

Waterside Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Held On Tues. 22nd Aug.2017

Present: Chairman B. Lapping, Vice-Chair D. Scott, Secretary J. Whyte, Treasurer. J. Herriot,

Website Co-ord. C. Lilly, Fundraiser K. Chesney-Bathie, Int. Ten. E. Carlin,

Events Group: L. Campbell, E. Wilson.

Cllrs. S. Murray, S. MacDonald.

In Attendance.

I. McHugh, K. Coyle, J. Kirkwood, C. Whiteford Jnr,

J. Pittner, C. Willson, T. Willson, J. Carmichael.

Apologies: D. Carmichael.

Police were invited but apologised later, no-one available.

- (1) Meeting commenced at 7.35pm. Chairman thanked those in attendance.
- (2) Stabbing incident in Village on Monday 21st discussed. Complaints were made about some of the people being given homes in Waterside. However, it was pointed out that the Council has a duty to home people and cannot be selective.
- (3) Estate Management discussed by Cllr. MacDonald.
- (4) It is believed there is not enough being done to prevent neglected gardens and properties; stronger measures should be taken. A mattress lying in Cairnview for some considerable time etc. Tenants have been lettered warning them that unless this is removed by the end of the week the Council will charge them for uplift. Home visits was thought to be beneficial.
- (5) A walkabout in the Village is essential; this is being arranged by Cllr. MacDonald. Several people wish to attend. Complaints were made about the weed growth on pavements and roads as well as in gutters. Cllr. Murray has seen some of the problems for herself and will be raising the issues at a council meeting on Friday. J. Herriot proposed a pre-walkabout walkabout so that we know in advance all the issues we wish to point out.
- (6) It was reported that there is an increase in speeding cars in Cairnview and Back O' Dykes; the situation on Bankhead Road is still a problem.
- (7) Weedkiller programme should have commenced in August.
- (8) The outcome of the last walkabout was reported by Cllr. MacDonald; villagers are still unsatisfied at the outcome.
- (9) Japanese Knotweed is preventing repairs to the fence at Moss goat burn; this is being treated and a final application has still to be done; the fence may well be replaced. then. Japanese knotweed is also preventing the cutting of plants that are encroaching on Bankhead Road towards the steps at the bend.
- (10) Agenda. Matters arising from this.

- (11) Picnic benches received from Lenzie Primary have now been painted by Emma (well done!); a lot of work went into them. Jack carried out some repairs to one of the benches. Uplift by the Council to the permanent site has been arranged at the Playpark.
- (12) Hall Subcommittee. Visit taken place to Cumnock and Ochiltree. Reported by J. Carmichael. Useful information was gleaned from this visit and helpful advice given in order to enable us to get funds for a new Community Hall, it would be essential that we have everyone's support in order to achieve this venture. If we could rent a place in the interim period it would allow us to raise funds for this purpose. A Portacabin was suggested as a possibility.
- (13) Proposed Sign for the Village was discussed; this is still at the planning stage. The cost of the sign will be around £800, but there will also be a fee for planning permission.
- (14) Proposed Christmas tree was discussed again at length. There are so many obstacles it was suggested a permanent tree would be the best solution and more cost-effective in the long run. L. Campbell making enquiries as to the cost. Cllr. MacDonald has been trying to negotiate with the Council for a Christmas tree for 18mths.
- (15) Houses in Berryknowe have been rendered; wall at side not done. Cllr. MacDonald making enquiries about having this carried out.
- (16) Wild Flower meadow at the Cross (Turning Circle) is looking really nice with a vast number of different types of flowers. Jackie Gillespie organised this, so thanks to her.
- (17) Information was received that the Wester Gartshore Bridge is finally going to be repaired.
- (18) MP S. McDonald has written to the Miners Club but to date no reply has been received.
- (19) As there was no further business, date set for next meeting is 19th September. Meeting closed at 9.00pm.