

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Giffnock Community Council

Venue: Giffnock Library

Date: Monday 20th January 2020

Present: Jack Powell (JP, Chair), Cindy Berry (CB), Bill Crawford (BC), Janey Floyd (JF), Jabbar Ghafar (JG), Shamielah Ghafar (SG), Tony Halifax (TH), Douglas Lawson (DL), Alex Mackie (AM), Morag McLaughlin (MM), Maureen Powell (MP) Caroline Wilkinson (CW)

In attendance: Cllr Jim Fletcher; Cllr Colm Merrick, 4 members of the public (MOP); 2 members from Scottish Power – Paul Milligan (PM), Harry Scott (manager)

Apologies for absence: No apologies

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on 20th January 2020 were approved by Alex Mackie and seconded by Morag McLaughlin

Chair's opening

JP welcomed everyone to the meeting including the police and members of the public attending.

Police report

Officer Ryan Cannon attended the meeting. A police report for the period 13th December 2019 to 16th January 2020 had previously been circulated. Concerns were raised regarding the violent crimes reported.

CW – concerning and nervousness for women's due to the time of the night the assault that took place on a woman walking on the path leading from Whitton Drive to Muirend Pavilion .

JP – does the council own these pathways or any risk assessments carried out on these paths as residents would feel more comfortable if there are police checks on these areas. Councillor's supported for more police patrol in the area and the police officer agreed to report this back.

Police advice is to keep yourself safe and confirmed that CID are investigating into this matter. Police confirmed that the Burnfield attack reported is not a random attack.

DL – can we obtain further information on certain attacks from the police once their investigation is completed?

Police officer advised that the police would not release information as the victim may not want to release information as they want to keep themselves as confidential.

MOP – raised public concerns in relation to police stopping and checking vehicles. Police advised pro-activity of drug issue is number 1 target. Drug issue risen substantially not because people are using more drugs but because police are being proactive. Police said if we are stopping people more often and do checks then why would citizen have concerns.

MM – do police work in schools? Police confirmed they do have campus officers at schools whom they liaise with as they work alongside with each other.

Presentation

Scottish Water -Sewage works in Robslee Road

2 members from Scottish Water gave a presentation in relation to Sewage works. They explained their role is to prevent sewage flooding and improve water quality. Big investment is put into the sewage works in Robslee Road which includes road closures in this area. They explained that there is a tongue shaft on two sides. There are substantial works taking place and are expected to finish by the end of February..

PM – Before we carry out work we do samples and see what samples of rock we have. In this sewage work, we have had complications. There are different types of rock. We had to condense the rock.

Manager – There is a 70 meters tunnel drive. The expectation was to complete the works in 3 weeks instead of 5 months. The grounds condition is not different from what is expected. The rocks are different. The rock breakers usually break the rocks in big chunks however, this rock is laborious and time consuming as small bits of rock come out at a time.

BC - Do you see a further delay. Manager – we are a meter or 2 away from tunnel. Still have some civil work to do in the burn. Expected to finish it by the end of February. This means road closures can come off.

CLlr JF – Drilling noises is annoying residents. Manager – confirmed night shift work is finished and now all works will be carried at day shifts.

CLlr JF – residents have raised concerns that at the back of the cricket pitch the area is swampy.

Manager – no field drainage will take place on the pitch.

BC- the surrounding areas will be as swampy as previous times. Manger – agreed to discuss with Councillor.

Manager – the corner at Robslee Avenue, going on to the back of Orchard and Robslee at Resource Centre are areas that flood a lot. This sewage work will help to alleviate this but we can't promise to limit it.

MOP – the works are purely for the existing network and is nothing to do with the new housing scheme. Manager – there is no hidden agenda. It is not a precursor to any new housing.

Chair's report -

Date of AGM – proposed change to constitution

JP – Any changes to the constitution need to be considered by a full special meeting of ERC Councillors, and a 2/3rd majority is required to pass any changes. Consequently, propose to hold an AGM in May which means we do not need to amend the Constitution.

