

Waterside Community Council.

Minutes of Meeting Held On

Tuesday 13th November 2018.

Present: Chair J. Herriot. Secretary J. Whyte. Treasurer K. Chesney-Bathie. Website Coordinator C. Lilly. Int. Tenant E. Carlin.

Cllr. J. Jamieson.

Apologies. Cllr. MacDonald. L. Bateman. B. Lapping. D. Carmichael.

Guests. T. Paterson (Trails & Tails.) J. Whatley (Trails & Tails.)

In Attendance: T. Willson. C. Willson. A. Crawford. B. Sewell. E. Wilkinson. E. Mathieson. D. McFadden. D. Scott. J. Carmichael.

- (1) Meeting commenced at 7.35pm. Chair welcomed guests and all those in attendance.
- (2) T. Paterson (Trails & Tails) explained the project to be discussed and outlined the art project for Trails and Tails (EDLC). These are being funded by Lottery Heritage Historical Society. It was proposed that sculptures for nature trails around the Borough would be a good idea. This work has taken three years. Three sites have been commissioned, Cadder, Lenzie Moss and Waterside. A dozen artists have been involved in working over the area. These are for walking groups over the area as landmarks and places of interest. Spider Bridge across the Old Aisle Cemetery was the key project of this meeting. Pictures of the proposed sculpture were passed around. A piece of the old bridge was discovered in the Bothlin Burn. The historical route has or would be obscured by building developments if placed at the original bridge site so was agreed this would not be a suitable place. The bridge was regarded as a precious object. How to present it was asked? The artists had decided tubular stainless steel was to be used in the construction; it would consist of three tripod structures similar to tepees. This would however have to be treated against ageing. It was suggested that could be sited on the flower bed or over at the other side because it is adjacent to the existing bridge. Any planting changes to the Feature area would be taken care of by the other artist in the trio: Doug McLeod. If the Community Council don't agree with the flower bed site, how about the other side? Or beside Arche's. The decision could be made in the early spring; however it would have to go through the planning. Consultations would be in December or January after this is put on the Website.
- (3) Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved, proposed by J. Carmichael and Seconded by E. Carlin.
- (4) Monies from Coalfields Regeneration have come through. Panto funds have been received. The container is arriving on Friday and will be situated at the Miners Car Park. Thanks to Brian Sewell for this. We very much appreciate this asset.
- (5) Taig Road circle it is the process of being cleared of the debris left by the builders rough casting the houses earlier this year.
- (6) Treasurer's report. There is £100 in petty cash. £17,951 is the up to date balance. Money still to go to various projects.
- (7) ASN vote to be held on Thursday 15th.November at the Council Chambers, Marina at 6.00pm. We are encouraged to attend this meeting and get as many as possible to join us. Ann Crawford is organising a bus to take as many as possible; if necessary she will make the

run again to accommodate everyone. A big thank you, Ann, for doing this, much appreciated. The plan is to lobby this meeting to make our presence felt. Cllr. Jamieson gave us his opinion, he is in total agreement there is no space for a full-size football pitch. After speaking to Thos Glen he stated a suitable site should have been agreed before considering closing the two schools.

- (8) D. McFadden suggested we should congratulate ourselves for fighting this cause no matter the decision.
- (9) E. Wilkinson asked who was accountable for this decision. How can we get accountability from the council; we have to have a voice. We are all agreed we are not against a new ASN School. There were one hundred and four against building at Waterside and thirty five in favour. Cllr. Jamieson is ascertaining who these thirty-five were and if in fact they lived in the area.
- (10) £20,000 has been invested in this Village by the CRT. And we are working tirelessly for the kids of the Village. However, if we lose this green space, we lose village identity and the only play space.
- (11) We were never approached about this proposal; decisions were made before we were ever consulted! Susan Murray had suggested that if we had been, there might have been more flexibility, but villagers disagreed, as there would have been no compromise over our green space, since it plays too important a role in village life.
- (12) Cllr. Jamieson also told us the councillors had not seen our objections in response to the consultation. [At the council meeting of 15 November, it was stated that the council did not have permission to publish individual responses.] Representations will have to be sent to councillors before the meeting on Thursday.
- (13) If this proposal fails, would the school be put back five years?
- (14) We were informed that the EDC are proposing two new Nursery schools for Lenzie and Kirkintilloch. Cllr. Jamieson mentioned land was being bought for the purpose, although when it came to the ASN school, we were told it was too much of a risk to buy land for it.
- (15) The strategy minutes were read.
- (16) J. Quigley is trying to find out cost of a pollution and traffic survey so that we know what the state of the air quality is before this new school arrives.
- (17) J. Carmichael has written letter, we could take points from it or add to this letter.
- (18) Another strategy meeting to be arranged after meeting on 15th. November.
- (19) The way we have been treated would make a horrendous story. This should be brought to light.
- (20) A meeting of the Association of East Dunbartonshire Community Councils on Wednesday was attended by J. Carmichael and D. Carmichael. They told us that T. Glen's attitude was unacceptable! He'd suggested the meeting was pointless, and that community councils didn't need to come together. There should be a letter of complaint about him sent to council officials.
- (21) A report from Cllr. S. Murray who is on the board for Hillhead housing association informed us there have to be sixty affordable units in the field next to the Miners club. Cala Housing are insisting the Miners has be sound-proofed. Funding from community benefits would be used. Kitting out of the container from this funding might also be possible.
- (22) At a meeting between David Wright of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust, the Miners Club committee, JC, CL and the ex-president of the NUM, the latter thought he might be able to get funding for a new boiler for the hall as an emergency measure. (The boiler in annexe is no longer in working order.) It is though it would take £4,000 to replace. Funding will also be sought for a feasibility study for refurbishing annexe and club.

- (23)The Conservation Volunteers insurance is thought not to be worth renewing. Insurance is up for £560, other quotes will have to be considered. Equipment in container will have to be insured as there will be expensive equipment stored there. Insurance before 1st.December. Who is paying this insurance? Each body would have to pay for their own equipment ie Luggiewatch and Community Council.
- (24)Bankhead Road still flooding despite work carried out on it. This could possibly be in our favour for the new school not going ahead.
- (25)Hedge at 4 Cairnview causing hazard for cars coming out of junction.
- (26)Meeting closed at 9.35pm. Date of next meeting 11th.December.