

WATERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 10 October 2023

Present: M. Todd (Chair), C. Notman (Vice-Chair), J. Whyte (Secretary), C. Lilly (Comms Coordinator),
F. Gilmour (Village Improv.), K. Chesney-Bathie and J. Marks (Int. Tenants)

Cllr. S. Murray, A. Thomson

Apologies: Cllr. Marshall, D. McFadden, D. Paterson, J. Herriot

1. **Meeting commenced at 7.30pm** prompt.
2. **There was no police presence** as we have not yet been designated a new police officer.
3. **Swing park update:** response to online swing park survey mainly supportive of locating it on Taig Rd circle – there is no option to extend the existing park because of the location of utilities; another site (between Taig Rd and Moss Rd) was too marshy. Issue of residents' concerns about potential for youth disorder, litter and road safety risks raised, as well as lack of any direct consultation with those most affected. Cllr. Murray raising with relevant dept.
4. **If swing park goes ahead on circle, what should happen to wee park?** Council not in favour of its continued use as a play park because of the potential for children to run between the two play areas. Officers suggested community growing space; however, there is already to be a small growing area near the new football pitch. Additional parking spaces on the site unlikely to be an option because of cost. The most appropriate people to ask for opinion is nearby residents. EDC to include question in letter to residents?
5. **Football pitch is dark at night.** Request made that lighting be reinstated.
6. **Boardwalk cul-de-sac:** matter of extending path into cornfield again raised.
7. **Bushes and hedges** opposite the Primary development are overgrowing the pavement and need trimming. The same is true of overhanging branches on Bankhead Rd.
8. **Mattress and child's car still in Moss Goat Burn.** Luggiewatch's help to remove these at next litter pick requested. Cllr. Murray happy to take part in removal if advised of date.
9. **Inconsiderate parking in village:** cars parking on pavements on Back o' Dykes and Alexander Pl. are causing a dangerous obstruction where there a properly parked cars opposite. Suggested this be raised with drivers concerned (via note on windscreen if necessary). They may not be aware of the problem they are creating. Police may need to be contacted.
10. **Lack of assisted crossing between village and Gartconner raised as dangerous.** A Thomson mentioned Canadian system of older children helping younger ones. Cllr. Murray will ask Education Dept whether a possibility here. Concern about children crossing Bankhead Rd too. Crossing? Also young cyclists with poor road skills. Road safety poster competition?
11. **Completed monitoring form for carved figure grant due.** C. Notman will request update.
12. **Reported that a Pit Rd bus had been stolen, set on fire and abandoned** near Archie's.
13. **Further break-in at the club was reported.** Stainless steel sinks stolen.
14. **Halloween event on 29 October:** WMCS leading. WCC members organising. Old wooden shapes to be repainted.
15. **Charity considering Christmas market on 10 Dec.** Licences/permissions being sought.
16. **Burnbrae road surface issue at the side-of-road parking area:** fix needed to protect cars.
17. **Poor lighting on Burnbrae:** no news yet.
18. **Burnside path cracks** worse after recent rain. Gabions needed? Cllr. Murray will photograph.
19. **Rubbish at Moss Rd new path has been removed.** Thanks due to Cllr. Murray.
20. **Winter Connection Grant scheme:** craft group meetings at Archie's to be explored.
21. **Mrs. Ferris had taken over from Mrs Ewens at Gartconner** and had been in touch with C. Lilly about involvement in sustainability/community group at school.
22. Meeting closed at 8.30pm. **Next meeting, 14 November.**