

WATERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH. OCTOBER 2020

PRESENT: C. Lilly (Communications), J. Whyte (Secretary)

Cllrs. S. Murray and S. MacDonald.

Also present: D. McFadden, D. Carmichael, L. Renshaw, M. Renshaw,
J. Kennedy, C. Willson.

APOLOGIES: J. Herriot, K. Chesney-Bathie, M. Todd, Cllr. J. Jamieson.

1. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm. (Apologies from J. Whyte for her late appearance.)
2. In the absence of J. Herriot and S. Wilson, C. Lilly chaired the meeting.

3. Events

- i) **Crocuses** have been supplied to Waterside by the Rotary Club for planting (ideally on World Polio Day – 24 October 2020) to celebrate the Rotary Club's End Polio Now campaign. D. Carmichael has been organizing – many thanks to her. Households interested in participating will receive their (hygienically packed) free crocuses on 24th for planting in their own gardens. Others will be planted in public areas of the village. There has been a huge response from people wanting bulbs.
- ii) **Halloween** won't go ahead as usual in that children won't be able to take part in Trick or Treat because of COVID. Obviously, windows can still be adorned with carved turnips and pumpkins, etc. D. McFadden suggested having an online Jitsi meeting room open so that children (and adults) could show off their fancy dress if they wanted to.
- iii) **Window Wanderland** is to take place in December.

4. Minutes

Matters arising from the previous minutes were as follows:

- i) **Estate management:** Cllr. Murray reported that EDC's Street Scene are currently very undermanned (working at 30 per cent) owing to COVID restrictions, temporary redeployment and so on. Areas cannot therefore be attended to as normal. G. Mackintosh is looking at our complaints and addressing the more urgent ones. C. Ednie had been strimming the area by the railings on Bankhead Rd between the steps and the footbridge, so it looks very good, and many thanks to her. She had suggested doing this as a way to reduce weedkiller use in areas where bees are active and therefore likely to be harmed (as in previous years). J. Whyte reported never using weedkiller at the flowerbed feature for the same reason (much as she'd have liked to). M. Todd had been planting bulbs on the verge on Bankhead Road outside her home at risk to life and limb. Those present expressed the hope that she was careful. The issue of speeding at Taig Road was raised again by Cllr. Murray, who is looking into the situation. Vehicle repairs were still going on at one property, with waiting vehicles obstructing the pavement. A large pile of rubbish was reportedly in the garden. Councillors looking into this. The street light outside the McFaddens' is now in working order; the bats would appear to be enjoying it.
- ii) **School path:** The terrible and dangerous condition of the school path (following work by those installing electrical cables for the new properties at St Agatha's) was discussed; photographs had been forwarded to councillors and members of WCC by J. Whyte. Cllr. MacDonald reminded attendees of the need always to report issues like this so that contractors can be made to rectify their poor workmanship rather than the council being left to carry out repairs at public expense.
- iii) **Roughcasting work:** Also discussed was the matter of all the construction materials relating to roughcasting work being stored yet again on the Taig Road circle despite its

only just having been restored following storage of materials there for previous roughcasting work. Unfortunately, it is a convenient location, though it is hard on residents at nearby houses.

- iv) **Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2):** The consultation on this is now live and will run till 15 January. This will provide an opportunity for residents to comment on the LDP2 plan to demolish the lock-ups on Moss Road and build new housing there, for instance. This would not be favourable to car owners on Moss Road. Residents should also comment on the sites proposed by developers for new housing. Of particular significance to Waterside is the proposal to build 169 houses on the cow field between Pit Rd and the Luggie and some 30 houses on the unspoiled meadow between the Dam Braes path, the Luggie and Chryston Rd, where the presence of pignuts bears witness to the fact it hasn't been ploughed or worked on for many, many years. It was commented that the fabulous view over Waterside and towards the Campsies from Chryston Rd would be lost if this were built on – there is currently a seat there so walkers can sit and enjoy the view. Some of the site is part of the Luggie Water wildlife corridor. C. Lilly will put details of the relevant proposals on the WCC website in due course.
Cllr. Murray suggested if the meadow were built on, the matter of community gains could be looked at. For instance, a replacement for the defunct Wester Gartshore footbridge, whose loss is keenly felt.
 - v) **ASN school:** Officially comments and objections were to be in by 5 October, though case officer Heather Polnick had said comments would still be taken into consideration till the issue was determined (though she did not specify when this would be). Cllr. Murray said the planning committee had recently met, so she thought it would probably reconvene mid-November. It may be wise for anyone still wishing to make comments to get them in this month or very early next. WCC had obviously sent in its comments to planning@eastdunbarton.gov.uk by 5 October.
 - vi) **Waterside addresses:** C. Lilly had written a further email to Grant Mackintosh to request that the Community Address Gazetteer be updated to show “Waterside” on Waterside addresses, given all the problems with mail going astray without it.
 - vii) Having been read, the previous minutes approved.
5. **Correspondence:** Community Inspector A. Ferris had emailed to say he is willing to meet the chair or a representative of WCC online so that updates can be shared. C. Lilly has responded to say that we would appreciate that.
A charity may be interested in exploring the possibility of creating a community hub and supported accommodation at the Miners Club.
- 6. Luggiewatch calendars will soon be available. They can be purchased at Archie's or via the Facebook page. The cost is £10 for two and £6.50 for one.
 - 7. Everyone was looking forward to Lisa's lodge being in operation at Archie's.
 - 8. Meeting ended at 8.20pm. C. Lilly thanked everyone who had zoomed in.
 - 9. Next meeting: 7.30pm on 17th November.