

WATERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 9 JULY 2019

Present: Chair J. Herriot (JH); Secretary J. Whyte (JW); Website Coordinator C. Lilly (CL)

Guest Martin Cunningham from EDC (MC)

PC J. Fitzsimmons (JF); WPC G. Foster

Cllrs. J. Jamieson (JJ), S. Murray (SM).

Also: D. Carmichael (DC); J. Carmichael (JC); L. Casey (LC); D. Scott (DS); D. Quinn (DQ);
C. Willson (CW); T. Willson (TW).

Apologies: E. Carlin, K. Chesney-Bathie, A. Hay, P. King, S. Wilson, D. McFadden.

- (1) Meeting commenced at 7.30pm. Chair welcomed those in attendance, introductions were made. Guest Martin Cunningham was introduced.
- (2) **Police report:** there had been an increase in youth disorder as well as opportunistic house break-ins and thefts, with doors and windows (houses and cars) being tried. People advised to keep doors and windows locked, be more vigilant and to report suspicious activity. Current problem more prevalent in Lenzie. PC JF agreed social media posts about holidays unwise. Recommended putting lights on timers when away.
- (3) News had been circulating about a possible murder attempt. PC JF had no info but would find out.
- (4) DS told of resident who had been beaten up in the Old Aisle Cemetery following a discussion with youths on motorbikes, who had then attacked him. PC JF asked DS to encourage resident to report incident.
- (5) Motorbikers and quad bikers still using Luggie path and presenting a risk to the public. PC JF said the police scrambler bike would be requested.
- (6) **Minutes** of previous meeting were read and found to be accurate.
- (7) **Woodilee: background** – MC had been approached by Woodilee residents to discuss community council boundaries. The issue first came up around 2015 but hadn't been followed up. Woodilee residents had been surveyed about wishes, and the 10% who returned surveys had been in favour of being part of Lenzie CC [see <http://www.woodilee.org.uk/community-council-boundaries-woodilee/>]. **Woodilee options** include creating a new community council; joining Lenzie CC; or remaining with WCC/KCC as at present. There are issues (including bus service and nursery) to sort. Currently WRA feels Woodilee is not being adequately represented and that this needs sorting ASAP. SM reported that the requirement for a nursery had lapsed in 2018.
Meetings: MC said he would host a meeting of representatives from WRA, WCC, KCC and LCC at the council offices – JH, CL and LC said they would be happy to attend. MC is holding preliminary meeting with Andy Gilpin and others from WRA to discuss options.
Maps: MC distributed copies of a map of the community council areas and boundaries.
Process: there would need to be a 6- to 8-week consultation on proposals.
CC funding: MC said CC funding would not be affected by a change in the number of residents within the CC area under current rules (though if a new Woodilee CC were formed, all current CCs would be likely to get less). There was some discussion about whether section 75 funding relating to Woodilee should really have gone to Lenzie if most of Woodilee currently lies in the Waterside area. To be looked at.
If Woodilee remains within the WCC area, this should not affect WCC's ability to get funding for Waterside itself – Waterside is orange rather than blue or red on the Index of Multiple Deprivation map [see <https://simd.scot/2016/#/simd2016/BTTTTTT/14/-4.1174/55.9323/>].

Unbuilt area behind WMC: the area to be developed behind Waterside Miners Club was mentioned. It will be marketed as Woodilee, so future residents might wish to be part of the same community council area as the rest of Woodilee; however, this area (along with Waterside Miners Club and Archie's) is very much part of Waterside geographically and potentially community-wise.

Planning: planning applications regarding Woodilee are not currently coming to Waterside. MC will check.

