

WATERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13 December 2022

Present: M. Todd (Chair); C. Notman (Vice-Chair); J. Whyte (Secretary);  
C. Lilly (Comms Coordinator); F. Gilmour (Village Improvement Officer);  
J. Marks (Int. Tenant); A. Thomson.

Apologies: Cllr. S. Murray; Cllr. P. Marshall; K. Chesney-Bathie; D. Paterson.

- (1) **Meeting commenced at 7.45pm.** M. Todd chaired the meeting as newly appointed chair.
- (2) **Parking on pavements** in various places in the village is causing problems and risks. Advice from councillors has previously been to call 101 each time as it's a police matter.
- (3) **Dog poo** not picked up by irresponsible owners still a problem, particularly on school path and around Taig Road. Resident had complained. If anyone has any evidence of a particular owner not picking up, please advise police.
- (4) **Christmas arrangements:** The Shed at Archie's is to become Santa's Grotto on afternoons of both Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec (free to all). Lisa has been shopping for it and is providing hot chocolate too. Carol singing being organised by J. Marks. WCC will donate £70 or £80 towards costs.
- (5) **Christmas lights:** F. Gilmour had bought lights for tree/railings. Finances to be sorted.
- (6) **Duck race licence** application will be going in 12 weeks before the Easter event (9 or 10 April). WCC won't object if there's a bar. The event will be run by L. Giffen and Waterside Miners' Charitable Society, and profits will go towards the community hub project.
- (7) **Swing park:** Gordon Strain from the council will meet WCC early in 2023 to discuss the project. C. Lilly reported that at least two people/households whose homes face onto the Taig Rd circle would strongly object to its being used for a swing park. A public meeting will be needed (at Gartconner if they are hiring rooms again).
- (8) **Dangerous drivers:** There were again complaints about drivers nearly mowing people down on Pit Road while travelling at speed. Concerns about driver use of mobile phones.
- (9) **Litter on Pit Rd:** M. Todd had picked up 40 coke cans. Discussion needed with owners of industrial estate. Litter throughout village is bad. F. Gilmour regularly litter-picking. She suggested a litter awareness day. A container/trailer once a year might be useful for public use. Cllr. Murray had very kindly previously organized one. Could EDC write to offenders if identified? Question raised about accessibility of bins for young children.
- (10) **Bankhead Road fence** still not repaired.
- (11) **Waterside again omitted as separate entity** on an EDC form: budget survey.
- (12) **Planning permission requests in Waterside area:** 1) for extension to workshop (single-storey) and associated parking at the former Hattie's garage site, now owned by Garage Roofing Company; 2) for a nursery beside Stoneyetts Drive (near the Spar, Woodilee).
- (13) **Moss Goat burn:** A request had come in for information on any plans for blockage clearing, given the flooding down the alley between Pit Rd and Bankhead Rd. C. Lilly will email McLaughlin and Harvey for info on culvert, as this was also requested.
- (14) **Meeting closed** at 8.45 followed by savoury snacks and mince pies. Huge thanks to those who made food and to everyone who brought contributions. Everyone was wished the compliments of the season. Chair thanked all who attended.
- (15) **Next meeting:** 10 January 2023.