

WATERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Minutes of meeting held on Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2020.

Present: (Chair) J. Herriot; (Secretary) J. Whyte; (Communications) C. Lilly;  
(Treasurer) K. Chesney-Bathie; (Co-opted member) M. Todd; (Events) L. Bateman;  
Cllrs. S. MacDonald; J. Jamieson.

Also in Attendance: C. Notman; D. McFadden; C. Willson.  
Apologies: Cllr. Murray; E. Carlin; D. Carmichael; J. Carmichael; L. Renshaw.

- (1) Zoom meeting commenced at 7.30pm, hosted by Danny McFadden. Thanks very much to him; we appreciate it very much. Chair welcomed everyone who had zoomed in.
- (2) **Mins. of previous meeting** were read and proposed by K. Chesney-Bathie and seconded by D. McFadden.
- (3) **LDP 2.** There was a reminder that as part of the consultation, in addition to commenting on the new sites proposed by developers and LDP2 itself, those responding should comment on sites that were up for consultation last year and that aren't included in LDP2 (for example the horse's field and the cornfield) as developers will be making arguments in favour of their inclusion in their own responses. Objections need to be in by 15 January.
- (4) **Waterside addresses.** C. Lilly had had no response to her second email to Grant Mackintosh regarding the suppression of "Waterside" in Waterside addresses. She had suggested the corporate address gazetteer needed editing to include "Waterside" since mail was known frequently to go astray where street names were the same in other ED towns and villages. She had also pointed out that it wasn't accurate to say that the PO didn't recognize "Waterside" as part of an address. K. Chesney-Bathie had also emailed and not received a reply. C. Lilly forwarding email to Cllr. MacDonald, who said he would chase it up. She had also pointed out to Depute Chief Executive Thomas Glen that Waterside residents felt we were being wiped off the map.
- (5) **ASN Update.** The Auchinairn site that was described as 'feasible and suitable' for the ASN school in documentation given to councillors at the time of the vote (on 20/3/2018) to proceed with Waterside Park is being sold. C. Lilly has been complaining to the council about this because that site was rejected on the grounds that only a two-storey building could be fitted on it while what was required was a single-storey building. However, a single-storey building has been shown to be impossible at Waterside too, so the design is now for a two-storey one. Since Auchinairn is a brownfield site (unlike Waterside), we believe it is premature to sell Auchinairn before the ASN school plans have even gone to planning. We strongly suspect this is about selling off any available brownfield sites to private developers while building infrastructure on greenfield open sites that the council cannot make a case for selling.

Cllr Jamieson suggested postponing forwarding comments to ED councillors until nearer the time of the planning committee meeting. However, following discussion, it was agreed by attendees to send the comments now but to send them again nearer the time. It was commented that only 13 out of 22 councillors had attended the last planning meeting despite there being a multimillion-pound proposal being voted on for Bishopbriggs. Most council meetings are public (and viewable – live only – on YouTube in the current circumstances), so we should be able to see the planning committee meeting when the ASN proposal is decided. Transcripts can be obtained.

Cllr. MacDonald will forward the link for such a YouTube meeting taking place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November. See 'Committee Diary' for dates of other meetings (and relevant papers). Relevant links could be put on Facebook.

- (6) **Miners Club Update.** There has been no response from CISWO to date. It is thought that they might well sell the property without contacting us. A charity is also interested in acquiring the building, and if it were successful, it might be interested in providing a community hub. Realistically we need to think about other options too, such as the **old rent office site at Alexander Place**. Cllr. MacDonald said the council might possibly be willing to sell us this plot; the only drawback is that it is a very wet area and parking could be a problem. The shape would also be a challenge. J. Herriot contacting owner of the **Hattie's Garage site** to find out possibilities. It evidently will be for sale with planning permission for a dwelling (which is likely to mean a higher price). A community hub would be a change of use. Three other sites discussed. MT to enquire about spaces at top of Pit Rd. David Wright suggested we should set up company (with advice from Senscot). C. Lilly to follow up another possibility. Could also try developer re **proposed development at Duntiblae for section 75/planning gain money and a hall as community payback**. We should talk to planning officers about getting council support and making it conditional for planning permission. However, there would normally have to be community loss. Suggestion we resurrect hall subcommittee. Also need to update people who were interested in forming a company to find out if still interested.
- (7) **Aldi** wishes to speak to local community councils including WCC re building another store. They have just had an application at Bishopbriggs turned down.
- (8) **Crocuses.** Some were donated by the Rotary Club thanks to Debbie Carmichael. It was agreed that a cheque for £50.00 would be given as a gesture of thanks for this. K. Chesney-Bathie to arrange a cheque for this amount.
- (9) **Environmental.** Cllr. MacDonald was thanked for his email; there are still a few issues which need attention. The pavement at Alexander Place is slippery with moss – creating a health and safety risk, especially in icy conditions – despite statement by T. McMenamin about sweeping and cleaning having taken place there and in Park Street. Scaffolding and works vans would have made this difficult. J. Herriot will email list to Cllr. MacDonald. Request to be made again for a copy of winter ops programme. Pavement at Berryknowe dangerous too (uneven, crumbling). Causes pedestrians to trip. Council a long way behind on programmes. Still an issue of hedges requiring to be cut; some are at privately owned properties, which makes this more difficult to enforce. Cllr. MacDonald quoted Grant Mackintosh as saying some of the hedges were acceptable. Other tenants had been lettered. A Taig Road property is still presenting problems (rubbish among other issues).
- (10) **The retaining wall of the parking area at Berryknowe** suffered damage in an accident involving a lorry in the summer and is now cracked and collapsing and requires shoring up. K. Chesney-Bathie to show Cllr. MacDonald.
- (11) **Drugs.** PC J. Fitzsimmons requested an update on any information possible on the drug issues. Suspicious cars had been seen near the container the previous day at 8pm. Any details to be sent to J. Herriot or PC Fitzsimmons. Smell of drugs in Park St.
- (12) **Waterside Window Wonderland/switch-on.** Twenty-seven households had so far signed up to take part in event on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December (from 6pm-9pm). Anyone can also take part unofficially by decorating windows. Very positive response. The tree light switch-on will also take place on the same night.
- (13) **No mains electricity for the Christmas tree** – this subject has been going on the years, still no solution! Complicated kit involved for hooking up to lampposts. Switch-on will be

streamed online. Plan for a live-streamed walkabout too. D. McFadden suggested desirability of environmentally friendly means of generating power. Wind turbine for the future? Green community in the future? Water power with water wheel? Council currently interested in environmentally friendly electricity generation. M. Todd will find out about kits.

(14) **Correspondence.** There was none this month.

(15) **State of ground at Moss Road**, all the way up the path to the school left in a disgraceful state (debris, potholes, muddy grass area). This was caused by contractors installing new electricity cables. Cllr. MacDonald has raised it with Thomas McMenamin. Response was that contractors would reinstate it in growing season, but this is not acceptable as the children are having to walk up this path every school day. Contractors had torn up ground and had left litter. Contempt for ground near people's houses. Not accidental damage.

(16) **Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm.** Everyone will dress up in something Christmassy. Sorry no Christmas pies this year, guys (Janice).