

Waterside Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Present: J. Whyte (Secretary), K. Chesney-Bathie (Treasurer), C. Lilly (Communications Coordinator),

Cllr. S. Murray.

Also in attendance: D. McFadden, C. Willson, J. Kennedy, D. Paterson.

Apologies: J. Herriot, Cllr. J. Jamieson, I. Bowman, M. Todd, L. Renshaw, M. Renshaw, C. Notman, Cllr. S. MacDonald, E. Carlin.

- (1) **Meeting commenced** at 7.30pm. K. Chesney-Bathie chaired the meeting in the absence of J. Herriot.
- (2) **Minutes** of previous meeting were read and approved.
- (3) **Pit Road water:** J. Kennedy mentioned that after the heavy rain K. Crawford had had to divert water from Pit Road into the burn. It was suggested that if the Moss Goat Burn was dredged, this might alleviate some of the build-up of water in the Pit Road area. (The burn used to be dredged on a regular basis but this has not been carried out for some years.) T. McMenamin was looking into this as it was raised on the recent walkabout.
- (4) **Containers** have been removed at Taig Road, but area now needs a tidy-up.
- (5) **Nettles on school path:** although most of them have been cut there is still a patch where the path joins Moss Road. As children are being stung, nettle problem needs sorting.
- (6) **Grass on Burnside** has not been cut this season and is causing the path to be narrower for pedestrians. Cllr. Murray taking this up.
- (7) **Rendering** has commenced at a property on Taig Road, and the wall at Berrydyke is now to be done after a wait of three years.
- (8) **Waterside addresses.** The return of 'Waterside' to Waterside addresses will be sorted between Royal Mail and EDC. WCC does not need to take further action.
- (9) **Green space improvements.** A question was asked about why only £150K is being spent on upgrades to remaining green space as part of so-called mitigation for the village's huge loss. Was this a limit? Was it a community benefit sum agreed with the construction company? The cost of the ASN school has gone up considerably and currently sits at £36 million (originally costed at £23m). Rises in costs of materials are a factor. D. Paterson asked why the council had to pay the increased costs if the price had previously been agreed.
- (10) **Speeding on Bankhead Road.** D. Paterson said he had twice been put at risk by a speeding car overtaking on the bend or overtaking the bus (which wasn't stationary at the time). Blue Fiesta on one occasion?
- (11) **Speed bumps.** One attendee suggested these might help. (Speed bumps agreed for top of Bankhead Road following car and later a motorbike crashes on hold because of ASN school-related road changes.)
- (12) **ASN school:** 1) Distressingly, workmen are being subjected to abuse by some people frustrated by traffic hold-ups caused by lorries turning. 2) C. Lilly has been in communication with Gary McLeary, project manager, who is looking at what help with events that they might provide. C. Lilly, M. Todd and J. Whyte planning to meet him before long.
- (13) **Football pitch:** one attendee asked where this was to be sited. Answer: on the rough land east of the school. Changing room to be refurbished. Might there be room in it to hold meetings, and might we be allowed to if so? Cllr. Murray to make enquiries.

- (14) **Dog bins:** delay in emptying new bin at Pit Road was because staff involved had been unaware of its existence. It has now been emptied.
- (15) **Bags lying in Cairnview:** problem has been resolved for now, though it may recur.
- (16) **Local Development Plan:** this has been submitted to Scottish Government and two government reporters have been appointed. The council has met its targets for housing, which means the small amount of remaining open space may be slightly safer for the moment, especially as, with the loss of the playing field, there is now a recognised deficit of open space in the Kirkintilloch area.
- (17) **Consultations:** 1) parking consultation ongoing (closing date: 30 November): [www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/draft-parking-management-plan-consultation](http://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/draft-parking-management-plan-consultation). This includes aims to promote active and sustainable travel to school. 2) Also local housing strategy (closing date 29 October). 3) And Budget and priorities consultation for 2022/23 (closing date 18 November). See <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/your-voice-matters>
- (18) **Miners Club:** C. Lilly will attend meeting with Graham Branscombe of EDVA and D. Henderson of DTAS. She is sending a copy of the constitution/deeds (kindly provided by MC treasurer) to Cllr. Murray in the hope she can see a way ahead.
- (19) **Halloween event:** WCC has agreed to fund up to £100 in craft materials. McLaughlin & Harvey are helping in various ways.
- (20) **Waste not want not Facebook page** up and running.
- (21) **Bank balance:** around £5K, but that includes earmarked CRT funding of £2,500. We await news of EDC funding decision and grant. It's been £825 the last three years.
- (22) **Macmillan cancer support:** Margaret and Mhairi Todd had raised £335 for this very worthwhile cause by baking and selling their delicious cakes. Congratulations, both of you!
- (23) **Outstanding:** CRT-funded Village Improvement Project purchases to be discussed at a later date as priorities for green spaces may have changed slightly following Covid, Brexit and the loss of the playing field. Also list of outstanding items from walkabout to be reviewed.
- (24) **Meetings:** Cllr. Jamieson had emailed to say cost of classroom meeting hire (small space) currently £4.33 per hour; gym hall (large space) £9.09 per hour, but not yet available, and price likely to rise. The suggestion was made that we ask kind Lisa about holding hybrid meetings at Archie's, which has WiFi.
- (25) **As there was no further business,** meeting concluded at 8.40pm. K. Chesney-Bathie thanked all who joined in via Zoom.