

WATERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on

Tuesday 12 August 2019

PRESENT: (CHAIR) J. HERRIOT, (VICE CHAIR) S. WILSON, (SECRETARY) J. WHYTE
(WEBSITE CO-ORD) C. LILLY, (TREASURER) K. CHESNEY-BATHIE, (INT. TENANT) E. CARLIN,
CLLRS. S. MURRAY, S. MACDONALD.

APOLOGIES: CLLR. J. JAMIESON, P.KING, L. BATEMAN.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: C. WILLSON, T. WILLSON, J. KENNEDY, J.DEARIE, J. ALEXANDER, M.TODD.

- (1) Meeting commenced at 7.35pm. Welcome and introductions were made.
- (2) Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved (proposed by C. Lilly and seconded by J. Herriot).

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- (3) The street lights at Berryknowe had not been replaced due to current insufficiency of budget to cover the cost.
- (4) There had been two requests for names to be given in full in the minutes. This was agreed.

ENVIRONMENT

- (5) Overgrown grass at flowerbed feature has been strimmed; this land does not belong to EDC but it was tidied up as a special request.
- (6) J. Herriot mentioned a problem with a) overgrown hedges and b) cars being parked on pavements in Alexander Place and Park Street. Both make it difficult to negotiate pavements with a pram. Cllr. Murray will speak to housing officer to get action. Situation to be discussed at next meeting. If there is no progress, JH will consider making a complaint to the Scottish housing regulator, since she believes EDC isn't adequately enforcing tenancy agreements to maintain hedges despite its legal duty to carry out estate management.
- (7) The Taig Road circle has at last been tidied up following the mess left by contractors. There had been an email forwarded by Cllr. Jamieson from G. Telfer saying this area could be made into a children's play area if so desired. Another from J. Gillespie referred to its being turned into a wild flower meadow. One resident had suggested part of it could become a parking area. (Action: check with roads whether this is a possibility.) Survey of residents living around circle to be carried out before next meeting.
- (8) The damaged railing on the bend in Bankhead Road has not yet been dealt with.
- (9) A wall on Bankhead Road near the turning circle is continually being damaged by buses because of parked cars. Some concerns expressed about dangers posed by traffic there to children playing in the road – it can be blind coming out of Bankhead Road by the tenement building because of the parked cars. It is also often blind turning onto Bankhead Road from Back o' Dykes because of cars parked on the corner.
- (10) The parking on Bankhead Road poses a real problem, with vehicles at times forced to negotiate the bend blind.
- (11) There was a complaint about some drivers showing no consideration for other road users.
- (12) The roundabout at Moss road is dangerous as vehicles are having to drive on the opposite side of the road because of a parked car further along. Issues with speeding too.
- (13) Gray Street would appear to be particularly bad for parking, and some residents will not make allowance for other vehicles and refuse to park in more appropriate places. Police have asked some owners to move their vehicles, but they keep moving them back again. There is also a problem with parking associated with football matches. J. Alexander had applied to put in a driveway so she could park on it three or four years ago but been refused. It was suggested she try again. [Since the meeting there has been a request from a member of the public: *'Can the police again monitor parking in Gray Stbad enough when cars park two wheels on the pavement but all four with no room for pedestrians to park is*

ridiculous...last night we had football and no one seemed to know where to park, resulting in chaos. Can we please get this sorted.'

- (14) There was a mention of abandoned cars in the village. J. Herriot suggested registration numbers be passed to the police.
- (15) A suggestion was made, to general agreement, that signs be erected in the village asking that there be no litter, no dog fouling, no dumping in the Moss Goat burn. Perhaps 'Thank you for keeping our village tidy' or 'Keep our village tidy'.
- (16) The path leading from the Luggie to Muirhead cottages is overgrown again (hasn't been mown) and one of the steps has collapsed. With regard to the step repair, C. Lilly will contact Joe Nixon, whose team carried out repairs previously. The path leading to the concrete steps is also overgrown.
- (17) WCC to email T. McMenamin to request programme of maintenance (grass cutting and so on) – C. Lilly to pass on his email address to J. Whyte.

