

EAGLESHAM & WATERFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2019 7PM MONTGOMERIE HALL

PRESENT: David Williamson, Steve McMenamin, David McAskill, Niall Rachman, Ailsa Burns, Christine Balloch, Duncan MacIntyre. Councillors Jim McLean and Caroline Bamforth
Representatives from WIND2 Fraser & Frances
Apologies: Andy Tyson

Meeting was opened at 7pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for coming. Minutes of previous meeting read by Vice chair, proposed by David Williamson, seconded by Niall Rachman, passed.

Noted that this month's Police report was not received.

PC Ryan Beveridge and Sgt Jim Boyle discussed monthly report and the new Keepsafe campaign which gives crime prevention advice. The issue of speeding in 2 problem areas was brought up by Niall.

Councillor Bamforth said the Council will be putting in 'islands' and other calming measures at the end of Lower Borland Way. This was welcomed.

Fraser McKenzie & Frances Wright from WIND2 gave a short presentation on proposed turbines and discussed issues raised at recent public consultation event. The proposed turbines would be 25 metres higher than existing turbines at Whitelee, land to be leased from farmers, and would be twice as efficient as those previously turned down. The issue of funding being available to the villages was discussed, although unclear what mechanisms would be used to manage and distribute this.

Councillor Bamforth had spoken to Phil Tawse regarding the digital noticeboard which is being considered. Liz from Community Connections not able to attend meeting today to update us from her end. Funding available.

Caroline attended another meeting with First Bus, the full report will be published soon. FB are not meeting their own targets regarding punctuality. The company is up for sale. Complaints process is subcontracted. Another meeting is planned.

Councillor McLean attended a meeting between the Council and Connect regarding Bellecraig roundabout – full report expected soon and will be available on facebook page.

LDP2 is not ratified yet – expected in Jan/Feb 2020. There is nowhere designated for housing within Eaglesham – building is not allowed on green space.

Active Travel Plan was discussed relating to cycling corridor from Clarkston to Eaglesham. Duncan MacIntyre reported nothing has been done although there is funding available.

Floor opened to the public:

Woodland Trust website has information re tree planting initiative. TREE keen to be get involved, suitable sites need to be identified.

TREE willing to assist Waterfoot with setting up a similar group there if there are enough volunteers.

Defibrillator for the butcher's shop will be placed imminently. Councillor McLean agreed to speak to Mr Paterson from The Eg with a view to matching funding available from BHF to site another one at the Hotel.

Flooding at Waterfoot discussed – the gullies have been cleared. They will get clogged as the area drains slowly. Cllr McLean pointed out this has been an issue for 45 years. Not improved since recent major works by Scottish Water and hard to understand as the river is so close.

Broken barrier at Waterfoot has been passed to subcontractor for repair.

The paths at Bonnyton drive have not been adopted by the council. Japanese knotweed has been noted in areas at the back of the Swan. Ned's Mount has been cleared.

The Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 9pm.

Next meeting will be 14th January 2020.