

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Giffnock Community Council**

**Venue:** Giffnock Library

**Date:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

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

**In attendance:** Cllr Jim Fletcher, Two members of the public.

**Apologies for absence:** Jim McCann, Richard Loudon, Cllr Colm Merrick

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 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> December to 17<sup>th</sup> January had previously been circulated.

*Procedure for reporting non-urgent incidents* – RJ indicated that, in addition to dialling 101, members of the public can also use a contact email. Using this method guarantees a response.

*Vehicles parked on streets/pavements* – if they are causing an obstruction, it is a police matter (this includes vehicles being boxed in). Parking on yellow lines is a matter for ERC Community Wardens.

**Chair's report**

DL reported that he and JP had met with Vincent McCulloch following his response concerning the issues raised in the letter to Chief Executive Lorraine McMillan regarding lack of transparency on the part of ERC and the perceived unwillingness to engage with community councils. Vincent indicated that he would pass the specific concerns expressed to appropriate senior officials. He also suggested that these issues should be put on the agenda for the next Community Councils' Networking meeting.

It was felt that, while this was helpful to an extent, it did not really deal with the issues raised in the original letter, and that a follow up letter would be required.

**Secretary's report**

JP reported that an email had been received from Axiom Consultancy Ltd, who have been commissioned by ERC to contact local groups in East Renfrewshire to promote the use of the Community Directory on the ERC Website. His feeling is that, if this initiative is successful, it could lead to the database being a very useful facility for both residents and local groups.

Payal Debroy is moving out of the area, and so has to resign as a member of the community council.

However, she has agreed to consider becoming an associate member. *(JP to liaise with Vincent McCulloch regarding procedure for this.)*

An email had been received from Vincent McCulloch informing community councils that the next networking meeting will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00p.m. in Eastwood House.

The email also gave notice that new elections for community councils will be held in October 2019.

**Treasurer's report**

The treasurer is on holiday

## **Matters arising from Minutes**

### *Enterprise Car Rentals*

A reply from ERC, following a chase up email, had recently been received. This indicated that the original planning permission, in 1997, provided for 12 vehicles and 14 parking spaces within site. ERC did not consider that this excluded the hire of vans. With regard to Enterprise carrying out business in the street planning department would need to be supplied with dates in which the site was full with cars/vans parked in streets.

### *Braidbar Quarry*

Draft 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, had been previously circulated. After some discussion it was agreed that the letters should be sent. DL reported that MacDonald Estates, who had proposed remediating the quarry 10 years ago, had considered an alternative to filling in the mine but did not know how they intended to do this. He had asked Payal Debroy about using a controlled explosion to collapse the current surface but she considered it extremely unlikely that permission for this approach would be granted.

Kirsty Duncan, a member of the public in attendance, stated that Fields in Trust, who own part of Huntly Park, would need to ask ERC to allow protection of the area from development. (*JP to liaise with her regarding this.*)

### *Community Council Profile*

JP reported that it had not been possible to convene a meeting of the Community Profile sub-group. Instead, he had circulated a draft questionnaire, concerning Braidbar Quarry and Eastwood Leisure Centre, with the idea of promoting it on social media. Members of the public present asked if interested groups (i.e. Keep East Ren Green and Friends of Huntly Park) could have an input into the content of the questionnaire and the process of circulation. This was agreed.

## **Planning/Licensing Issues**

MP reported that the Community Council had been notified of an application by GHA Rugby Club for a variation of their licensing arrangements. JF stated that residents in the area needed clarification on certain aspects of the application in order to form an opinion on whether any comments/objections should be lodged. (*JF to email MP with details, then MP to raise the issues with ERC.*)

A resident had emailed the community council asking about a licensing application for the former Clydesdale Bank building. MP stated that no notification had been received from ERC and that there appeared to be a problem generally regarding notification of licensing applications. It was agreed that this matter should be taken up with ERC.

## **Questions from the floor**

There were no other questions

## **AOCB**

There was no other business.

## **Date of next meeting**

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

The meeting ended at 8.25 p.m.