

WATERSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH.MAY. 2018.

PRESENT. CHAIR. J. HERRIOT. SECRETARY. J. WHYTE. WEBSITE COORDINATOR. C. LILLY.

TREASURER. K.C-BATHIE. INT.TENANT. E. CARLIN. EVENTS SECRETARY. E. WILSON.

COUNCILLORS. S. MURRAY. J. JAMIESON. S. MACDONALD.

P.C. S.KERRIGAN.

GUEST. PAULINE GRANDISON. (COALFIELDS REGENERATION TRUST.)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. T. WILLSON. C.WILLSON. D.CARMICHAEL. S. WILSON.

J. KIRKWOOD. M.ZIMMERMAN. L.MATHIESON. E. WILKINSON. J. KENNEDY. D. MCFADDEN. D. SCOTT.

APOLOGIES. VICE CHAIR. C.WHITEFORD. FORMER CHAIR. B. LAPPING.

- (1) Meeting commenced at 7.40pm. Chair welcomed those in attendance also Guest Pauline Grandison and Police Officer S. Kerrigan.
- (2) Police report indicated two initially arrested in connection with tragic murder of a young woman in Alexander Place. One apparently involved with the murder; the other for possibly perverting the course of justice. PC Kerrigan extended a very sincere thank you to the people in Waterside for their co-operation over this incident and for the very kind offers of hot drinks etc. Door to door enquiries have now been completed.
- (3) Chair suggested it might have been useful if the Police could have informed Watersiders that there was no need for anyone else to be concerned; she had received worried phone calls and emails about this. SK agreed that they might consider using Facebook in future.
- (4) PC Kerrigan also advised that two men are stopping people in the main street in Kirkintilloch and asking for 50p.pcs. Potential for purse theft etc. so be vigilant.
- (5) A child had picked up a discarded joint in a close in Park Street and there had been other complaints about joints lying around in the area. A cat had been poisoned with cannabis. Smell of drugs up the Luggie has been noted. CL will pass on addresses of those affected to PC S.K.
- (6) Guest this evening was Pauline Grandison (Coalfields Regeneration Trust). One of the reasons for her being here was because Waterside has not benefited previously from CRT funding. Forty communities have been involved in CRT funding schemes. The CRT will prepare a five-year action plan and will work with the whole community. There will be an open meeting for the members of the community. A steering group made up of representatives from the community, local groups and residents will be formed – as many people as possible to be involved. The CRT will facilitate programme. We have up to March 2019. Surveys over the whole community as to what we like about Waterside and what we don't like; how we see this going forward. Projects might be to do with the environment, heritage, economy etc. Proposal to have a family fun day for taking votes on what we would like – £20,000 budget (Participatory Budget) this would ensure all groups would get something. Applications for example from events group and other WCC subcommittees, Luggiewatch, Miners charitable group. There will be stakeholder interviews to supply information about aspects of our community. We will look at Waterside and get statistics on everything. The will feed into a sixteen-page document to

be shown by the steering group to the rest of the community. It will provide a lobbying tool to get things achieved over the next five years. Open meeting to be arranged for 31st.May. Pauline also stated this is a beautiful village and she is aware of the enthusiasm. CRT apologises for not being in touch sooner. A draft survey will be prepared in advance and any tweaks necessary can be done then.

- (7) Children's involvement too; there will be a child-friendly survey they could draw pictures of what they would like their village to be like. Gartconner PTA could also benefit. Gartconner School could have fliers drawn up to advertise that date and meeting. Posters could be distributed round the village. It would be good if this could be done before the schools break up for summer holidays. Suggestion of two £25.00 Supermarket vouchers to encourage people to fill in the questionnaires. The voting day will be a family-orientated affair: food provided, face painting, bouncy castle and other attractions for the kids. All costs to be covered by the CRT.
- (8) Cllr.MacDonald apologised for not being able to attend the public meeting of the 1st.May and stated he is very interested in the village.
- (9) A litter pick is to take place on 20th.May (Keep Scotland Beautiful Take your Litter Home campaign.) Starting time 10.00am. Suggested places: Pit Road, Bankhead Road, Old Duntiblae Road.
- (10)Minutes of previous meetings were read, matters arising from these were as follows.
- (11)Drain at Craig Crescent still blocked; Cllr. MacDonald has been informed.
- (12)The garden with the dog faeces problem has been cleaned up.
- (13)Fence at Moss road at the burn still has not been replaced. Wrong fence removed.
- (14)There were complaints of potholes throughout the village and pavements. Repairs will be prioritised based on a scoring system and comparisons with other roads in ED.
- (15)There appeared to be some confusion on what the role entails when carrying out specific tasks that have been allocated to individuals on behalf of the community council. JH confirmed that everything needs to be confirmed/agreed by the WCC members before anything is printed or verbally expressed etc. JH did apologise for this and would ensure that this is made clearer in future. A discussion took place regarding the code of conduct, acceptable behaviour, verbally or electronically, and it was agreed that this be circulated at the next meeting.
- (16)J.H tabled a document on the role of Community Councils.
- (17)Cllr S McD emailed an update on the issues raised at the last meeting. These have been added as an appendix.
- (18)With regard to the meeting of May 1st it was commented that officers hadn't answered the questions that Cllr. Murray had passed onto them, it was suggested that Waterside needs its own statutory consultation meeting so we will push for this. We will also mobilise Waterside into taking part in the consultation. (A planning consultation will take later.)
- (19)The question was raised: Why did Rosebank receive letters about the school proposal while Cairnview didn't?
- (20)Other questions raised: Why not develop the new school at Merkland? There's plenty of space. Then there is also Whitegates (behind Monkland Ave.) and Boghead Road.
- (21)Several of us will go to the 6.30pm meeting at Merkland School on Tuesday 15 May.
- (22)C.L. Has circulated list of questions compiled by Cllr. Murray at meeting of 29 March to WCC members she will put them on the website, which she will also update to help those filling in the consultation form, with the help of other WCC members.
- (23)Cllr. Murray's surgery will take place at Miners club on 12 May (2.00-3.30).

