

Minutes of the Meeting of Giffnock Community Council.

Venue: Giffnock Library

Date: Monday 19th February 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Douglas Lawson (Chair), Bill Crawford (BC), Janey Floyd (JF), Ian Lang (IL),
Richard Louden (RL)

In Attendance: Cllr Colm Merrick

Apologies: Jack Powell, Maureen Powell, Caroline Wilkinson, Cllr Jim Fletcher

Police report:

Officers Raymond Jefferies and David MacLean attended the meeting and provided a crime statistics report for the period 8th January to 12th February 2018, the contents of which were noted.

The officers commented that house breaking incidents follow a cyclical pattern, linked to perpetrators being in/out of prison.

The issue of inconsiderate parking at Muirend Pavilion and Woodfarm was raised, with the football season due to start on 3rd March. Police can only deal with an actual obstruction – Community Wardens can issue tickets for parking offences. Cllr Merrick and BC have contact numbers for wardens. It was felt that, if an example could be made of some offenders, this would be useful in deterring others.

Car theft in Hazelden Gardens in January - Officers suggested that, as the post code for this area is G44, the incident would have been included in the report for Netherlee.

Chairs opening

DL welcomed Richard Louden as a newly appointed associate member.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 15th January 2018 were held over to the March meeting as there were insufficient members present from that meeting to allow approval

Membership – Interim Election

Co-opted members have received nomination papers from ERC. It was decided that it would be best if co-opted members did complete nominations.

Chair's Report

DL has postponed a presentation by Neighbourhood Watch as a number of GCC members were likely to be absent.

VA-ER community Café meeting, Friday 16th February – It was felt that this was poorly attended, although VA-ER had used its database to issue invitations to various groups and individuals. CLLR Merrick advised that this was not unexpected and that, given time, groups and individuals would become more involved. Two main proposals emerged –

- Newsletter
- Shared use of library heritage centre

Some admin/secretarial support likely to be needed – could possibly be supplied by Orchardhill Parish Church.

Any details/information regarding local clubs and organisations would need to be maintained and updated. Information gathered to date lists around 100 clubs/organisations in Giffnock.

It was proposed that GCC should talk to Jim Sneddon of ERC and Andy McCreavy of the Leisure Trust regarding these matters.

Secretary's Report

Ian Leifer has resigned

Richard Loudon has joined as an associate member.

JP is on holiday, so no further report.

Treasurer's Report

J McC absent so no report.

Matters arising from minutes

Community Council Network Meeting

This meeting was chaired by Cllr Merrick and attended by JP, BC and JF.

Main focus of the meeting was a presentation by Neighbourhood Watch and attendant discussion.

Stephen from the Community Partnership Team indicated that the team plans to run training sessions covering a range of issues, aimed at a variety of community groups, not just community councils. Proposed calendar for these will be sent out in March.

Eaglesham and Waterfoot CC representatives gave information about their successful use of social media.

Roads/Pavements – budget commitments

Cllr Merrick stated that the 'participatory budgeting' exercise for deciding on how £600K set aside for improving local roads should be allocated, had attracted some negative comments – it had proved a learning process. Some 'pop-up' events had been held alongside the online consultation. DL re-iterated that he would like to see the details of the voting – how many for which roads.

There is no further information on how the additional £1.6M set aside for local road improvements is going to be allocated.

Some concerns were raised about the quality of repairs to potholes.

Planning

A letter has been sent to Jackson Carlaw expressing concern regarding the recent approvals for a restaurant in the former Clydesdale Bank building, and of a hot food takeaway facility by BRGR. The local development plan does not specify any limits on food outlets, which meant the BRGR application had been approved on appeal.

Wholefoods Site – rumours are circulating about the building being taken over by M&S, but there is no concrete information.

The proposed development at Maidenhill in Newton Mearns of 850 new properties will generate more demand on existing supermarkets.

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There was no other business

The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

Date of next Meeting

Monday 19th March 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in Giffnock Library