

Waterside Community Council
Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 13 June 2023
Present: M. Todd (Chair), C. Notman (Vice-Chair), J. Whyte (Secretary),
C. Lilly (Comms Coordinator), F. Gilmour (Village Improvements),
J. Marks and K. Chesney-Bathie (Int. Tenants)
Cllrs. S. Murray and P. Marshall
Also in attendance: A. Thomson

- (1) Meeting commenced at 7.35pm.
- (2) **Bad behaviour** on buses had increased, including racist abuse. Vandals from other areas coming into village by bus.
- (3) **Vandalism:** F. Gilmour reported that plants she had transplanted to area previously tended by K. Chesney-Bathie had been ripped out and destroyed by youths. She will replace them.
- (4) **CRT Improvements Fund:** original 2019 plan had included planters (some with seating round them), tools, gardening gloves, a bench, mower, strimmer, compost, top soil, water gel, plants. It was agreed that F. Gilmour should buy a lawnmower to cut the grass in the area mentioned in (3) above; also some gardening tools and soil. Silverbirch Garden Centre?
- (5) **Wooden caterpillar** at Moss Road roundabout likely to cost more than the £500 Community Grant funding. It was agreed we supplement this from Improvements Fund.
- (6) **Fence on Bankhead Road** still awaiting repair.
- (7) **School litter pick:** McLaughlin & Harvey had suggested WCC join litter pick with future Woodland View pupils on Friday morning. C. Lilly had directed them to Luggiewatch, as it's responsible for litter picks, but no one was available in the morning on a weekday.
- (8) **Waterside sign:** A. Thomson complained that the sign was not easily viewed in its current position – it had previously been angled slightly towards traffic from Kirkintilloch. C. Lilly had advised McLaughlin & Harvey that the sign was damaged (gouges, scratches and chips) and that she would request a quotation for a replacement from Kenwil.
- (9) **Pond/flood area beside football pitch** will be fixed. It was commented that the pitch is still very wet despite dry weather.
- (10) **Community council boundaries** were again discussed. It was agreed an impartial, up-to-date survey of Woodilee and Fauldhead residents was needed. To be discussed with Lenzie and Kirkintilloch community councils. Woodilee might possibly prefer to have its own community council. Waterside identity remains very important to village, and a fear of its being diluted was expressed.
- (11) **LDP3 on horizon:** online meeting on stakeholder and community engagement to take place on 21 June. C. Lilly had registered WCC's interest in preparing a Local Place Plan. WCC could perhaps request help with this from Coalfields Regeneration Trust. Twenty-minute neighbourhoods (amenities within 20 minutes' walk or cycle) now seen as desirable.
- (12) **Monastery closure:** a story has been circulating about the Carmelite Monastery closing. However, there is currently no definite plan.
- (13) **Proposed play park:** the existing play park cannot be extended because of utilities. Another suggested site between Taig Road and Moss Road is too marshy. The only suitable site larger than the current park is the oval roundabout area at Taig Road. A community consultation will take place.
- (14) **Moss Goat Burn:** there is now a toy car and a bike in the burn, also a double bed mattress in the field close to the houses at Taig Gardens. A dead dog had been found in the Luggie near the stepping stones (this has been reported to Environmental Health).
- (15) **No changes were suggested to previous minutes.**
- (16) As there was no further business, meeting closed at 8.40pm.
- (17) **Next meeting:** 11 July [later postponed to 8 August].