(24)Extra meeting at 7.30pm on 17 May.

(25)Meeting ended at 10.15pm.

Appendix – Update from Cllr S McD

Notes below from an email update from Cllr.S.McD. Issues raised: Bankhead Road Railing, Road sign at Berryknowe Road, Fence at Moss Road, Hedge at Alexander Place, Garden at Cairnview, Roads and Pavements Resurfacing Programme, Housing Report, Void Properties, Taig Road Kerbstones, Estate Walkabout

Q: The Railing at Bankhead Road is in poor condition; this is sited across from the cottages. Can this be looked at?

A: An inspection has been carried out and there is some damage to the fence and it is lying to the side. There is no footpath on this side and whilst not aesthetically pleasing, there is not a safety issue at this time. It will be monitored and replaced when resources allow.

Q: The road sign at Berryknowe is very difficult to see from the point of view for delivery vans etc. The road splits and two signs pointing to different number groups might be better. A request to have sign repositioned was made. Cllr.MacDonald will pass this on to the appropriate department.

A: The street signage will be inspected by Officers and additional signs installed if required. **Cllr. MacDonald to follow this up**

Q: Can we look at Traffic Calming for the rest of the village beyond the long straight at Bankhead Road?

A: Traffic calming would not be suitable due to the geometry of the road and the high level of on-street parking. There is no evidence of excessive vehicle speeds or any recorded injury accidents in the past 5 years, that would justify the installation of traffic calming measures. As this is a bus route, SPT would likely object to any extension to the existing proposed measures.

Q: The fence at Moss Rd is beginning to fall over.

A: The only fences on Moss Road are either boundary fences to the properties themselves, or a fence at the shrub land area at the bottom. The residents would be responsible for their boundary fence and Streetscene for the fence round the shrubs. Streetscene colleagues have inspected the fence and will arrange removal. **This fence needs to be replaced for safety reasons as this leads on to the burn.**

Q: Roads throughout the village are all in bad condition, including pavements. Please can you let me know when these are due to be resurfaced? **Cllr McDonald to arrange for the full programme is to be issued to WCC.**

A: Bankhead Road and Cairnview Road are on the resurfacing programme for this year. The condition scoring of the other locations, did not score them

highly for inclusion in this years programme. The footpaths in particular are starting to deteriorate, however in most locations although the wearing course has stripped there are no safety defects. The team will inspect and arrange any repairs. Our focus for footpaths this year is on our main roads, link roads and around schools. All condition scores will, of course, be reviewed in Autumn prior to collating the programme for 2019/20.

Q: Vehicles keep clipping the kerbstones at Taig Road due to not being able to make the turn. They look very untidy. Can something be done?

A: The kerbs are not a safety hazard and the team will continue to monitor the condition and arrange for repair when required. **EDC via Cllr McDonald is to arrange with the original contractor to ensure that this is reinstated to the original condition**

Q: The hedge at council house gardens in Alexander Pl. has become overgrown. This was discussed at the last estate walkabout.

A: Completed as garden area has improved as Greenspace have undertaken the work previously agreed, with weather has recently improving and growing season is again upon us. **Cllr McDonald to follow this with the support from environmental health as this may be a private let.**

Q: A Cairnview garden is unkempt with waste materials being dumped etc

A: Ongoing issue as one tenant has been contacted and HO is progressing matters as tenant is in dispute with Council over the cost of special uplifts. **Cllr McDonald to liaise with housing officer to ensure this is progressed.**

Q: The Community Council has asked for a monthly report from Housing Officers as to the outcome of their complaints. They have also asked for details and actions taken regarding garden upkeep by council tenants raised as part of the Housing Officers routine inspection of the area.

A: Resources are not in place to provide this. This can be further reviewed around October 2018. The Housing Officer will progress poor garden conditions as part of general estate duties. **Cllr McDonald is to ask how this refusal sits with the HSA 2010, Scottish Charter and freedom of information act.**

Q: [xx Cairnview](#) has lain empty for some time. Is this a void property?

A: There is an issue with the roof at this block of flats and there are two owners in the block of four. A tender has been prepared regarding mixed tenure blocks of flats and this block is part of phase 2 with the contractor due to be appointed during the summer of 2018.

Q: One of the homes at [50 - 52Bankhead Road](#) appears to be void and the garden is very overgrown. Can something be done about this?

A: The Housing Officer has arranged for the items in the garden to be uplifted ASAP. The Housing Service will also arrange to have the garden cut back as part of the void process and the property was only returned to us this week.

Q: Please can this year's estate walkabout which is due to take place on Waterside be arranged for the near future? Estate Walkabout is to be arranged for 20.6.18 at 5.00pm if possible. Liz Mathieson, Eileen Wilkinson, Karen Chesney-Bathie and Janice Herriot volunteered to attend.

A: I can confirm that Gillian Lunn will co-ordinate some arrangements for this. Estate Walkabouts are tenant or tenant/resident group lead. Gillian Lunn will arrange for Tracey to contact the Waterside tenant/resident group and progress this over the next 2-week period.