- (8) The **WCC constitution** being used dates from 70s. Can't finalize its replacement till boundary areas resolved.
- (9) **Waterside Village Fest** was a great success/source of pride, taking place over five days. Huge thanks to everyone involved, especially organisers Lynne Bateman, Emma Whiteford and Emma Wilson of the Waterside Village Events team. Also a big thank you to James and Caroline Quigley for their orienteering contribution to Village Fest. Sixteen teams took part in this and enjoyed it immensely. Huge appreciation was also expressed for the work carried out by Edward Z. Smith: as well as putting on an illustrated slide show himself as one of the events, he had also photographed all the activities over the five days (orienteering, Gartconner Primary School walk, Luggiewatch pick-litter-as-you-walk, Party on the Park, Super Saturday) – a massive undertaking involving hours of photographing and processing. CL reported that Edward had said he would now step down from covering events, having had a lot of fun doing what he's done and finishing on a high. Others may now need to take up the photographic mantle.
- (10) Efforts are underway to increase footfall to **Waterside Miners Club**. Lots of ideas.
- (11) **ASN School update:** there had been a meeting involving T. Glen (TG) and J. MacDonald of EDC, R. Mackay MSP, S. McDonald MP, J. Carmichael, D McFadden and C. Lilly. The meeting had come about through the efforts of Ian Bowman (who was unable to go but who'd been attending MSP surgeries); it followed a request from R. Mackay MSP. IB had sent in five questions relating to the legal advice on the moratorium; football pitch details; traffic; pollution; and the gala. TG had argued that there was no need to discuss issues that were already decided. SMcD had had to insist on discussing the legal advice on the moratorium and whether councillors had been misled before their vote. TG had not been in a position to answer most of the other questions since the design and planning process had not taken place. CL had taken notes at the meeting and sent her resulting minutes to attendees for approval. TG had responded with a mainly non-specific objection to some of the language and wording used (highlighting the phrasing of one of the questions, although he had not objected to it at the meeting); he said that instead of making detailed comments he would restate the council's position. The others had been happy with the minutes. CL to write back requesting further details. From the meeting it was understood that EDC is not looking for alternative sites for the school. TG says EDC has a mandate to go ahead with the proposal. He confirmed that a full-size grass football pitch and a play area would be accommodated, and said Village Fest could in future use areas at the school. He had expressed concerns about how WCC representatives (JH and JQ have offered to represent WCC) might use insights from planning and design meetings to help them fight the school; he also implied that Village Fest had come about for political reasons; he was reminded that planning for Waterside Village Fest had started before WCC knew anything about the ASN school proposal. When JC suggested the siting of the school would not have been such an issue if any other fields were to be left undeveloped, TG expressed scepticism. It was suggested that a formal complaint be made about TG's hostile attitude and the lack of dignity and

respect accorded to attendees. JH asked SM for a copy of the code of conduct. SM said she was committed to ensuring we got the promised open-access full-size grass pitch, though she admitted it would probably be smaller than the current one, though it would still count as full-size for match purposes. She also stands by having an open-access adventure playground. She said none of this would apply if the proposal is defeated at planning.

- (12) Luggiewatch is looking to apply for funding from the CRT Ambassador scheme. WCC will also apply (£400 defibrillator box, for instance?). Sums up to £2,000.
- (13) Hedges and grass in the village need cutting. Another request to have the long grass at feature strimmed was passed to SM by JW.
- (14) Renewing street lighting in Berryknowe might mean digging up the road for new lights – too great a distance between existing lampposts.
- (15) Bankhead Road visibility problem caused by parking on the bend had worsened.
- (16) Damaged fence on Bankhead Road (near bend) raised with councillors.
- (17) Another email had come from Esmee Thompson-Smith (ET-S) re Trails and Tales Spider Bridge sculpture – no other possible Waterside site had been found. If not the flowerbed, it would need to go to Kirkintilloch. As there had been 37 objections and very few in favour, meeting attendees agreed the flowerbed was out. CL to mail ET-S.
- (18) Wall at Berryknowe still be rendered.
- (19) Defibrillator to be placed at Archie's for now. If in the future a telephone box is acquired for it, one possible site is near Hattie's garage (better for first responders). LC is willing to be a first responder and to have her name and phone number on the notice board.
- (20) One of trees planted by wild flowers group had died (due to strimmer damage?).
- (21) T. Willson still awaiting a reply to an email to MP S. McDonald.
- (22) DC reported that the food bank needs more contributions (not beans, pasta, soup).
There was a reminder of the potential for children going hungry in school holidays.
- (23) LC spoke about the Baltic Street Adventure Playground and the value such an outdoor adventure scheme could have for Waterside if we got funding (the Baltic Street model is child-led and involves free entry, free food, and parent participation). She suggested we have the ideal landscape: football park, trees, river, bing. She would get further information. DC mentioned Luggiewatch walks with Holy Trinity and interaction with the horse. There was a reminder that the events team has a CRT grant for outdoor trips and activities. Suggestion that the Miners Club and Archie's and Ann's Coaches could be enlisted to help. The Miners Club does light lunches for disabled kids on a Thursday once a fortnight (with karaoke and disco). Archie's had very kindly provided food for two Gartconner walks. Possibly too late to organise anything this summer, but there's October week and beyond. JC said we'd need to think about impact on wildlife corridor.
- (24) Reminder that events team needs more helpers. DC said she was contributing, having already written Christmas panto. CL said she always helped and would continue to do so. LC would help too.
- (25) As there was no correspondence nor other relevant business, meeting closed at 9.10pm.
Chair thanked all those who attended. Date of next meeting 13 August.