

Waterside Community Council

Minutes of meeting of Tuesday 14 February 2023

Present: M. Todd (Chair), J. Whyte (Secretary), C. Notman (Vice-chair),  
C. Lilly. (Comms. Coord.), F. Gilmour (Village Improv. Officer), J. Marks. (Int. Tenant),  
K. Chesney-Bathie (Int. Tenant),  
Cllr. S. Murray.

Also in attendance: J. Alexander, V. Keenan.

Apologies: Cllr. MacDonald, C. Willson, D. Paterson.

- (1) Meeting commenced at 7.35pm with introductions and apologies.
- (2) **Wester Gartshore Bridge:** The path up to the Bing has been closed from near the Stepping Stones. Why this had to be demolished and whether any of it could be retained was discussed. A heavy digger had been able to cross the bridge during the works, which seemed at odds with the warning given to pedestrians about the dangers of using it. [Update from Thos. McMenamain, via Cllr. MacDonald, 24/02/23: 'I can advise that the demolition of the bridge includes the stanchions. The intention is to design and install a new bridge once funding has been identified and the removal of the stanchions allows greater flexibility when reviewing the location and design for the replacement once funding has been identified. I can advise that all funding internal and external opportunities will be explored. I can also advise that as part of the procurement process all contractors are requested to submit the relevant H&S and Environmental documents to support their tender. Only those that meet the expectations of the process are progressed.']
- (3) **Railings at Bankhead Road** still not repaired [Update: Colin Houston via Thos. McMenamain and Cllr. MacDonald: 'My understanding is that it has been difficult to identify the landowner, but the Service will continue to investigate the ownership issue. However, the Service will instruct a repair of the fence while awaiting ownership information as a one off goodwill gesture on the understanding at this time there is not record confirming this is a council asset.]
- (4) **Pit Road:** Drivers are still speeding down this area with little care and attention, sometimes on mobile phones; cans are being thrown out of vehicle windows. Cllr. Murray has been in touch with the police re cars speeding through the village, and Alan Bauer has supplied ownership information re industrial estate. Request made that the council take this up with the owners of the industrial estate on our behalf.
- (5) **Information boards.** It was suggested that the council has funded noticeboards in other communities. Some WCC members feel the current WCC-funded one isn't noticeable enough and Waterside would benefit from having a better one. Is a new one a possibility?
- (6) **Milngavie's £1m:** [Update: Alan Bauer, 16/01/23: 'The £1m was allocated in the Council's capital programme to support town centre improvements in Milngavie. The list of projects is still under consideration and as such the budget was moved entirely into 23/24. There is no expenditure through this budget, nor will there be, in 22/23.']
- (7) **Potholes:** Cars are being damaged by these and by flying chips where road widening has taken place for school. One flying chip had caused broken windscreen. Heavy vehicles accessing the site have damaged the road surfaces. Problems caused by ASN site traffic need to be addressed while McLaughlin & Harvey still here. MT and CL to raise this with them.
- (8) **Litter:** Concerns had been raised about rubbish dropped at the parking area on the horse's field. This had been brought the site manager's attention, and there had been a swift response.

- (9) **Pond beside new pitch:** Concerns were again expressed about the danger this poses if biodiversity zone drainage not sorted. Also, how will balls be prevented from going into it? No normal fence likely to be high enough.
- (10) **Moss Goat burn:** This was discussed again. The council have rejected replacing fence; the burn is polluted (continually being used as a dumping ground – items seen in it recently included a gas cylinder and a pedal car [update: these were removed during the Luggiewatch litter pick of 26 February, though other items are still there]). The weeds and undergrowth are blocking flow and making the burn stagnant. [Acknowledgement re this and flooding at Pit Rd from Colin Houston, 22/02/23: “Moss Goat Burn: There is a flooding problem on the unadopted Pit Road and a short unadopted stretch of Bankhead Road. The community council has asked if the section of drains under the council's control can be checked for blockage in case this might help.]
- (11) **Traffic lights by Braes of Yetts (BoY) development:** Issues with vehicles going through red lights. It was suggested the timing might need changing. Currently it could put children crossing Waterside Road to go to Gartconner at risk as well as traffic coming out of BoY. Cllr. Murray to ask roads department to monitor problem.
- (12) **Grant application** for First Aid training put in on 10 February by C. Lilly in the hope we may have some home-grown first aiders for community events among other things.
- (13) **Treasurer’s report:** In the absence of the treasurer, we are unclear how much money we have left for village improvements and so on. MT and CL to clarify situation with JH. If we need an interim treasurer, F. Gilmour is very kindly willing to do this.
- (14) **Easter Duck Race:** Waterside Miners’ Charitable Society is taking responsibility for this. K. Chesney-Bathie collecting raffle donations and prizes for the event. Thank you, Karen.
- (15) **Correspondence:** There was no correspondence this meeting.
- (16) **Minutes of previous meeting** were proposed by C. Notman and seconded by F Gilmour.
- (17) **Dog and horse poo:** There were complaints concerning horse poo on school path, and, as always, dog poo too. Horses passing the school when the kids are coming out was raised as a potential danger if a horse was spooked. MT will suggest avoiding drop-off/pick-up times to stables.
- (18) **Trees along Bankhead Road:** When the leaves are fully out they can cause a visibility issue for drivers. Cllr. Murray will pass the complaint to the appropriate dept. Hedges opposite the Primary Housing estate have also been brought to her attention as they require to be cut back; the branches are overhanging the pavement.
- (19) **The subject of coronation mementos** for schoolchildren was raised as WCC has given out souvenirs in the past. Difficult currently because of numbers.
- (20) **No further corporate business.**
- (21) **Meeting closed** at 8.30pm.
- (22) **Next meeting:** Tuesday 14 March.
- (23) [NB A **sign** response from Thomas McMenamin on 24/02/23 appears to relate to the main sign rather than the pointer one: Q: ‘There was a sign on Waterside Road at the junction of Waterside Road pointing out Waterside. This has been taken down and currently the only sign reads Bankhead Road. Can a road sign indicating the village of Waterside be reinstated?’ A: ‘I am advised that the sign in question is being stored by the developer of the new school and it will be put back once the verge is tidied up. I believe the Waterside Community Council have been advised of this previously.’]