

WATERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9th April 2024

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

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

No councillors present.

Apologies: Cllr. S. Murray, F. Gilmour, K. Chesney-Bathie, J. Marks.

1. Meeting commenced at 7.35pm.
2. Minutes of previous meeting read. Items discussed as follows.
3. **HUT:** New (plastic) hut at community space broken into again. Appears unsuitable for a location that isn't overlooked. Door no longer attached. **[Action: CL to raise with EDC.]**
4. **REMEMBERING TOGETHER (COVID) BENCH:** Waterside bench one of 12 in East Dunbartonshire. Signage, with QR code linked to audio and other material, to go up soon. Disappointingly, recordings are unrelated to Waterside, and the walk to be promoted on bench goes outside Waterside. (Not chosen by residents.) When these issues were raised, artist E Harris said it was too late to change to Waterside-focused route. And according to her, none of the audio pieces necessarily relate to bench locations. Attendees felt that if EH kept to original multi-voice recording, visitors might wrongly assume Waterside had done nothing to help itself during pandemic, so it was decided that a new recording, covering Waterside's Covid experience and huge contribution (including Archie's free food, G66 Covid Response, street bingo), be created locally and linked. [Update: E Harris will add this new audio to webpage and swap current Remembering Together recording for one with a single speaker only.]
5. **BENCH EVENT:** An event (in May or June) is still under discussion. Combine with official opening of community space, and maybe split £500 Remembering Together event grant between plants/planters for a community planting and picnic? Include orienteering?
6. **COMMUNITY SPACE:** F. Gilmour and J. Whyte planning to sow wild flower seeds in planters too, as resulting flowers may be less vulnerable to vandalism than alternatives.
7. **NEW TAIG ROAD PLAY PARK.** Work began 27th March for completion in the next few weeks.
8. **FOOTBALL PITCH:** Comments had been heard about football pitch being frequently too waterlogged to play on due to poor drainage, and also teams being reluctant to play on it because of risk of losing expensive balls in the pond. **[Action: MT and CL to get info and raise with council.]**
9. **FACE-PAINTING:** F. Gilmour and others had offered to take up face-painting so it could feature in future events. The kits would come to £52. WCC willing to split cost with WMCS. Issues to check: insurance; parental permission.
10. **CLIMBABLE CARVED CATERPILLAR:** This will be installed in the next month or so, with the cost of transport and installation being covered by the council.
11. **LOCAL PLACE PLAN (LPP):** C. Lilly had attended LPP meeting in Lenzie. The LPP must be completed by June 2025 and requires community surveys. It can't be single-issue. Some likely subjects: conservation of green space/meadow; hub and improved road to it; bridge rebuild (see 12 below); 20-minute community; other facilities. Group to be set up to take LPP forward. **[Action: CL to invite S. McNally to Waterside to explain process/aims etc].**
12. **WESTER GARTSHORE BRIDGE:** There has been no update on rebuild. **[Actions: raise with council. Include bridge in LPP.]**
13. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None this meeting.
14. **CRAFTS:** A. Thomson planning craft group. She is working on attractive, helpful playing card holders. Group would make more of these as well as work on other projects.
15. **NEXT MEETING (AGM?):** 14th May 2024.