AM – can we possibly change the division of the community areas, such as the south part of Giffnock, as there is no one from that area.

JP – We can have 6 representatives from the Orchard Park area and 3 from South Giffnock. At present we only have 1 member from Orchard Park and none from Giffnock South. We are open for co-option from these areas.

Secretary's Report

JP – Alan Steele has submitted an application to become an Associate member and confirmed that you do not need to be a resident in Giffnock to become an Associate member.

Treasurer's Report

TH – submitted the change of details to the bank. Last year accounts were sent to VM for approval. VM will not approve anything until the bank signatory details have been changed.

JP - had a meeting with VM – ERC finance Dept are insisting on this regulation. B of S conduct a vetting procedure if a new signatory is not part of Bank of Scotland. DL and JP are the current signatories. It will take time to get this resolved.

Matters Arising from Minutes

JP – Reported that about 45 people have submitted LDP2 submissions. Judging with the reference numbers given to those who made submissions, for the whole of ERC there are 450 submissions. This is a rough and vague measure.

JP – CLlr GW has enquired of the Director of Environment whether any meetings have taken place with Advanced Construction. Only one meeting has taken place – ACS are waiting on information from SEPA – no further investigations of the quarry area have taken place.

Community engagement

AH, MM, SG and JP to look at the social media side of things. Website, FB and twitter page also more widely as not everyone uses these social Medias. To report back at next meeting meeting.

Community Representation

MP- planning application for Eastwoodhill House has been withdrawn by the developers.

CLlr JF- there was one objection. People have been complaining. Local residents were concerned about building application.

MP – There have not been many planning applications in Giffnock during this period.

Community Action

MOP – raised strong views of having a community hub in Giffnock.

JP – what is the need and demand for a hub?

DL – there is no capacity for the need of a new facility to be built

MOP – there are young persons on the street. People don't realise the need for youth space to provide free activity and free facility. It will provide something for the younger community and for someone to be fed.

MM – vulnerable groups can also benefit from this.

MOP- there is lack of community space. Make use of the library as there is space and capacity.

DL – can have facility in place for the elderly in the morning and for youth at night.

JP - Community council does not have the resources to act for this. It can act like a catalyst. What is the level of interest and commitment?

AH – have read the previous report and the premise was would you really like to have such facilities That does not determine whether you need it.

DL – Church would like to see an incremental of a Giffnock hub

JP – do we go ahead to invite people for conversation for a Hub/Market Place in Giffnock – majority of councillors agreed.

AH – be clear what the expectation is and how we can manage the expectations. The danger is to raise high expectations. Establish the needs first.

JP – circulate emails to ascertain whether people are interested in the idea to have a hub. Dependent on the amount of responses we receive, we can then get some conversations going.

Community Support

AH – need to discuss how to brainstorm ideas of what should go under these 5 objectives.

JP- have this on the next meeting's agenda under Community Engagement. Reminded that the objectives come from the Scheme of Establishment.

JP- Happy to chat areas have been set up in various locations in Giffnock. Do we use these venues to engage with residents?

Questions from the floor

1. Did we receive a response from the Director of Environment regarding why Braidbar Quarry is not registered under contaminated land register. Agreed that a chaser email is sent and Cllr CM to encourage for a response to be provided.
2. DL – lighting of Eastwood house. Cllr JF – there will be some lighting and other sources to finance.
3. BC – any update on plan of new leisure centre – Cllr CM – Plan has been approved
4. DL – reported that the last 4 weeks street lights have been on till mid-day in Briarlea Drive when there is no need for them to be on. CW – reported a flickering light and it was repaired the next day.
5. CW –Nursery provisions - level of monies doubling. Gave councillors heads up that there may be a bunch of Glenwood parents who will contact regarding this as there is a need to find child minders to fill in gaps
Cllr JF – national policy is to provide sufficient nursery spaces.

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There was no other business.

Date of next meeting - Monday February 17thth at 7.00p.m. in Giffnock Library.