

Waterside Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 12th April 2022

Present: J. Whyte (Secretary), C. Lilly (Communications Coordinator), M. Todd,
Cllr. S. Murray.

Also in attendance: C. Willson, C. Notman.

Apologies: J. Herriot (Chair), K. Chesney-Bathie (Treasurer), E. Carlin, I. Bowman,
Cllr. S. MacDonald, Cllr. J. Jamieson.

- (1) Meeting commenced at 7.35pm. C. Lilly chaired in the absence of J. Herriot.
- (2) Apologies were noted.
- (3) Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.
- (4) **The Waterside Village Events team** had had to pull out of the Easter Duck Race and future activities. It was noted how many fabulous events Lynne Bateman and her team had put on over their six years: Christmas markets, duck races, Waterside Village Fest, Halloween Parties, the Nativity, Panto and so on.
- (5) **The Duck Race on Sunday 17th April** will go ahead, with egg hunt at 11.45am; Duck Race at 12.30pm; orienteering (thanks, Caroline Notman and James Quigley) from 12.50pm. The Easter Bonnet competition (judged by J. Whyte) will be at 3pm followed by raffle and prizegiving at 3.15. Brooke Giffen will be Easter Bunny. More volunteers needed. S. Moffat, Cammy Giffen and C. Lilly will be in the water to assist with ducks. There will now be no DJ or bouncy castle on Craig Crescent. **Action: C. Notman to design poster. C. Lilly to arrange printing and laminating.**
- (6) **Volunteers required** for future events too; a team of volunteers should be set up.
- (7) **Event consultation** needed to ensure all on board. More volunteers would have been available for Easter Monday than Sunday. Good sign there were so many volunteers for Miners project. Personal requests more effective than general ones. Assign volunteers to tasks based on individual interests/strengths. Join forces with Miners Charity group for future events?
- (8) **Miners project:** former members and interested parties had been updated at a meeting on 29 March at which Susan Murray and Sandra Sutton had spoken. Susan had identified a way forward based on the Waterside Miners' Charitable Society still being live and its objectives valid. A 2020 survey had shown that basic maintenance of the premises (not including improvements) would require £500K. Further deterioration since closure meant the only practical option was to demolish and rebuild. CALA would offer some help. There would also be funding opportunities out there. Following the March meeting, 24 people had agreed to stand for the committee of 16. Soon committee members, including four office holders, would be elected, with the others forming part of a working group.
- (9) **Planning permission for the Duntiblae development** had been passed. WCC had withdrawn objections in light of a) improvements made to the plan (preservation of the pond; more hedgerows and trees); b) the existing LDP, which meant there was no chance of saving the land from development; c) the risk of losing hard-won improvements if the developers had to appeal to government (cf. Kilmardinny). Thanks to all who worked for the improvements.
- (10) **Green space report following consultation now out.** A new **playpark** will be built at last. **Paths** to be investigated further with a view to upgrades. Clarification needed about what is happening over the toddlers' park. Also, no mention made of the **carved figures** for children to play on that had been proposed for the Moss Rd circle during Greenspace walkabout. Separate from the £150,000 school mitigation budget? No mention of any **community growing space** either. **Action: C Lilly to ask Jennifer Wiggins.**

Allotments discussed and the possibility of informal allotment arrangements being made between residents and tenants who didn't want to maintain back gardens. Explore possibility with tenants and residents and ask housing officer if council would object.

- (11)**Amount of green space:** M. Todd pointed out that Bearsden appears to have much more green space than Waterside. Legislation requires a certain amount per person. At a consultation meeting C. Lilly had been told Waterside was counted in with Kirkintilloch for open space calculations, and that Kirkintilloch now had a slight open space deficit following the loss of the Waterside playing field. She had asked the Greenspace team if the calculation could be done for Waterside separately as our open space was likely to be more in deficit, but that seemed to present a problem. (Waterside gains nothing from Kirkintilloch's having Peel Park and Woodhead Park etc.) Concerns were mentioned about green areas being appealed to the Scottish Government by developers (Horse's field, Pit Road...). Draft LDP will be fought for by council officers with the aim of retaining horse's field as green space, etc. The triangular meadow between the Luggie and Chryston Rd is now more important than ever.
- (12)**Waterside addresses:** issue ongoing. 'Waterside' is now used in EDC Housing correspondence, but not more generally. Cllr. Murray read out an email dated 1 September 2021 from Jamie Doherty detailing the process to get Waterside officially included in addresses. This has started but may need a nudge. Cllr. Murray chasing up. Concerns expressed by residents over sign to 'ASN school **Kirkintilloch**' pointing down Bankhead Road, **Waterside**. Cllr. Murray suggested use of 'Kirkintilloch' for the construction likely to be pragmatic.
- (13)**Fly-tipping:** the unsightly barrier has now been removed from the Moss Goat Burn. Thanks to Thos. McMEnamin, as this was the land owner's rather than the council's responsibility.
- (14)**Christmas tree:** need to think ahead. A live tree (in a pot) outside the Bathies' house would be a good permanent solution if they are willing to provide power and can be remunerated. The cost of providing mains electricity via the council was far too expensive to be an option judging by Bishopbriggs case.
- (15)**Next meeting (May 10th)** to be the first face-to-face meeting since the Covid pandemic. Location TBA.
- (16) Meeting closed at 8.35pm. Cordy thanked everyone who had Zoomed in.