside 2019-2024 Action Plan:** Thanks in part to Covid and the school battle, there are outstanding matters. Attendees were asked to think about priorities from it over next month.
- 13 **Barr Hill and Fin Glen Walks** being organised by K. Chesney-Bathie. Barr Hill walk (exploring the Roman fort built in 50 AD) meeting at Twechar Healthy Living and Enterprise Centre at 12pm on Sunday 14 August. Fin Glen walkers to meet at Clachan of Campsie car park at 6.30pm on Friday 2 September.
- 14 **Correspondence this month:** Scottish Water invitation to an annual consultative meeting on evening of 30 August in Edinburgh. Also a letter from Aldi about new store.
- 15 Everyone was thanked for attending. Karen and Neil Bathie were wished a speedy recovery.
- 16 Meeting ended at 9.15pm.
- 17 **Date of next meeting: 13 September.**