SUBCOMMITTEES & CRT

- (18) The day trip to Burntisland organised by Waterside Village Events had been a great success, with 98 people altogether – the chippy did well that night! Everyone was given a voucher for 50p off the price of ice-creams, and there were vouchers for all the rides etc. Even the heavy flooding, thunder and wet feet didn't dampen spirits. Well done, Events Group.
- (19) Among other things, the Events Group are arranging a family-friendly wrestling spectacle, a Halloween party, a car boot sale, Christmas tree light switch-on, cinema club (for Saturday mornings?). It was commented that a licence will be required and that it might be worth getting information from Nigel Rooke about what was done in Kirkintilloch for a similar event. The Arts Council might provide funding for a big screen/projector.
- (20) Gifts still to be organised.
- (21) The wild flower meadow at the turning circle is in full bloom at the moment, following the work done by C. Lilly, J. Gartshore, J. Whyte and Maggie Ferguson from Mugdock Country Park. However, it was reported that a white four-wheel drive had parked on the edge of the area flattening plants and causing damage.
- (22) The CRT meeting on the Waterside action plan and progress has been arranged for 5.30pm, Tuesday 27 August, in the lounge at Miners Club. There may need to be prior discussion about exactly how much funding is left for the Village Improvement Project following purchase of bowser, compost etc. (and other things).

ASN SCHOOL

- (23) Planning and design meetings with Fraser Robb likely to start soon. J. Herriot and J. Quigley planning to attend. The meetings will need to be in the evening to accommodate them. The hope was expressed that these will be the main planning and design meetings rather than separate meetings.
- (24) Strategy group to restart meetings. S. Wilson and C. Lilly to organize a meeting to refocus activities.
- (25) C. Lilly to pass on minutes of meeting with Thomas Glen to Cllr. MacDonald. C. Lilly also to ask J. Carmichael whether he wishes to make complaint mentioned at last meeting.
- (26) The petition that was started at the gala needs to be taken round the village. Ideally two people in each street to take charge of operation in their street. JH could do a Monday or a Wednesday evening. M. Todd happy to help, as is C. Lilly. S. Wilson took away petition to do Moss Road.

WOODILEE

- (27) P. King, who had sent in his apologies, had requested an update on the Woodilee nursery situation. C. Lilly to ask him to contact S. Murray, who will point him in the right direction.
- (28) C. Lilly to request update from Martin Cunningham on Woodilee meetings.
- (29) In preparation for future discussions with Martin Cunningham, those present discussed whether it would be better for Waterside and Woodilee to remain within the same

community council or to be separate. (NB Only Waterside residents were present at this evening's WCC meeting.) The general feeling was that the issues affecting the two communities were very different, and that meetings could not adequately cover both unless meetings were devoted to either Waterside or Woodilee issues in turn, which might lead to a loss of interest among regular attendees. For which reason, if Woodilee residents prefer to be a separate body, that might make sense. It was commented that Duntiblae must remain part of Waterside whatever happens.

(30) Waterside's new constitution can only be finalized once the Woodilee situation has been resolved.

CORRESPONDENCE

(31) Correspondence this month consisted firstly of invitations to attend the Tenants and Residents' Event day. It was suggested that Waterside could have an input into these events in the future. (K. Chesney-Bathie is willing to make a presentation on living in Waterside. She had previously been going to do one on the pros and cons of being a council tenant, but for some reason it hadn't come off). The second item was a reminder that Scotways are due their £20 subscription; it was agreed to look into discontinuing this. Action: ask them why we should go on being members.

AOB

(32) S. Wilson requested that WCC share notices about the Canal Festival (starting 26th. August).

C. Lilly will share on the WCC FB page, where she does share items of interest in Kirkintilloch.

(33) It was agreed that the next WCC meeting on 10 September should be a focus meeting split into groups, each with a facilitator (not councillors ; possibly JH, SW, CL, and JC). The object of this focus meeting would be to prioritize what we want for the village over the coming year. There will be teas, coffees and snacks at it. J. Whyte will bake a cake. C. Lilly to email our mailing list about this meeting (and to remember to bring the tea urn and have it on one hour in advance).

(34) The dog poo bin had been removed from beside the flats on Taig Road because of the smell affecting residents going in and out. However the replacement still needs to be provided and installed beyond the flats on the corner.

(35) KC-B mentioned that there had been no dog fouling on the area of grass next to her garden since she planted shrubs round the border with the help of donations from others. There was a suggestion that we could do the same in other areas (maybe asking Caulders/Dobbies for plants in return for advertising on the website). We could also put in for another Stalled Spaces grant. C. Lilly to contact J. Gillespie to discuss. Could think about the area near the dovecotes for one. Craig Crescent grass area could maybe have crocuses.

(36) The potholes at 55-61 Bankhead are breaking up and in need of repair again. There is also a huge pothole at end of Park St near 51 Bankhead Road that needs attention. Another one near the horse's field (on the opposite side to the sewer works) was mentioned; these issues were passed to Cllr. MacDonald.

(37) As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm. The date set for the next meeting is 10 September. Chair thanked everyone for attending.