

Waterside Community Council  
Minutes of Meeting Held on  
Tuesday 14 May 2019

Present: Chair J. Herriot; Vice-Chair S. Wilson; Secretary J. Whyte;  
Website Coordinator C. Lilly; Int. Tenant E. Carlin;  
PC J. Fitzsimmons;  
Cllr. S. MacDonald.

Also in attendance: D. Carmichael; J. Carmichael; A. Hay (Woodilee Res. Assoc.);  
P. King (Woodilee Res. Assoc.); D. McFadden; D. Scott; M. Todd; T. Willson; C. Willson.  
Apologies: L. Bateman; K. Chesney-Bathie; Cllr. Jamieson; E. Wilson.

- (1) Meeting started at 7.35pm. Chair welcomed attendees and asked them to introduce themselves.
- (2) Police report consisted of four crimes in the local area since the last report (247 calls to the police in the wider area; only 12 from the village). Dirt bike activity was reported to PC Fitzsimmons, who will pass this on (bikes passing along public highway to access off-road areas.) Needs to be reported at the time, ideally with names.
- (3) Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. (Proposer TW; seconder EC.)
- (4) It was agreed a shield would be presented to Gartconner for the best essay in Primary 7. The winner would be given a small shield, with a larger trophy staying in school. Cost: £68.98 excluding inscription. To be presented on 31 May. Theme: "Memories of Gartconner".
- (5) A defibrillator in a case (the latter costing £400, not covered by the CRT grant) was to have been attached to the wall of the shop (electricity costing some £5 a year). However the possibility of having a Kirkintilloch red phone box to put the defibrillator (and case) in was mentioned – KCC had some available. The site of the original Waterside red phone box was by the bus stop opposite the subscription school. DS said he would not be in favour of having one there; it might be used as a urinal. He thought the defibrillator should be somewhere more central. To discuss next meeting. Names of first responders to be on noticeboard. It was agreed WCC would cover the cost of the case.
- (6) The events team had been raising funds for the Gala. More volunteers needed on the Fri evening (21 June) and Sat afternoon (22 June); also people to do leaflet drops. JH, CL, DC and JC volunteered.
- (7) PK had previously said he would provide WCC with an advance list of questions on behalf of Woodilee Residents Association (WRA), which he and AH were representing at this WCC meeting in light of recent discussions with Lenzie CC about community council boundaries and associated issues. However he had not been able to do so. [Currently most of Woodilee falls under the WCC area on the EDC map (the rest under KCC), though Lenzie CC had been assuming responsibility for Woodilee, following an informal discussion with WCC's former chair (in 2015?) in which BL agreed this, and PK had been a representative for Woodilee on Lenzie CC. It is believed the village of Waterside (including Old Duntiblae Road) has 430 residences odd; Woodilee 900].  
JH invited PK to speak, as he had requested 15 minutes. He explained his involvement in setting up WRA (effectively a proprietors' association). In the matter of community councils, he said Woodilee didn't seem to belong anywhere. WRA was working with RMG, the factoring company that cuts grass and does environmental work etc. at Woodilee. Large sums of money were involved (£180,000 fund; £31,000 spent on tree works). Different phases of Woodilee were catchment areas for schools in different areas: i.e. some for Lenzie schools, others for Kirkintilloch ones. Lenzie CC had gained permission from EDC to have

Woodilee residents represented on it. And PK had been vice-convenor of Lenzie CC until three weeks ago, when he had had to stand down because of a possible conflict of interests [at their meeting with TG and TM from Lenzie CC, NR from Kirkintilloch CC, and PK, JH and CL had explained that the informal agreement with WCC former chair BL to pass Woodilee over to Lenzie CC had never been debated with WCC members and therefore couldn't be said to represent a WCC position without such a discussion taking place. NR of KCC had pointed out that agreeing boundary changes went beyond CC remits and could only be sorted by EDC.] As a resident, PK said he wanted to be involved and to contribute to his community. If Woodilee was within the Waterside area, the communities needed to come together. There seemed to be three potential options for Woodilee: remain part of WCC; become part of Lenzie CC; set up a Woodilee CC.

AH pointed out that WRA wanted to ensure Woodilee residents were properly represented. They weren't at present and felt disenfranchised.

JH pointed out that Lenzie CC had been representing Woodilee till very recently, and said that it should really have been for her to set out the background for WCC members. She also said she had not been given time to hold a WCC meeting to explain the current issue to WCC members and ascertain thoughts.

PK said WRA wasn't looking for immediate answers. However he had been obliged to step down in Lenzie. And there were issues that needed resolving; for instance, Woodilee currently did not have a bus service. [There is also the Lenzie community development trust issue.] PK asked if WRA could promote WCC as being their local community council. Some discussion ensued. It was pointed out by some meeting attendees that the current default was that Woodilee residents could attend WCC meetings and be represented by WCC, and dialogue would be the best way forward. CL and JH had written notes in the last 24 hours on the situation for WCC members. PK and AH requested a copy. CL said it was in the form of a personal email so would need editing before further distribution.

