

Waterside Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Held On Tuesday 22nd Nov. 2016

Present

Chairman: B. Lapping

Vice Chair: D. Scott

Secretary: J. Whyte

Cllr. S. MacDonald, Cllr. J. Jamieson

Guests: J. McVey (Structures Eng. EDC.)

A. Kyle. (EDC.)

Also in Attendance

WCC members: C. Carlin, C. Lilly, K. Chesney-Bathie

and 16 others.

- (1) Meeting opened at 7.30 pm. Again the meeting took place in the Waterside Miners Annexe due to the closure of the Subscription School.
- (2) Structural Engineer J. McVey (EDC) and A. Kyle were invited to give us more details about the closure of the Wester Gartshore Footbridge, Waterside, accessed from Pit Road and Chryston Road. This bridge has been inspected by Council Structural Engineers, who found significant structural defects such as open joints to the masonry substructure and evidence of corrosion in the girder webs and flanges, therefore this fails to accommodate pedestrian loading and therefore is unfit for purpose as a pedestrian bridge and is seriously dangerous. Posters and fencing have been put up to stop people crossing. The bridge was also mentioned in the *Kirkintilloch Herald* 22nd Nov. 2016 as a warning to the public.

- (3) Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved; matters arising from these minutes were as follows.
- (4) Constitution was agreed to be accurate and well done by Cordy.
- (5) Craig Crescent fence, which should have been taken down at the end of the grass cutting season, is still standing. Grass cutting stopped last month. Cllr. MacDonald is making enquiries.
- (6) There will be no more litter picks until Spring.
- (7) Parking on Bankhead Road is still a hazard. Cllr. MacDonald proposes speaking to a traffic officer in this connection.
- (8) Condition of hedges and moss on pavements in Alexander Place is still a complaint.
- (9) Bonfire Night went well thanks to Karen Chesney-Bathie, Lynne Campbell, John Aitken and other volunteers.
- (10) Subscription School Closure was the main theme of tonight's meeting. It has now been sold and no information as to the sellers or owners was given. This was met with a lot of disapproval from the villagers as we now have no amenities, therefore no place to hold our Community Council meetings or those of any other users of this Hall. The people had suggested if we had known how bad the condition was we could possibly have helped save it. We are now dependent on the Miners Welfare for the use their hall in the interim period. It was thought we might be in a position to get funds to build a new hall. A funding committee will have to be organised. Sandra Sutton from Twechar is a fundraiser who could possibly be of assistance. It was also stated by Cllr. MacDonald that a Feasibility Grant Study would have to be put in place.
- (11) There will be no meeting in December, the Miners Annexe has been secured for January, February and March, dates still to be agreed. As there was no further business, meeting closed at 9.30pm. Chairman thanked all those who attended.