

WATERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 MAY 2021

Present: (Chair) J. Herriot; (Secretary) J. Whyte; (Communications) C. Lilly;

M. Todd; I. Bowman.

Cllr. J. Jamieson.

In Attendance: D. McFadden, L. Renshaw, M. Renshaw, C. Notman, C. Willson.

Apologies: Cllr. S. Murray, J. Carmichael, D. Carmichael, K. Chesney-Bathie, E. Carlin.

- (1) Meeting commenced at 7.35pm. Chair thanked all who had zoomed in.
- (2) **Previous minutes** had been read by attendees and were proposed by M. Todd and seconded by D. McFadden.
- (3) **The subject of water flooding into properties on Bankhead Road** was raised once more. Cllr. Jamieson will ask Cllr. MacDonald for an update.
- (4) **Promised work on Moss Road grass area** during the growing season has not yet been dealt with.
- (5) **Lights on Moss Road path have not been fixed** despite this having been reported last October. Cllr. Jamieson following up these complaints (2, 3, 4).
- (6) **Right of way from Calmuir Road** complaint has as yet not been resolved. Cllr. MacDonald is aware of this.
- (7) **Complaints of subsidence on path at Stepping Stones** and also on Burnside path are to be inspected by John Oates from the council. A meeting has been arranged to meet him on Thursday 13 May. Cllr. Murray, C. Lilly and J. Whyte will attend.
- (8) **Youth disorder at Luggie** Two episodes had been reported. Police were most helpful in dealing with these, one of the incidents being on Pit Road – the Police dispersed the youths in question. It would appear there has been a slight improvement; also brought to their attention was bottles being thrown at ducks in the Luggie. There is a lot of broken glass at or near the viaduct. J. Herriot will request police action plan for summer as any problems are likely to get worse.
- (9) **Litter-free village posters** MT, who has been liaising with Cllr. MacDonald will laminate and put up official posters round the village. She will pass some to C. Notman for the school path.
- (10) **CALA development plans at Duntiblae**. Information has appeared in the paper about a planning application, but there has been nothing about it as yet in the weekly planning list. [Update: it was in the weekly list of 07/05-13/05; WCC has been given till 14 June to send comments; Last date otherwise is 11 June.]
- (11) **Action Group update**. C. Notman had been speaking to a mentor from Planning Democracy. In another similar case, an Edinburgh community had won their judicial review, but the council had ended up building there anyway. Request made to Heather Holland about what information, representations and so on have been sent by EDC to the Scottish Government for scrutiny. [update: received reply (with documents) from Laura McLetchie on 17/05/21]. We should all lobby MSPs as a matter of urgency to ensure proposal is properly scrutinized at the Scottish Government. [update: WCC email to MSPs went in on 20 May.] Press release for WCC not sent.
- (12) **Lack of democracy** Jim Carmichael had had an excellent letter published in the *Kirkintilloch Herald* on this in relation to the ASN school.
- (13) There is a proposed **protest march** planned for Sunday 30 May between 12am and 2pm.

- (14) **Legal advice** may be needed on the likelihood of getting/succeeding in a judicial review. (The danger of judicial review is the risk of massive expense (£30K?), including council costs if we lose.) Initial consultation with a lawyer would cost in the region of £500. If WCC, Events group and Luggiewatch were agreeable to sharing the costs (say £200 each) this would help. KC-B to be asked to check our bank account to ascertain whether WCC can afford this. The CRT could also be approached as this is a community action (Danny McFadden). Crowdfunding via GoFundMe might be an option. If we set this up before deciding to go down legal route, wording should cover alternative options.
- (15) **Next stage in ASN process** We don't have enough information about what happens next, who will look at the application, and what the likelihood of its being called in is. Cllr. Jamieson will ask Stuart McDonald MP about the process.
- (16) **ASN finance.** Has funding has been approved? Information to be sought.
- (17) **Huts sitting at the bottom of Taig Road** have still not been removed, they haven't been used for the last two weeks.
- (18) **Nos 10 and 13 Cairnview** have not had rendering done, maybe the turrets have been a problem.
- (19) JH to list items for Cllr. Jamieson, as so many information requests had come out of this meeting.
- (20) There was no correspondence and as there was no further corporate business, date arranged for next meeting is 8<sup>th</sup>. June. Meeting ended at 8.25pm.