

Waterside Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of 12th December 2023

Present: M. Todd (Chair), C. Notman (Vice Chair), J. Whyte (Secretary),

C. Lilly (Comms. Coordinator), F. Gilmour (Vill. Improv.),

K. Chesney-Bathie and J. Marks. (Int. Tenants).

Also in attendance: D. McFadden, A. Thomson.

Guest: Stephen Egan (of EDC).

Apologies. Cllr. Murray, J. Herriot.

1. Meeting commenced at 7.40pm. Owing to the devastating fire at Archie's shop, the Shed was unavailable, so the meeting was held at Janice Whyte's house.
2. Stephen Egan said a clear favourite design had emerged from the play park consultation. If approval goes through in January, work could begin in March and be completed by May/June. The original play park will remain, but some equipment may be replaced or repainted.
3. The path at the pond will eventually be extended so it no longer ends abruptly.
4. It was suggested that the burnside path deterioration (end near traffic lights) requires gabion work.
5. The shrubs and trees opposite the new houses at the Primary need cutting back. The overgrown trees on Bankhead Road block the view for traffic and are liable to scratch vehicles. It was commented that it is already a dangerous part of the road because of vehicles speeding round the corner.
6. Overgrowth is obstructing flow in Moss Goat burn, which clearly needs to be dredged. (Action: KC-B to send photos to SE.)
7. Stephen Egan will take up issue of Woodland View School room hire and non-response to emails.
8. The Santa's grotto and carol singing event had happened once only rather than three times due to the fire at Archie's.
9. Sympathies were extended to Lisa and family over the terrible fire.
10. It was agreed that a spreadsheet/calendar for future events and activities would be helpful and improve planning/facilitate recruiting helpers.
11. K. Chesney-Bathie was keen to have a new Christmas tree for next year. This year, Lisa's tree to be put on Bankhead Road (if discussed with Garage Door Company). Otherwise, opposite Moss Road circle or at Craig Cres. J. Waters kindly moving it.
12. Treasurer's report: £6,344.66 in bank. However, half is earmarked grant funding.
13. A future priority will be sorting meeting venue especially for larger meetings. Arrangement to use changing rooms not finalised. (Action: CL to follow up.) The Woodland View boardroom would be vastly better.
14. The next meeting is the AGM on 9th January.
15. Meeting closed at 9pm. Everyone was wished a Happy Christmas and Good New Year.