

## **Giffnock Community Council**

Minute of the (inaugural) meeting of the re-established Giffnock Community Council, Monday, 16th September 2019 in Giffnock Library.

As per the scheme of establishment, the first part of this meeting was chaired by a representative of East Renfrewshire council (Vincent McCulloch, Community Council Liaison Officer).

### 1. Recording of members present and apologies received.

The following members were present - Douglas Lawson, Maureen Powell, Jack Powell, Janey Floyd, Alex Mackie, Cindy Berry, Jabbar Ghafar, Shamielah Ghafar, William Crawford, Dorothy Crawford, Morag McLaughlin & Tony Halifax

Apologies - Dorothy Crawford,

### 2. Report on signatures of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Vincent McCulloch (VMc) discussed the requirement for members to sign the declaration of Acceptance of Office, he also advised that as some members may not have read the code of conduct etc. They could give their signed declaration in to the secretary at the next meeting.

Number of Declaration of Acceptance of Office received - 8

### 3. The Chair invited each member to introduce themselves to the community council and individual community councillors (CCLrs) had the opportunity to highlight areas of interest. VMc stressed the importance of CCLrs ensuring their community interests are included in future CC discussions.

### 4. Election of office bearers.

VMc invited nominations for the office bearers; the following members were proposed as follows:

<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Jack Powell</b>
Proposed	William Crawford
Seconded	Janey Floyd

There being no other nominations, Jack Powell was duly elected as chairperson

<b>Vice Chairperson Douglas Lawson</b>	
Proposed	Jack Powell
Seconded	Cindy Berry

There being no other nominations, Douglas Lawson was duly elected as Vice-chairperson

<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Shamielah Ghafar</b>
Proposed	Douglas Lawson
Seconded	Maureen Powell

There being no other nominations, Shamielah Ghafar was duly elected as secretary.

<b>Treasurer.</b>	<b>Tony Halifax</b>
Proposed	Janey Floyd
Seconded	Jack Powell

There being no other nominations, Tony Halifax was duly elected as treasurer.

5. **At this point control of the meeting was passed to Jack Powell, the newly elected chairperson.**

Jack thanked all members, and highlighted some of the comments members made at the start of the meeting regarding members interests in the community, and how these were interesting topics for future meetings.

The Chair also highlighted previous issues and concerns of the CC, a summary of progress regarding the possibility of development at Braidbar Quarry. The CC had carried out a survey of residents regarding the Quarry. The friends of Huntly Park also had a range of concerns, including issues with transport in and out of the locality.

ERC development of a new Leisure centre has also been an issue, however the council is examining options for redevelopment on the current site in Eastwood Park, and this seems to be more suitable to local residents. It is important that the CC is kept up to date with any developments.

Another area of concern is the relationship with ERC Planning, the CC consider that this relationship could be improved if the ERC planning took cognisance of what was said. Hopefully things can be improved in the new session.

6. Any other competent business.

- a. Social media – there was discussion on how the CC social media could be improved, with a suggestion that R. Leggate from Uplawmoor be asked to assist. **Ongoing**
- b. The CC official email address is to be passed to the secretary and treasurer along with details of how they can access it.
- c. The 'Go Giffnock' Facebook page was discussed, this is a relatively new site for local people and has approximately 1500 members, the CC should consider how they can make best use of the site.
- d. There has been no resolution to a lane resurfacing issue at Florence Drive.
- e. It was suggested that the CC agenda should reflect the aims and objectives of the CC as detailed in the constitution.

7. The Chairperson invited brief comments from members of the public who wish to raise matters of interest for the CC.

- a. Friends Of Huntly Park, wrote to ERC regarding responsibility for clearing contaminated land at Braidbar quarry/Huntly park. The ERC response could not give a definitive answer.
- b. The meeting heard from a local resident who is provided a background to issues experienced and levels of disturbance caused by living next to a particular licensed premise. The resident is very dissatisfied the way ERC has handled the issue.

8. The Chairperson advised that the CC meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month, (no meeting July and August) the next meeting will therefore be on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2019 in Giffnock Library at 7pm

The Chairperson thanked all for attending and then closed the meeting.