

WATERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2020

PRESENT: Chair (J. Herriot), Vice-Chair (S. Wilson), Secretary (J. Whyte), Communications (C. Lilly).

In Attendance: Cllr. S. Murray, Cllr. J. Jamieson.

J. Carmichael, D. McFadden, D. Scott, J. Quigley, C. Willson, T. Willson, M. Todd.

Apologies: E. Carlin, K. Chesney-Bathie., D. Carmichael.

- (1) Meeting commenced at 7.30pm in the Waterside Miners Quiet Lounge. Chair thanked everyone for coming.
- (2) Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved by D. McFadden and C. Lilly. Matters arising from these minutes detailed below.
- (3) ASN school public drop-in consultation sessions to take place on 15 and 23 January.
- (4) It has been agreed that the WCC AGM will take place in March.
- (5) Defibrillator payment should go ahead as EDC has awarded us a £200 grant towards the case. ACTION: Ask Karen Chesney-Bathie to organize cheque.
- (6) Safer Communities coordinator has been advised about Moss Road dog bin relocation. And an email has been sent to Phyllis Henderson (community warden) re possible dog fouling campaign. (Taig Road and Moss Road are particularly bad although this problem is widespread throughout the village.)
- (7) Request for a new fence at the Moss Goat Burn has been turned down by EDC.
- (8) The Christmas tree has been inspected by an expert. The conclusion: it needs feeding but is otherwise a healthy tree that is still growing and developing. It will look better in time. It has been agreed with the events team that the tree should stay. They are discussing providing an additional tree elsewhere in the village. Quite a lot of complaints received this Christmas about tree lights not working. The reason was that the battery unit flooded and there weren't funds to have it replaced. It was suggested that we again ask EDC if we could have a power supply from the nearest streetlamp in future. We may need to find out what's happening about an additional tree first.
- (9) Wester Gartshore Pit Bing. An email had been received from P. Profili on behalf of G. Easton and AE Holdings concerning possible removal of bing, re-landscaping and extension of industrial area. It was remembered that an issue with chromium contamination at the bing had been one of the factors that prevented its removal 30 years ago. The WCC had put in an objection to the removal of spoil through the village at the time of the Main Issues Report consultation last year (just prior to the last WCC meeting attended to G Easton and P Profili).
- (10) ASN School. Lots of traffic concerns raised at the last workshop with Barton Willmore. Traffic figures from EDC's survey did not accord with those at peak times as surveyed by I. Bowman. It was suggested that the positioning of the vehicle counting mechanism had not taken account of vehicles turning left out of Waterside. The 34-second time estimated for traffic leaving Waterside at peak times currently also seemed out of step with reality. Many issues are posing problems. The school can only go on areas not subject to flooding, meaning the replacement football pitch would have to be on what is currently a marsh area. The architects appeared not to have known about the presence of a watercourse (Moss Goat Burn). Necessary widening of Bankhead Road to accommodate right- and left-turning lanes will take land away from the school. Building up the land for the road will be an added cost.

Too much to fit into too small a site. It was noted that there may still be some land available at St Joseph's Primary, Milngavie; meanwhile, the Auchinarn site is still for sale. The planning application may be delayed as more investigations are underway. WCC has not been invited to attend planning sessions with the interim parent council. The chair suggested a letter should be written about this. Some doubts were expressed about the size of the site not allowing for increased numbers of pupils despite the likelihood of more housing.

- (11) Chair had met the events team, who are planning the Easter Duck Race with all events outside (possibly in a marquee) as they are no longer working with the club. Discussion followed about the disagreements and about how to move forward. There was a suggestion that maybe the CRT could be asked to mediate.
- (12) The CRT-funded Window Wanderland event is due to take place in February; arrangements will have to be made soon if it is to go ahead so soon.
- (13) Village Improvements project still to get off the ground. J. Herriot will host a meeting.
- (14) A gift of steel shelving for the container has been received. (Thanks are due to Gordon Carmichael for this, as well as to Danny McFadden and Jim and Debbie Carmichael for organizing.) Jim has kindly volunteered to put up the shelving.
- (15) Steps leading down to Luggie from Muirhead Cottages have been repaired thanks to Martin Coyne and his team from Community Justice. Huge thanks to them.
- (16) WCC meetings will now be held on the first Tuesday of the month to allow the chair to be able to attend. This may possibly be a temporary measure.
- (17) It was suggested by M. Todd that a tree be planted or a plaque put up on the bridge to commemorate the death of the young boy who tragically drowned last year. We would need to ask his family (via the police) perhaps after an interval.
- (18) D. McFadden had seen odd goings-on at concrete steps down to the Luggie before Christmas. Possible drugs drop-off. Contacting police.
- (19) C. Lilly had set up a website for Waterside Miners Club: www.watersideminers.com.
- (20) Meeting closed at 8.55pm.