

WATERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2024

Present: M. Todd (Chair); J. Whyte (Secretary); C. Lilly (Comms. Coordinator);

F. Gilmour (Village Improv.); J. Marks (Int. Tenant).

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

Apologies: Cllr. S. Murray; C. Notman.

1. **Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.** Chair wished everyone a happy New Year as this was our first meeting since December.
2. **F. Gilmour has cut back some branches** from the roadside which were causing an obstruction to vehicles on Bankhead Road.
3. **Speeding traffic at Gartconner School** was reported by J. Marks. It was suggested that the barriers should be extended all the way along the pavement.
4. **Update on the play park proposal:** Design number two was the favoured choice.
5. **New noticeboard:** It is far too high and would need a set of steps and an (electric) screwdriver to open it. This is too dangerous to be practical [update: looks as if it may have been lowered a little, though step still required].
6. **Woodland View access for events:** McLaughlin & Harvey's John Murphy suggested problems getting access for meetings weren't really the council's fault. There were issues with data protection as sensory trail gives access to whole building; also some locks had been damaged. He thought it would be worth approaching council in a timely manner about access for a Christmas Fair 2024.
7. **Changing rooms.** A. Thomson suggested the Community Council try to purchase these (community buyout) for use as meeting space. If football teams continued to rent them, they could be a source of income. Extending could be an option too.
8. **Remembering Together bench.** It has been agreed this should be sited against the wall on Bankhead Road (in place of the original bench near the Garage Roofing Company) with the original bench at right angles looking towards subscription School. Mention to Garage Roofing Company?
9. **Caterpillar wooden structure** on Moss Road roundabout still to be sorted. Several people keen to discuss with Streetscene.
10. **Event calendar:** No update yet.
11. **Local Place Plan:** Chase up meeting about this.
12. **Insurance for community space:** EDC had suggested in December 2023 that WCC take responsibility for this. Officers would be in touch about it. However, as the plastic hut had already been broken into and is not easy to secure, further discussion required.
13. **First aid training.** Final session has to be paid for in March. Pay now and delay training a little? Share details on Facebook and with Waterside Miners Charitable Society.
14. **Treasurer's report:** Not available.
15. **Correspondence:** D. Gunn had written about awareness of Scotland's rain forest. Put details on Facebook.
16. Meeting ended at 9.00pm.
17. **Next meeting** is AGM. Delayed by one week till 19th March. Invitations to all.