

WATERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

Present: J. Whyte (Secretary); C. Lilly (Communications Coordinator); M. Todd. (Co-opted Member);  
Cllr. S. Murray.

Police. PCs C. Addyman; G. Canning.

Also in Attendance: C. Willson; F. Gilmour; D. McFadden; J. Marks; D. Paterson; A. Thomson.

Apologies: Cllr. S. MacDonald; Cllr. P. Marshall; J. Herriot; E. Carlin; I. Bowman; K. Chesney-Bathie;  
C. Notman.

- (1) Meeting commenced at 7.30pm. Once again chaired by C. Lilly in the absence of Chair. Everyone was made welcome.
- (2) We were pleased to have a Police presence this evening, and a warm welcome was extended to officers Craig Addyman and Gerry Canning.
- (3) A one-minute silence was observed in recognition of Her Majesty The Queen's death.
- (4) POLICE REPORT AND ANTISOCIAL ISSUES: no recent vandalism at Miners Club, but more boarding of windows still required. Police patrolling area frequently. Paint thrown over rainbow container and a car by youths. Two cannabis reports, and a drugs warrant had been issued. (If drugs suspected, let the police know.) No crime in Waterside. Just vandalism of planters, etc. Attendees reported scooter issues: dangerous riding, threatening behaviour (illegal for them to be on roads if riders don't have insurance, road tax and safety helmet, but police reluctant to confiscate). It was suggested this be put on Facebook to make parents aware of problem in the interest of their children and also motorists. Maybe local schools could do scooter and bike road safety campaign.
- (5) BOGUS CALLERS: One resident had been approached by men in hi-vis jackets offering to tarmac drive with leftover tar from road-resurfacing work. She was told they could do it that day but would have to be paid immediately. Probable scam as they wouldn't name who they were working for or detail which road they had been resurfacing, and such scams are common. Police requested reg. numbers of any vehicles be passed on if this happens again.
- (6) DAMAGED FENCE ON BANKHEAD RD still not fixed. Unclear who is responsible for repair. Cllr. Murray has owner's details and is planning to make contact.
- (7) WALKS: Karen Chesney-Bathie had led a walking group to the Fin Glen. Well done and thank you to her.
- (8) WATERSIDE ADDRESSES: Issue of including 'Waterside' officially in addresses is now in the hands of the Royal Mail. Relevant addresses will have to be surveyed. Slight concern was expressed about whether it would end up being 'Waterside, G66' or 'Waterside, Kirkintilloch G66'. The latter was felt to be more reliable and is what most of us currently use.
- (9) EDC FORMS: Request made that 'Waterside' be included on EDC forms where locations are listed. See current list for reporting road faults: 'Balmore, Bardowie, Bearsden, Bishopbriggs, Clachan of Campsie, Kirkintilloch, Lennoxton, Lenzie, Milton of Campsie, Torrance, Twechar, Other'.
- (10) DAM BRAES AND BURNSIDE. There is considerable subsidence on the Dam Braes path where a gully has been carved out by the heavy rain, and the path on the riverside end of it has crumbled away. This has proved dangerous, with people losing their balance beside a steep drop, and it requires immediate attention. The Burnside path is crumbling and requires gabions to be put in place to prevent further damage caused by heavy trees; this again is an urgent matter. These items have been reported to Cllr. Murray.
- (11) On the 'ASN School, Kirkintilloch' sign, 'Kirkintilloch' has been taped over, but it still does not show 'Waterside'. We currently have neither our village sign in place nor the sign pointing

into the village indicating 'Waterside', which is not satisfactory. The village sign is to be re-erected once the road widening has been completed.

- (12) ASN school name has not yet been decided. The options were selected by the interim parent council, and the vote is open to parents, staff and all EDC councillors. Out of WCC members, only the chair has a vote. C. Lilly had written to Gavin Haire, in charge of the voting process, as well as the head of Merkland and all EDC councillors to express misgivings about the Antonine (the wall doesn't run through Waterside); Kelvin Valley (it would sideline our Luggie Water) and to request 'Waterside' be included with whatever name is chosen. Ms Hunter at Merkland had replied saying she would take that suggestion to the interim parent council.
- (13) DUNTIBLAE new development name has not been decided. C. Thomson at CALA had been in touch about having a meeting, but no date had been confirmed.
- (14) CLIMBABLE FIGURES. An application for a grant had been made for the five climbable figures suggested by Jackie Gillespie for the Moss Road roundabout as part of the greenspace improvement plan. They can be no higher than 40cm if there is to be no rubber matting. Liaison with Gartconner to take place about type of animals.
- (15) COMMUNITY SPACE next to ASN: Following the last meeting, C. Lilly had written to Christine Dalziel with bandstand/summer house/kiosk/pavilion suggestion. CD is likely to attend next meeting. One other idea was suggested: an amphitheatre.
- (16) GROWING SPACE: One suggestion is to use (once McLaughlin & Harvey no longer need it) the part of the Horse's field that has been converted into a temporary parking area for raised beds if owner agrees. Action: Discuss with C. Notman, agree on approach. F. Gilmour happy to take on much of the work.
- (17) ROADS AND PATHS: Two potholes on Bankhead Road bend have been reported to Cllr. Murray.
- (18) FOAM IN LUGGIE: Any pollution issues to be reported to SEPA.
- (19) FISHING: One resident had expressed concerns about fishing from the bridge, but it looks as if there is no restriction till after 6<sup>th</sup> October, when it is illegal.
- (20) PLANNING APPLICATIONS: An application had been put in for a dormer window to the rear of a cottage on Bankhead Road. Also for a tanning studio/nail bar/pedicure area for Carresbrook Place, Fauldhead. Otherwise no planning applications in the WCC area.
- (21) VILLAGE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT: Need to know how much we still have to spend. There has been a request for a Wilma tree in honour of Wilma Black and a new barrel for it to be put alongside Joseph Lewsley's plaque on the seat by the footbridge. This is in the process of being arranged. Janice Whyte and Jack Gartshore will maintain it.
- (22) REIMBURSEMENT: It was unanimously agreed that a letting fee is due for use of meeting space.
- (23) HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN COMPETITION IN CONJUNCTION WITH LUGGIEWATCH: Arrangements to be discussed at next meeting.
- (24) WATERSIDE ACTION PLAN: No one raised any issues that they felt had been overlooked in follow-up, though obviously some community aspirations are currently not achievable with the loss of the Miners Club and the playing field. Parking on pavements difficult to resolve.
- (25) CORRESPONDENCE. There was no relevant correspondence this meeting.
- (26) AOB: No further business, date of next meeting 11<sup>th</sup>.October.
- (27) C. Lilly thanked everyone who attended.