

## Minutes of the Meeting of Giffnock Community Council

**Venue:** Giffnock Library

**Date:** Monday 15th April 2019

**Present:** Douglas Lawson (DL – Chair), Jack Powell (JP), Jim McCann(JMcC), Maureen Powell (MP), Bill Crawford (BC), Janey Floyd (JF), Alex Mackie (AM), Richard Louden (RL)

**In attendance:** Ten members of the public.

**Apologies for absence:** Cindy Berry, Caroline Wilkinson, Cllr Gordon Wallace, Cllr Jim Fletcher, Cllr Colm Merrick

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were approved By Bill Crawford and Alex Mackie.

### Chair's opening

DL welcomed the members of the public to the meeting.

### Police report

Officer Raymond Jeffries (RJ) attended the meeting. A police report for the period 11<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> April had previously been circulated.

JF asked about youths congregating in an area of ground in Hazelden Gardens, which is becoming a problem with longer evenings and milder weather. If they are becoming a nuisance, dial 101.

BC asked about speeding on Orchard Park Avenue, can anything be done? More evidence would be needed to assess the extent of the problem.

### Secretary's Report

JP provided information about an all-day Planning Democracy meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May in Glasgow.

The Annual General Meeting has been postponed until the June Meeting.

Vincent McCulloch has also provided application forms for the forthcoming community council elections, and asked existing members who wish to seek re-election to complete them for our next meeting in May, which he hopes to attend.

### Matters arising from Minutes

#### *Braidbar Quarry – Letters to MSPs*

Reminder letters have been sent out to Aileen Campbell and Jackson Carlaw. A reply has been received from Jackson Carlaw indicating that he has also written to Aileen Campbell asking for any response also to be sent to him. DL and JP will attend Mr Carlaw's clinic on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April to try and progress this matter further.

#### *Community Council Profile*

The online questionnaire concerning the quarry, Eastwood Leisure Centre and green spaces in Eastwood has been posted on Facebook and Nextdoor following the previous meeting. To date 629 responses have been received, giving the following results:-

leave the quarry as it is (i.e. fenced off and inaccessible because it is dangerous)?	95 (15.06%)
remediate (i.e. make safe) the quarry and leave and/or develop as green space?	463 (73.38%)
develop the quarry as a housing estate, but leaving Huntly Park as it is?	54 (8.56%)
develop the quarry as a housing estate, including the lower football pitches, dog walking area, and woodlands of Huntly Park?	19 (3.01%)

Ensure council owned areas of green space in Eastwood are preserved – Yes 602 (94.36%) No 36 (5.64%)

Should a new leisure centre be built in Eastwood Park? Yes 524 (81.88%) No 117 (18.28%)

The results show overwhelming support for keeping the quarry as open green space and for the preservation of green spaces in Eastwood generally, and minimal support for building houses on the quarry area.

The questionnaire is still open for responses, but it was agreed that the results should be published widely in due course.

#### *ERC Participation Requests procedure*

The sub group formed to look at this procedure have met and drafted out the application form. JP has been in touch with the participation support officer in ERC, who has provided feedback regarding further information that is required. Sub-group to continue with processing the application.

#### **Planning/Licensing Issues**

##### *Eastwoodhill House*

MP reported that the formal application by Westpoint Homes to develop 50-60 flats in the former Eastwoodhill house grounds has now been submitted to ERC.

An application to erect two units to accommodate a hot food takeaway and a café, including a new parking area at 157 Burnfield Road has also been made. Concerns were expressed at the effect this may have on a road that is already congested with cars parked partially on the pavements, and the implications this may have for local residents. Houses on the opposite side of Burnfield are outwith East Renfrewshire – will they be informed of this application by ERC? Unfortunately no Councillors were present to answer or follow up this question.

#### **Questions from the floor**

A number of residents from Woodvale Avenue attended the meeting, following a fatal accident on Ayr Road. Strong representations were made about the speed of traffic on Ayr Road and about the speed of cars coming along Woodvale Avenue onto Ayr Road and the threat this poses to pedestrians, particularly school age children attempting to cross Ayr Road opposite the avenue. Specifically, the residents asked for a 30mph speed limit to be introduced on the section of Ayr road, south of Eastwood Toll; for a pedestrian crossing to be installed allowing access to the bus stop on Ayr Road opposite Woodvale Avenue, and for traffic calming measures to be put in place to control the speed of traffic on Woodvale Avenue. As no councillors were present to provide answers to these questions, it was agreed to continue this matter at the May meeting.

DL expressed concern regarding the recent budgetary participation exercise in which £100k was disbursed to various groups in Auchenback, Barrhead, Neilston and Thornliebank. Why are groups in Giffnock never given the opportunity to bid for such funds? Again, as no councillors were present, it was agreed to carry this matter over to the May meeting.

#### **AOCB**

There was no other business.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.00p.m. in Giffnock Library

The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.