

Waterside Community Council
Minutes of meeting of Tuesday 12 September 2023

Present: M. Todd (Chair), J. Whyte (Secretary), C.Lilly (Comms Coord.), F. Gilmour (Village Improv.),
K. Chesney-Bathie (Int. Tenant), Cllrs. S. Murray, PC C. Addyman, PC D. Harris, A. Thomson.
Apologies: J. Marks, C. Notman, D. McFadden.

1. **Meeting commenced** at 7.30pm prompt.
2. **Concern re youth disorder/offensiveness on the buses** raised with police.
3. **Vandalism and criminality:** Members mentioned vandalism an ongoing problem, with incidents including damage to the roof of the Shed, attempted fire-raising, paint daubing. Sofa set on fire outside Miners Club, and pieces of metal frame used to assist breaking in. Copper tank stolen from the committee room at the Miners. Unclear when. PC Addyman advised using 101 or <https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/> to report incidents – best these are recorded. If photographing those misbehaving, don't post photos. Police haven't had many calls about youth disorder. They have spoken to schools about scooters. Posing as Scottish Water worker, someone had tried to enter house. **Ask for ID.**
4. **Three men in black with black balaclavas** had been seen in the early hours one morning in the Berryknowe/Craig Crescent area; they had a red transit-type van. Police made aware.
5. **Damaged fence at Bankhead Road** now fixed. Chair expressed thanks.
6. **Remembering Together arbour bench:** It was decided this should be situated at the bend on Bankhead Road by stone wall. The existing bench to be repositioned at the Turning Circle.
7. **Football pitch** now available for use.
8. **Pond dangerous:** While attracting wildlife and looking great, it presents a drowning risk. Suggested it needs to be fenced off. **Boardwalk** has dead end. Access to field a possibility?
9. **Bins:** A request for litter bins at the football pitch and path was passed to Cllr. Murray.
10. **Rubbish and mess** left from school build still not removed. **Cllr. Murray making enquiries.**
11. **New Moss Road Path** progressing well. Talk of upgrading Luggie path and reinstating bridge.
12. **Moss Goat burn:** This is now completely blocked with growth, a child's toy car is still in it and there's a mattress in by the houses at Taig Gardens. [Update: mattress is on private land.]
13. **Woodilee:** T. Gray of Lenzie CC asks about our plans for Woodilee survey.
14. **Lack of buses at Woodilee:** Residents of Woodilee have raised issue of lack of buses serving area. **Action:** write to First Bus. Consider including question about bus need on resident survey. Bus service said to have gone unused a few years ago, but need may have changed.
15. **Craig Crescent car park** surface requires work as there is a steep drop which could cause damage to vehicles. Cllr. Murray has noted this.
16. **WMCS Car Boot Sale, 10 Sept:** A huge congratulations to everyone involved in this very successful event. The total raised was £800. Future car boot sales likely. Christmas fair too.
17. **Halloween.** This will be celebrated on Sunday 29 October (5-7pm?) at Archie's. Pumpkins, fancy dress. Also window decoration. Waterside Miners Charitable Society to run?
18. **Treasurer correspondence address:** Bank statements still going to Berryknowe rather than J. Herriot. M. Todd dealing with this.
19. **Lights on Burnbrae road.** A. Thomson complained that these lights need to be cleaned or replaced as they do not give enough light.
20. As there was no further business, the next meeting was scheduled for **10 October.**
21. Chair thanked those in attendance.