

WATERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2017

Present: B. Lapping, Chair; J. Herriot, Treasurer; J. Whyte, Secretary;
C. Lilly, Website Coordinator; K. Chesney-Bathie, Fundraiser; E. Carlin, Int. Tenant.

Cllrs. S. MacDonald; S. Murray; J. Jamieson.

No Police present.

Also in attendance: C. Whiteford, D. Scott, L. Campbell, J. Kennedy, C. Willson,
T. Willson, J. Kirkwood, D. McFadden.

- (1) Meeting commenced at 7.35pm. To everyone's regret, Bill Lapping informed us of his decision to retire from the position of Chairman of Waterside Community Council. This decision was his alone. It came as a shock to everyone. Although he will no longer hold the position of Chairman, he will still be on the Community Council in some other capacity as his knowledge is invaluable to us all. Bill has served us for at least 15 years as Chair, and some 22 years in total. He wished us all success in the future and best wishes.
- (2) As this was our AGM the following elections took place.
- (3) Position of Chair: Janice Herriot.
- (4) Position of Vice Chair: Chic Whiteford.
- (5) Position of Secretary: Janice Whyte.
- (6) Position of Treasurer: Karen Chesney-Bathie.
- (7) Position of Website Coordinator: C. Lilly.
- (8) Position of Int. Tenant: E. Carlin.
- (9) The Police will receive a printed list of dates for our future meetings for next year.
- (10) The previous minutes were read and agreed.
- (11) Treasurer's Report. £9,000.08 in Bank no payments have been made from Stalled Spaces grant as yet. Books are up to date. Ready for handover to Karen.
- (12) Environmental Subcommittee report. Cllr. Jamieson to discuss with the Head of Housing the action grounds in which Court orders for possession of properties would come into place. Also to ascertain if a Housing Officer could produce a generic report on the estate management of WATERSIDE.
- (13) During discussion of the plan Cllr. Jamieson advised that EDC would not evict a tenant because of the condition of their garden and therefore it was pointless to pursue this. It was pointed out that EDC have an obligation under the tenancy agreement and the Scottish Housing Charter to ensure that tenants keep their gardens and environment well maintained and to take action to enforce the tenancy conditions. JH provided details of additional enforcement actions that EDC might wish to take. Cllr Jamieson remained unconvinced of these suggestions and indicated that it was not his role to check up on and report on the condition of every hedge. It was clarified that this was not what the Community Council was asking him to do. The community council would like him, in his capacity as Convener of Housing Services, to co-ordinate all outstanding actions for housing services and report back on progress at meetings. So Cllr. Jamieson agreed to monitor the issues regarding hedges etc. in the Village and report back. [Cllr. Jamieson disagreed with the point as minuted and indicated that WCC may not fully understand how the council works and how councillors

- communicate with council officers via their managers. He will of course be following up complaints, as he has been doing for 10 years. See minutes of 5 Dec 2017 for clarification.]
- (14) Cllrs were asked to report back to the next meeting for the items mentioned.
 - (15) Cllr. MacDonald to report the outcome of the roads and pavements survey and the remedial actions to be taken.
 - (16) Cllr. Jamieson to provide dates of the Tenant participation meetings. This could possibly be continued by Bill as he is still Chairman for Waterside Community Council on the Tenants and Residents Group.
 - (17) D. McFadden discussed the Japanese Knotweed encroaching on his property; he had been given permission to have this treated by the owner at his own expense. It seems this is invading the Heritage trail. The Council cannot intervene since the land is private.
 - (18) Discussions to take place with East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust regarding the Heritage path and the impact Japanese Knotweed is having in this area. There had been a suggestion (from Nicola Dueñas of EDC) that grants might be available within the next two years for a path upgrade.
 - (19) Cllr. MacDonald to report back on the progress of the footbridge. The council have the responsibility to re-instate this despite high cost.
 - (20) House at the corner of Cairnview with the rubbish piled up now vacant but mess worse.
 - (21) CL reported that the Hall Committee had made little progress in the last month because of other commitments. It was intended that questionnaires be distributed throughout the Village as to what people would like the proposed Community Hall to be used for. Some surveys will be carried out on this at the Christmas market. There will be a public meeting/consultation next year.
 - (22) With regard to the wildflowers subcommittee, CL reported that the Christmas tree is on order. Because it is now a Colorado Pine costing £700 rather than the Korean pine budgeted for out of the Stalled Spaces grant for £156 odd, CL requested that WCC contribute £500 towards the cost since WCC had been committed to paying for the tree before we were awarded the £3000 Stalled Spaces grant. This was agreed. Totem pole to be discussed.
 - (23) The bulb planting on the roundabout at Taig Road/Moss Road (proposed as part of the Stalled Spaces grant application) had gone well; everyone enjoyed it; snacks were provided.
 - (24) Events Group report. The switch-on is due to take place on Saturday 2nd. December at 6.00pm. Bill Lapping will be asked to do the honours.
 - (25) Christmas Market at Gartconner (also 2nd December). The cost of hiring the School will be £420.00. Stalls to cost £20.00 each. Cllr. MacDonald said we should apply to the Grants Advisory Committee, Sports Committee or Arts Council to get aid with the cost in future (it may be too late this year, but there is a Provost's fund that might still be available). L. Campbell is going to contact one of the Groups.
 - (26) Nativity rehearsals ongoing.
 - (27) CL had sought advice at the Association of East Dunbartonshire Community Councils about Public Liability Insurance for events and advice on amount of cover for different kinds of event. Some recommended an Edinburgh specialist broker while others suggested a local one. Insurance should be in the name of WCC. Events group to provide list of events for coming year, and CL and LC to try local broker next week.
 - (28) The light at the footbridge is better although it could be improved further.
 - (29) Correspondence this meeting consisted of Planning for the Houses at St. Agatha's school, previously known as Gartconner, Rural Scotland report.
 - (30) Cllr. MacDonald advised us that the white lighting programme is underway for the village.
 - (31) A welcome to our new Chair and Vice Chair was extended.

(32)The date of the next meeting 5 December.

(33)Meeting closed at 9.35pm.