

WATERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2020

Present: (Chair) J. Herriot, (Vice-Chair) S. Wilson, (Secretary) J. Whyte,
(Communications) C. Lilly, (Treasurer) K. Chesney-Bathie.

Police: PC J. Fitzsimmons.

Cllrs. S. Murray, S. MacDonald.

Also in Attendance: T. Willson, C. Willson, J. Quigley, J. Kennedy, D. Carmichael, J. Carmichael.

Apologies: E. Carlin, M. Todd, Cllr. J. Jamieson.

1. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm. This meeting was held in the Waterside Miners Quiet Lounge. Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.
2. POLICE REPORT: There were six calls to Village. Two crimes reported. One was a person in possession of an offensive weapon, on 14th January. Thankfully this was not used; this was an isolated incident, and the offender was sent to the Sheriff Court as a result.
3. Six SPEEDING cars reported; also a serious incident involving a car speeding on the corner of Bankhead Rd – four witnesses on the scene. The police have since spoken to the offending driver and told her a seizure notice can be served on this vehicle if caught again. It was suggested that flashing speed warnings could be useful.
4. The Bankhead Rd LAMPPOST struck by a driver pursued by police will be replaced soon.
5. PARKING obstructions reported, esp. opposite and around the turning circle. Jim Kennedy will show PC Fitzsimmons some of the problem areas so he can consider options (e.g. polite notices). Parking there is a problem, with vehicles on pavements and round circle, and a truck ploughing up grass verges. Emergency vehicles could find access difficult. Cllr. Murray had discussed turning an unused garden into a parking space, but now there is a tenant in the associated property this is no longer feasible.
6. POTHoles on unadopted part of Bankhead Rd raised. Drainage system on Bankhead Rd and Alexander Pl. not working properly. Reported to councillors.
7. BING LETTER of 10 January to WCC from P. Profili on behalf of Geraldine Easton needs discussion and response ASAP.
8. ASN CONSULTATION feedback forms to be returned by 7 February.
9. DOG BINS now in place on Moss Rd and Taig Rd.
10. POWER SUPPLY for tree lights again mentioned. Cllr Murray will keep raising it with EDC.
11. WINDOW WANDERLAND PROJECT will be delayed till next year. Caroline is applying for additional funding for artist help. Check out ones in Maryhill and Strathbungo in March.
12. Huge thanks to Jim Carmichael and David Hardy for SHELIVING the container.
13. D. McFadden had forwarded details of a KEEP SCOTLAND BEAUTIFUL (KSB) flowerbed scheme to celebrate the 20th anniversary of KSB. Where best to put one? WCC Wildflower group to discuss when deciding Village Improvement Project purchases. Taig Rd [and Craig Cres.] residents still to be surveyed about wishes for green there.
14. MEMORIAL TREE: M. Todd has said she will talk to police about contacting family of young man lost in the Luggie to ask about their wishes.
15. The MINUTES of previous meeting were proposed and seconded.

16. ASN SCHOOL update. I. Bowman had met EDC's A. Bauer to discuss pitch dimensions needed for competitive football matches. Pitch size in drawings is 60m x 100m (slightly bigger than existing one – full-size pitches come in various sizes). There will be a delay in going to planning – flooding issues, presence of burn and culvert, juggling of building, parking and pitch. Further traffic survey taking place as figures presented at workshop bore no relation to ones carried out by team members and consultancy. The proposed school will probably now have two storeys to reduce footprint – the upstairs for the use of administration and staff. (NB Auchinairn was rejected because of the requirement for a single-storey building only.) All agree a new ASN school is a must but many believe Waterside playing field to be a disastrous site choice. It's not big enough already and has no room for expansion, and space will be lost to road widening. Traffic will be a huge problem. Building here will contravene numerous policies. And many issues were not looked at during the options appraisal. Cllr. MacDonald disagreed with the assertion that this was negligence on EDC's part. Sport Scotland require like-for-like replacement for pitches. Why wasn't this taken into account, for instance? Where was due diligence? It was suggested that the site was selected solely because the council owns it and the options appraisal was manipulated to artificially promote Waterside from sixth on list. Cllr. Murray said that in hindsight there should have been pre-project consultation and that that was where a mistake had been made. J. Carmichael reminded attendees of the assumption in the options appraisal that there would be no objection to the proposal. Cllr. MacDonald said the children needed their long-overdue new school. There was no plan B because the 5-year moratorium made an alternative impossible. Attendees disagreed, citing the ministerial letter suggesting that an alternative site could be considered. C Lilly to forward letter to Cllr. MacDonald. Cllr Murray agreed that if the school failed to get planning permission, another site would have to be found.
17. Community Enterprise had met some members of the MINERS CLUB committee along with C. Lilly, Jim Carmichael and Debbie Carmichael to go over findings of surveys in relation to the feasibility study for the club's future options. Architects had suggested three options: 1. maintain the entire building (at the estimated cost of £500,000 over five years – this does not include new features); 2. maintain the main building and demolish the annex; 3. full new build. For maintenance this year £75,000 needed. A presentation to club members by Community Enterprise to take place on 18 February.
18. Karen Chesney-Bathie organising a joint WCC/Luggiewatch LITTER PICK on Sun 1 March.
19. Moss Goat PATH FLOODING was brought to the Councillors' attention; children are getting their feet soaked on their way to and from school.
20. There had been a case of ALABAMA ROT, a condition affecting dogs, in the Cumbernauld area; it is treatable in the early stages, so owners should be vigilant.
21. The meeting closed at 9.05pm. Date of next meeting/AGM is 3 March. Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.