

## **Waterside Community Council**

Minutes of Meeting Held On Tuesday 10 August 2021

Present: C. Lilly (Comms Coordinator), J. Whyte (Secretary),

I. Bowman, M. Todd,

Cllrs. S. Murray, S. MacDonald.

Also in Attendance: D. McFadden, M. Renshaw, L. Renshaw, C. Willson, J. Kennedy, C. Notman.

Apologies: Cllr. J. Jamieson, E. Carlin, J. Herriot, K. Chesney-Bathie.

- (1) **Zoom meeting** commenced at 7.35pm. Due to a technical failure J. Herriot could not attend. C. Lilly chaired the meeting on her behalf.
- (2) **Minutes** of previous meeting were read, and seconded by I. Bowman and Cllr. S. Murray.
- (3) **Outstanding issues.** I. Bowman had summarized these in an updatable document. This can be revisited every so often but should reduce time spent going over the same issues each meeting. The matters arising in this meeting are as follows.
- (4) **Containers at Taig Road.** Following complaints from WCC and angry residents, Cllr. MacDonald had tried to get these removed but without success. EDC had agreed (without consulting residents) to their remaining in Waterside while work is carried out in the Greens area. The aim is for them to be removed by April. Landscaping work around them had been suggested, though unclear how this would help. At a Greenspace walkabout (see next point) with J. Gillespie and J. Wiggins, it had been suggested that the circle in Taig Road might be the best place for a new swing/play park, subject to agreement with nearby residents/tenants. (There are actually no other obvious places to put it, given that there is now little open green space in Waterside.) The containers could therefore be in the way. Meanwhile, the Greens area has plenty of potential storage space. It was suggested an email to CEO G. Cornes be updated to say that the current situation is unacceptable. Said email should be copied to council leaders V. Moody and A. Polson.
- (5) **A Greenspace/Streetscene walkabout** had taken place on Friday 30 July. C. Lilly, D. and J. Carmichael, I. Bowman, C. Notman and J. Whyte had attended for WCC. Under discussion was the use of the £150K greenspace mitigation fund being spent on Waterside and area following the incalculable loss of our park. Possibilities include putting a play park at Taig Road, wetland planting behind Moss Road and improved paths. Issues mentioned included the school path mess left by contractors, the large hole at the bridge over the Moss Goat burn and the fence there in need of repair. The mess left by electricity board has now been partially improved, not by the electricity board or council but by a volunteer.
- (6) **Berryknowe wall.** This has been an ongoing complaint since 2018. Contractors have been asked to price the work to be carried out (rendering).
- (7) **Flooding at Pit Road.** This is no longer a Council matter; the responsibility is that of the landowners, who have been contacted by T. McMenamin. No further action will be taken by the Council. Cllr. MacDonald recommended contacting CAB.
- (8) **ASN school.** Funding for this is coming from the Council (not from the Scottish Government). The cost at the moment is some £36m (against an original budget of £23m). It is likely to rise further because of the ongoing increases in the cost of materials post-Brexit.
- (9) **Waterside addresses.** Issue now out of Council's control. [Update of 1 September 2021 is that the proposal to add "Waterside" officially to addresses (affecting 316 properties)

is acceptable to Royal Mail. A consultation will be required after letters of support from various bodies have been obtained.]

- (10) **Possible last event in football park proposed.** A cut-down Village Fest had been suggested. However, to get a licence for this would take 12 weeks. There was some discussion about whether an event could be held without a licence. A public entertainment licence could not be fast-tracked because of the statutory process.
- (11) **Football pitches.** I. Bowman provided an update on pitches and games. Three Rosebank teams have tragically had to fold, as predicted, affecting 60 children, because of the lack of grass pitches locally and the proposed alternatives being in Bearsden. Hire prices are four times costlier if 4G pitches have to be used (£110/£120 vs £30 for a grass pitch). I. Bowman has complained to Sport Scotland. Cllr. Murray to query why full price being charged for 4G pitches when EDC had promised affected teams would be able to hire for the same cost as the grass ones they've lost.
- (12) **Miners Club.** Following vandalism, broken windows had had to be boarded up. This was very kindly carried out by S. Moffat, with some assistance from C. Lilly. Ownership is unclear and WCC may have to pay a solicitor to get a definitive answer (meeting online with SENS Scot Legal in early September). However, vandalism had usefully opened up some limited communication with Miners charity CISWO. If Waterside is to have any chance of taking over all or part of the club and getting grants to do this, a company will have to be set up. This could be a company limited by guarantee. (It could take six to eight months to convert to a Scottish charitable incorporated organisation (SCIO), if subsequently required.) Funding opportunity to companies in December. Advice from EDVA (Graham Branscombe) and DTAS recommended.
- (13) **Community Grant scheme.** C. Notman enquired if the summer scheme was still available. It isn't as it has been used. For next summer, an application would have to be in by January. Friday 3 September is deadline for community grant scheme for grants not above £500. Need more people involved in applications because of time commitment. NB Reimbursement for last year's Window Wanderland costs to be sorted. Grants required for another Window Wanderland, and other events.
- (14) **Next WCC AGM and subsequent elections.** These will be next year (with WCC elections after EDC ones). We need new members: people willing to commit.
- (15) **Meeting location.** It was suggested that **Archie's** could be a possible venue for (hybrid) WCC meetings. Zoom is limiting. St. Columba's was also mentioned as was Riverside. Prices for these would have to be considered beforehand. Distance might reduce attendance.
- (16) **Greenspace survey.** As mentioned at 5) above, £150K is to be spent on green-space improvements. An online consultation asks residents what they would like. It is important to take part (by 28 Sept) to show this money is needed and to influence spend. [See <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/waterside-and-rosebank-greenspace-improvement-plan-consultation> and <https://edc.mapthis.place/>. There is a more general consultation event (Kirkintilloch, Lenzie, Twechar and Waterside) 6pm-7.30pm on 20 September. See [www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/greenspace-strategy-consultation](http://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/greenspace-strategy-consultation).]
- (17) **Macmillan coffee morning.** Margaret and Mhairi Todd are making cakes for delivery [small box of cakes £5; large box of cakes £10; dessert for two £5]. Orders to be placed by 20th for delivery 24th September. All proceeds to Macmillan.]
- (18) **Meeting** closed at 8.30pm. C. Lilly thanked all those who Zoomed in.
- (19) **Date of next meeting:** 14 Sept.