

Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council

Meeting 13th of August 2019 Montgomery Hall

Eaglesham Meeting Opened by T. Henderson at 1900.

1. Welcome/apologies/introductions Present: Thomas Henderson (Chair), Ailsa Burns, Brian Lappin (Treasurer), Andy Tyson, David Williamson, Steven McMenamin.

Also Present: Caroline Bamforth, Jim McLean, Police Scotland Problem Solving Team, Scott Simpson (Head of Library Information Services), and Liz Highet (Outside The Box)

Apologies from Niall Rachman, Duncan McIntyre & David MacAskill (attending the AOE AGM)

2. Previous minutes

Voted on from June 2019.

Proposed: David Williamson

Seconded: Andy Tyson

Carried unanimously.

3. Police report

- Homes being broken into - No reports of any homes being broken into.

Property being stolen from an outbuilding in a garden in Polnoon Street, sometime between the 13th July and the 4th August, is currently under investigation.

- Antisocial behaviour and disorder - A vandalism to property in Craighlaw Avenue during the last week in July has been reported. Officers are investigating reports of youths throwing eggs at houses in Bonnyton Drive.

Following an incident on the 19th July, three youths aged 14, 14 and 15 years old have been charged with Theft and a Breach of the Peace, after stealing alcohol from a shop in Eaglesham. The alcohol was recovered.

Officers have been providing extra attention to the MUGA at Eaglesham Primary School.

- Violent crime - One report of common assault relating to an incident in Hill Drive, Eaglesham, in the early hours of the 27th July is currently under investigation.
- No drugs offences have been reported.

4. Councillors updates/points

Jim McLean – Connect meeting to employ a consultant for engineering solution to reduce speeds approaching roundabouts, rumble strips etc. Hard barriers cannot be installed as risk to drivers. Plastic replaceable barriers and then a second set to protect pedestrians may be a possibility. Report from consultant will not be available until October/November.

BT boxes on the Orry. Large one removed as temporary. 3 boxes eventually will be added without planning permission. Only option was to lose internet services for days when boxes will be installed. Deemed not acceptable.

Caroline Bamforth – The issue of fly tipping, can only be reacted to not proactive. Use the fly tipping hotline. If a vehicle is involved or there are witnesses phone 101 as it is a crime. (police advice)

Polling stations to move away from schools, after consultation.

Extra patrols to be added to monitor behaviour at the EPS MUGA.

5. Scott Simpson Head of Library & Information Services

Project Open more or Open Plus.

Extending library open hours similar to the way Pure Gym work with an access card 24/7. Digital based system in Clarkston is the first in Scotland. It is common in Scandinavia, and there are some already in England. There is a short (10min) induction course on how to use the system. Uses a card and pin on the door entry system. CCTV in library checks verifies against card id. Self service kiosk to borrow and return books. Can use PC's, free Wi-Fi. Library space is also there for use by the community – can be used for study, or just peace and quiet.

Increases open time by 27 hours at Clarkston, Monday to Friday open to 10pm, Saturday open to 6pm plus public holidays.

Very positive response so far, 120 people through induction, 50% have used service. Smaller libraries like Eaglesham are ideal for this sort of system, does however need funding, so would be a possibility in the future.

6. Liz Hight - Outside The Box - Update on first Community Gathering

Community Connections is a new project that is based in Eaglesham and Waterfoot. It works towards improving social connections, information and communication for people living in and around these areas. Will bring together groups, activities and services that are used by the whole community, particularly older people and people who may feel isolated or disconnected from their community over the next 18 months.

Setting up of the Chatty Café in Ian's Kitchen on Wednesday mornings.

Needs to have a logo designed but will then make up and publish postcards for information to be passed out. Looking for suggestions of things that we would like to see in our community, and places that people congregate in to engage with them.

7. Fly tipping

Covered in Cllr Bamforth's update and police comments

8. ERC Roads update

Covered in Cllr McLean's update

9. Members of the public invited to speak.

Laura and Mark Bell were present to ask for help over the issue of their house flooding in Cheapside Street. Thanked the generosity of the public and neighbours who had helped. Will be out of the property for months. They were struggling to get answers and help from authorities and were appealing for assistance. Issue appears to be two-fold sewers at rear of property flooding and drains in street backing up with high levels of rainfall. Scottish water had sanitised the ground floor but cannot remove the floor to inspect as it is stone slabs. Properties on Cheapside Street have flooded before, but not in 20 years. Cllr McLean offered to speak to Alan Tweedie at the Environmental Department, Cllr Bamforth offered to speak to senior staff at Scottish Water.

10. CC Members updates/points

- Brian Lappin reported that the accounts now have a healthy £905.25
- Stevie McMenamin updated us on Changing places facility. Work and decoration now finished, no hoist yet, need funding to complete. Looking for opportunity with windfarm fund, but require 12% to be matched. Also looking at ER good causes fund
- Thomas Henderson updated us on Inky Piny Park. Funds are left over after completion of landscaping. Benches, bins and sign to be bought. We will purchase plaques for Betty, and David's wife.

11. AOCB - CC Election

Elections for Community Council by 28th of August.

Meeting closed 8:18pm

Next public meeting – 8th of October 2019 - Due to CC Elections.