A question was asked about how to deal with the fact that Woodilee and Waterside had different councillors representing them. Cllr. MacDonald explained this was not a problem. WCC should simply invite all relevant councillors to attend WCC meetings. (Nine councillors attend KCC meetings.)

PK said Martin Cunningham of EDC (responsible for boundaries) had offered to meet WRA for discussions about these issues after the EU elections.

It was agreed that WCC would invite Martin Cunningham to the July WCC meeting, where it would be the only item on the agenda. He would be able to provide more information on boundaries, explain the proper process for possible changes (he's responsible for boundary changes); he would look at the legal perspective (Local Government Scotland Act). We should try to be clear about what we want. However, there would have to be a consultation. Cllr. MacDonald said he would mention the issue to Martin Cunningham.

Currently it would appear that the Lenzie community development trust group does not want Woodilee in the Lenzie CC area [because of the setting up process for the development trust (?)]. However, Woodilee houses have been marketed as Lenzie.

Any change in the boundaries would have a great impact: grants, for instance. WCC had put in a freedom of information request (PK and AH said they would like to see what information had been requested). WCC had particular concerns about the potential for as yet unbuilt parts of Woodilee (the area behind Waterside Miners Club) wanting to be with the rest of Woodilee if the boundaries changed. Duntiblae is very much part of Waterside (shop, Waterside Miners Club). It was suggested that perhaps postcodes could be used to sort any

such problem. There was also the issue of Section 75 funding relating to the area behind Waterside Miners Club being payable to the host community council area.

Some WCC members felt that whenever new estates were built anywhere councils should advise community councils and new residents where they stood.

(8) The wall at the end of Berryknowe is still awaiting painting.

(9) Taig Road roundabout is still a mess; the contractors have been asked to reinstate it.

(10) JC said that S. Moffat had contributed hugely to relining the storage container; some shelving and storage were still required for WCC and Waterside Village Events (JC had done Luggiewatch's). The container (kindly provided to Luggiewatch by BS) is to be used by WCC and the Events team as well as Luggiewatch. [The cost of the materials for lining had been paid for equally.] JH offered to supply slabs to go outside the entrance to the container.

(11) Treasurer K. Chesney-Bathie had arranged to collect accounts books from the auditors.

(12) Report from Waterside Village Events:

- The Village Fest entertainment licence application was going well; all significant documentation had been submitted; an update on progress had been requested.
- Fundraising was ongoing; but sufficient funds had been secured to cover the costs.
- Occasional bar licence application had been submitted by Manhattan Bar (Fri night).
- Metal crowd control barriers for the enclosed bar area were being hired.
- Hired badged stewards would manage security for the bar area on the Fri evening.
- Promotional materials were in the process of being designed, and permission from EDC was being sought to place banners at various locations.
- There would be a good range of stallholders for the Saturday, from local craft traders to local charities and organisations.
- A variety of entertainments had been booked for the Saturday: Clann an Drumma; WL3 wrestling League; the UK Garrison – *Star Wars* Characters; inflatables; a caricaturist; street magician; mascots.... Performances from local dance school, Rookie Rockstars, MMAG gym to take place... Generation Events would be manning the stage and filling in between performances.

JH said there would also be free activities: e.g. three-legged, sack and space hopper races.

(13) Request for now urgently needed bowser and hose put in by DC and JC, who were currently having to carry watering cans to Hattie's garage. (Village Improvements project expense).

(14) Gartconner School would be doing a bird boxes project with Luggiewatch. A Luggiewatch Junior Ranger award was being given.

(15) On 19 June (from 1.00pm) a Luggie walk from Gartconner (all 170 pupils) is to take place (with Luggiewatch). Lisa Giffen catering for the event. Holy Trinity will also be doing walks with Luggiewatch (small after-school clubs). There might be a photography competition.

(16) Bat walk training completed by Luggiewatchers. First bat walk to happen soon [23/05/19].

(17) Maggie Ferguson (Mugdock Rangers) was coming to Waterside to weed and sow turning circle (wild flowers). JW, JG and CL would be helping (3pm, Tuesday 21 May).

(18) Kerb at Cairnview was badly damaged; matter passed to Cllr. MacDonald.

(19) Transport Police being contacted re power for a surveillance camera as tyres are still being dumped at Chryston Road both near ice warning sign and near railway bridge; the piano has been removed. Luggiewatch have again removed a large number of tyres.

(20) CW reported that a new Waterside resident had said how lovely and well-kept the village was. Cllr MacDonald also thought the village was looking good.

(21) JH thanked everyone for attending. Meeting ended at 9.35pm.

(22) Date for next meeting: 11 June.