

## Minutes of the Meeting of Giffnock Community Council

**Venue:** Giffnock Library  
**Date:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Present:** Douglas Lawson (DL – Chair), Jack Powell (JP), Maureen Powell (MP), Bill Crawford (BC), Janey Floyd (JF), Alex Mackie (AM), Ian Lang (IL), Richard Loudon (RL), Caroline Wilkinson (CW).

**In attendance:** Cllr Gordon Wallace, Two members of the public.

**Apologies for absence:** Jim McCann, Cllr Colm Merrick, Cllr Jim Fletcher

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 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 14<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> February had previously been circulated. RJ filled in some more details about the incidents in the report. *Procedure for reporting non-urgent incidents* – JP asked about reporting incidents using the contact form on the Police Scotland website. He felt that the information on the site was directing people away from the email option and very much favouring dialling 101. RJ stated that the website was not always checked quickly and it could take 48 hours or more for an email to be picked up.

### Membership matters

The meeting formally agreed to accept Payal Debroy's change of status from a co-opted to an associate member.

Cindy Berry has submitted an application to become a co-opted member. JP to pass details to Vincent McCulloch – formal adoption of her application will take place at the next meeting.

### Secretary's report

A community council network meeting is being held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. JF, AM and Cindy Berry agreed to attend. GCC have asked for two items to be put on the agenda – a) Engagement by ERC with community councils b) Axiom Consultancy/Community Directory.

### Treasurer's report

The treasurer is on holiday. JP reported that a cheque for £498.83, being the administrative award for 2018/9, had been paid into the GCC Bank account

### Matters arising from Minutes

#### *Enterprise Car Rentals*

DL stated that he had again contacted ERC planning regarding whether Enterprise Car Rentals had approval to deal in vans. ERC have re-iterated that the permission to deal in cars does not exclude vans.

#### *Braidbar Quarry*

The letters to Jackson Carlaw, the local MSP, and Aileen Campbell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government, asking that the Scottish Government finance the remediation of Braidbar Quarry, were sent on 30<sup>th</sup> January – no replies received to date.

JP reported that he had drafted out a questionnaire, using Google forms, regarding the quarry; leisure

centre; and protecting green spaces, and circulated it to a few people to test out how easy it was to access and complete. As some people had experienced problems accessing it, he would look at an alternative platform before attempting to circulate it more widely.

It was reported by various people that monitoring systems have appeared on various local roads. Concern was expressed that this was possibly related to dialogue between ERC and Advance Construction (Scotland) regarding the development of the quarry. *Cllr Wallace to seek clarification regarding this.*

It was also reported that there are allegations that ACS are paying Giffnock North Athletic Club substantial monthly payments. Again concern expressed that, if true, this was evidence of ACS putting procedures in place in anticipation of receiving planning permission to develop the quarry.

### **Planning/Licensing Issues**

#### *GHA Licensing variation application*

The community council had raised an objection to the GHA licensing variation application on the grounds of possible disturbance to local residents from crowds dispersing after games, having had access to alcohol from an outside kiosk. ERC have informed the community council that the application has been approved.

#### *Eastwoodhill House*

CW asked, following the pre-planning presentation by Westpoint Homes to develop the former Eastwoodhill House site, if a formal planning application had been submitted. MP stated that no planning application had as yet been received.

### **Questions from the floor**

An email had been received from a resident complaining about parking bays being repainted in Eastwood Park, and that no reply had been received from either Cllrs Fletcher or Merrick. Unfortunately, neither of the councillors was present to answer the query.

#### *Woodfarm Education Centre*

Questions were asked about the ownership status of the centre in connection with extension work being carried out. Who was paying for the extension, the owners or ERC? It was reported that the centre had been sold to Woodfarm Education Centre for £170,000, but that a further £20,000 would need to be paid to allow full ownership.

#### *Burnfield Road – Housing Development*

166 houses are to be built on the former Toffolo Jackson site – is this site within Giffnock or Glasgow? Concerns expressed about impact of the development on Burnfield Road. Cllr Wallace stated that roads department would need to be consulted about likely impact on traffic flow.

#### *Eastwood Leisure Centre*

Questions were asked whether any progress was being made regarding a new consultation process regarding the leisure centre. *Cllr Wallace to make enquiries.*

#### *Nursery facilities*

CW reported that, once children are 3 years old, applications can be made for ERC nursery facilities. However, the application form is difficult to understand.

#### *Fields in Trust – Gala Day*

This is due to be held sometime in June – will GCC support it? Further information needed regarding this.

### **AOCB**

There was no other business.

### **Date of next meeting**

Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.00p.m. in Giffnock Library

The meeting ended at 8.35 p.m.