

Waterside Community Council
Minutes of meeting of Tuesday 14 December 2021

Present: J. Whyte (Secretary); C. Lilly (Communications Coordinator); K. Chesney-Bathie (Treasurer);
I. Bowman; M. Todd.

Cllrs. S. MacDonald and S. Murray

Also in Attendance: D. McFadden; B. Sewell; C. Willson.

Apologies: Cllr. Jamieson; E. Carlin; J. Herriot (Chair).

- (1) **Meeting commenced at 7.35 pm.** C. Lilly (chairing in the absence of J. Herriot) welcomed all.
- (2) **Minutes of previous meeting** read and approved – proposer, I. Bowman; seconder, M. Todd.
- (3) **No Police report.**
- (4) **Pothole on corner of Bankhead Road:** Cllr. MacDonald will report.
- (5) **Thanks were expressed** particularly to **C. Notman** for organising the excellent Halloween scarecrow festival and Waterside Christmas Wanderland (and for all the liaising and measuring required to pull off her magical decorated bus idea); to **Ann's Coaches** for lending the bus and taking it to and fro (and despite timing clash); to **Gartconner Primary** for their artwork; to **McLaughlin and Harvey Construction Ltd** for printing posters and flyers; to **M. Todd** for making Christmas pies and biscuits; to **L. Giffen** for use of the Shed; to **L. Bateman and Waterside Village Events** and **F. Price** for providing the Christmas tree (and to everyone involved in putting it up and decorating it); and to **K and N. Bathie** for supplying the electricity for the illuminations. (**Waterside Village Events** will also be organising a Santa's grotto, for which **McLaughlin and Harvey** are very kindly donating selection boxes. Thanks to all.)
- (6) **Thank you gifts:** It was agreed that WCC would fund the purchase of the *Waterside Picture Book* (£14.50) as a little thank you in relation to goods supplied for Halloween event; also a picture record thank you in relation to Window Wanderland.
- (7) **Electricity supply for Christmas lights:** A request was made once again for the council to provide electricity for future village Christmas lights (on tree, street lamps on Bankhead Road etc.). Auchinairn, Twechar and other villages all have council help over Christmas lights. Cllr. Murray will push this. If we acquire Christmas lights, can the council also install them on street lamps?
- (8) **Fundraising for the purchase of Christmas decorations** was suggested. K. Chesney-Bathie keen to be involved in organising WCC fundraising activities.
- (9) **Street lamp on Bankhead Road** beside construction site still not working, putting pedestrians at risk. Cllr. MacDonald checking this out. [C. Lilly and B. Sewell have now both filled in form at <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/webform/traffic-and-lighting-fault-report>]
- (10) **Rotting leaves posing slip risk on Waterside Rd pavement.** Cllr. Murray will pass on information.
- (11) **Bankhead Road and pavement very muddy**, and pavement sometimes not accessible, making it very risky especially in dark for pedestrians. Cllr. MacDonald will take a look. It was noted that the construction site workers are extremely courteous and helpful.
- (12) **Brown water/water extraction:** There had been some complaints about dirty tap water. Toby at Glenluggie had been used to extract water for road sweeper. It was suggested that brown water problems arise where incorrect extraction procedures are followed (wrong size hose/valve). If there is dirty water, householders should contact Scottish Water ASAP.
- (13) **Updates re school progress:** One resident had been told there would be monthly updates, but this had not happened. Cllr. MacDonald has been trying to set up a meeting with Heather Holland re ASN progress. [Project Manager Gary McLeary has also suggested we raise requests direct with him too as McL&H will try to help where they can; he confirmed to J. Whyte and C. Lilly that school car park will be outside school fence, allowing football match parking use.]

- (14) **More WCC members needed.** It was commented that all tasks tend to fall on the shoulders of the same few volunteers. New five-year term starts in the last quarter of 2022.
- (15) **Jackie Brown had very kindly offered a Christmas dinner.** WCC to identify possible recipient.
- (16) **WCC grant from council** received: £825.00.
- (17) **Current EDC consultations discussed.** See list at end.
- (18) **Locality Plan Consultation:** Question asked about why Waterside not included in Locality Plan Consultation, given that the village scores poorly on the Index of Multiple Deprivation. Waterside still being neglected. Cllr. MacDonald suggested relevant streets be listed and council officers take a look. Village issues include lack of community centre where classes, self-help, meetings and other activities could take place; no shop opening after working hours. Residents should be asked about needs. It was suggested we reread CRT's *Waterside Community Action Plan 2019-24* before next meeting, though some of the aims expressed in that can currently no longer be met due to loss of playing field and Miners Club.
- (19) **Community Centre: Waterside desperately needs a hall/community space.** A resident asked if CALA might help, given the profits they will make if housing goes ahead at Duntiblae.
- (20) **Pavement parking** likely to be an issue for some residents as Scottish Government has made it illegal.
- (21) **Luggiewatch calendars** now on sale at Archie's. Cost £6.00 each or £10 for two.
- (22) There being no further business, C. Lilly wished everyone a very happy Christmas, and the meeting closed at 8.25pm.
- (23) Next meeting: **11 January 2022.**

Current consultations

- www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/planning-guidance-consultation (till 14 January)
On 11 November, EDC approved 6 pieces of LDP guidance for consultation. These provide info to assist in the determination of planning applications. All guidance notes are revisions: 1 Advertisement Consent; 2 Brownfield Land; 3 Design and Placemaking; 4 Developer Contributions; 5 Frontiers of the Roman Empire (FRE) (Antonine Wall) World Heritage Site; 6 Sustainable Transport
- [What is the National Planning Framework? | Transforming Planning](#) (till 31 March)
"The Scottish Government has published its draft National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) for consultation. This is a hugely significant document that will guide spatial development, set out national planning policies, designate national developments and highlight regional spatial priorities."
- **Consultation on revised gambling act (till 10 January)**
<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/consultation-revised-gambling-act-2005-statement-principles>
- **Community Learning and Development Plan 21-24 (till 14 January)**
<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/council-democracy/community-planning/community-learning-and-development-plan-2021-24>
- Locality Plans Consultation (till 20 February) only covers Auchinairn, Harestanes & Hillhead, Lennoxton, Twechar: <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/locality-plans-consultation>