

Waterside Community Council

Minutes of meeting of Tuesday 14 June in Archie's Shed

(Thanks to Lisa)

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

Also present: C. Notman; A. Thomson; C. Willson; D. Paterson;

Guest: Elena Harris (Artist)

Apologies: E. Carlin; J. Herriot; K. Chesney-Bathie; I. Bowman; Cllr. Murray; PC C. Addyman.

1. **Meeting commenced** at 7.40pm. C. Lilly chaired the meeting in the absence of J. Herriot.
2. **Welcome and apologies.**
3. **Remembering Together:** Elena Harris, the artist appointed to work with the community to create East Dunbartonshire's Covid memorial piece, had been invited to explain the project, which will "result in a piece of art such as a physical structure, garden, artwork, play or piece of music or virtual exhibition" to not only commemorate local people who lost their lives, or experienced loss and change, but to celebrate the ways in which East Dunbartonshire communities came together during unprecedented times. Various suggestions were made. Elena aims to attend events around East Dunbartonshire to gather ideas.
4. **Minutes of previous** meeting were read and approved.
5. **Greenspace issues:** EDC Streetscene's Joe McCulloch would like to update us on greenspace issues. It was suggested he meet members of the wildflowers group (Janice Herriot, Janice Whyte, Caroline Notman, Cordy Lilly, Margaret Todd, Karen Chesney-Bathie...) and they report back. The project to put climbable figures on the Moss Road circle had been delayed due to Jackie Gillespie's serious riding accident – we wish her a speedy recovery.
6. **Community growing space:** C. Notman had been making enquiries as to funding for this. Alexander Place was one suggested area. To be discussed with Streetscene.
7. **Sign at village entrance** had still not been re-erected. This awaits cosmetic and other work to put right mess left by communications company. A. Thomson suggested positioning could be improved to aid visibility.
8. **Speeding at the Bankhead Road** bends needs urgent attention as does the repair to the flattened railings. Suggestions had been put to the council to have signs erected to warn drivers of the danger, two accidents having occurred within a week.
[Update on traffic calming measures from Thos. McMEnamin (Executive Officer Roads and Environment): 1) Bankhead Rd speed cushions which were to be installed on stretch nearest to Waterside Road in 2019 have been delayed by ASN school build. 2) The Scottish Government had previously rejected proposals to make the default speed limit in urban areas 20 mph, and EDC has been following that lead. However, Transport Scotland is currently considering revised proposals to make 20-mph limits for any road near residential properties, and EDC is supportive. It cannot yet confirm that the residential areas of Bankhead Road would be included. It is allowing this process to take its course before taking any decisions. 3)Traffic Survey information for Bankhead Rd towards the roundabout: a traffic counter in 2018 measured vehicle speed at the top end of Bankhead Rd, near Burnbrae Rd, and did not find any speeding issue at that time. The traffic officer can arrange a repeat survey but best to wait until after the completion of the works associated with the school and a 6-month settling in period.]

9. **Zebra crossing:** It was suggested there should be one from the school path to Gartconner Primary School. Cllr. MacDonald said this proposal had been rejected by officers on a number of occasions over the years. There are no zebra crossing in East Dunbartonshire.
10. **Issues recently emailed to councillors:** requests made 1) for poo bin on Chryston Road (at top of Dam Braes path); 2) for replacement grit bin near Archie's; 3) for repair to potholes on both Old Duntiblae Road and path down to footbridge to improve wheelchair access; and 4) for a sign indicating presence of shop at the Old Duntiblae Rd/Market Rd/Calfmuir Rd crossroads. All these issues were being looked into. [Also: A. Bauer (Executive Officer Assets & Facilities) confirmed on 13 June that signs to the ASN school construction site would be amended to show Waterside rather than Kirkintilloch.]
11. **Plants and bulbs** have been removed from tubs beside garden feature. Janice Whyte and Jack Gartshore replanting. Janice McBride has replanted ones by bend.
12. It was agreed that the next meeting on **Tuesday 12 July** would be held again at the Shed.
13. C. Lilly thanked everyone who attended the meeting. Meeting closed at 9.15pm.