

Minute of the Meeting of Giffnock Community Council

Venue: Giffnock Library

Date: Monday 17th September 2018

Present: Douglas Lawson (DL- Chair), Jack Powell (JP), Jim McCann (JMcC), Maureen Powell (MP), Janey Floyd (JF), Bill Crawford (BC), Ian Lang (IL), Caroline Wilkinson (CW), Richard Loudon (RL)

In Attendance: Cllr Gordon Wallace, Cllr Jim Fletcher, 2 members of the public

Apologies for absence: Cllr Com Merrick

Chair's Opening

DL welcomed Payal Debroy and Alex Mackie to the meeting, both of whom have applied to become co-opted members of the community council.

Police Report

Officer Raymond Jeffries attended the meeting and provided a crime statistics report for the period 12^h June to 12th September, the contents of which were noted.

As the report covered a 3 month period the number of burglaries etc. only appears to be higher than normal.

Issue of inconsiderate parking in the vicinity of schools – parking on yellow lines is no longer a police responsibility – this lies with the ERC Community Wardens.

MP asked about leaflet dropping – most of this is probably legitimate. However, if questionable leaflets are received they should either be brought to future meetings, or be handed into the police station.

DL stated that he had reported two issues of abandoned cars and had experienced problems as to how these should be reported – emailing the Community Council Police Contact not acceptable – advised to call 101, but couldn't get through, so had to go to police station. CW reported that she had raised an incident of abuse on Facebook to the police station, but had been told that facebook posts were just 'tittle tattle'. PC Jeffries undertook to speak to Sgt Jim Boyle about these problems of reporting incidents.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th June were approved.

Proposed: Bill Crawford Seconded: Richard Loudon

Applications for co-opted membership

Application forms for co-opted membership of the community council had been received from Payal Debroy and Alex Mackie, and previously circulated to members.

These applications were unanimously accepted by council members.

Chair's Report

Nothing to report

Secretary's Report

JP and JF had attended the CC Networking meeting held on 10th September. The database facility on the ERC website, allowing charities and voluntary bodies to input and maintain information about their activities, was the main item for discussion. It was recognised that the database needed to be promoted in order to encourage its use by local agencies. ERC are seeking to run a promotion programme between now and Christmas.

Treasurer's Report

JMcC reported that the balances in the community council's accounts are as follows:

Administration Account - £1407.97
Fundraising Account - £174.04

The annual administration grant has still to be received – JMcC is liaising with Vincent McCulloch regarding this.

There followed a discussion on how the administrative grant could be used to promote the community council. It was agreed that CC members should submit any ideas/proposals to JP for discussion at the next meeting. (**Action – all council members**).

Eastwood Leisure Centre – Proposals for new development

The results of the consultation regarding 4 proposals on the future of the Eastwood Leisure Centre had been presented to ERC Council members on 12th September.

3601 responses had been received, with 54% of these favouring the option of a new leisure centre being built on a new site.

Concerns had previously been expressed, and minuted in previous meetings, that the consultation process was heavily biased towards the new build option, and that there are considerable issues with the various sites that have been mooted for the re-build.

CW stated that there was considerable concern among Giffnock residents at the likely loss of the leisure centre in Giffnock.

Cllr Fletcher stated that no decisions had been made regarding the future of the leisure centre. Many factors needed to be considered, including issues surrounding possible new sites, the needs for the expansion of St Ninian's school, and the revision of the local development plan.

Cllr Wallace stated that the opposition group on the council were against rebuilding on a new site – it was the current administration of ERC who favoured this option. Thus any concerns about a rebuild on a new site should be made to them.

Matters arising from minutes

Bus Stop at Merryton Avenue

DL asked if any action had been taken regarding the positioning of the bus stop at Merryton Avenue. Cllr Wallace stated that, as result of the new General Data Protection Regulations, he, in common with councillors and employees of ERC, had had to delete old emails, and had thus lost the photos showing the problems of buses blocking Merryton Avenue.

Can the stop be removed altogether, or replaced nearer the junction with Merrylee Park Avenue? Cllr Wallace agreed to investigate.

LIDL

Over the summer JP had written to Lidl regarding the overgrown cultivated area at the back of the store and received an assurance that they would maintain the area. The area has now been cleared as part of the process of preparing the store for opening in November.

AOCB

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

Date of next meeting

Monday 15th October 2018