

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

**Venue:** Giffnock Library

**Date:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 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)

**In Attendance:** Cllr Gordon Wallace, Cllr Colm Merrick

**Apologies for absence:** Richard Loudon, Cllr Jim Fletcher

**Police Report**

Officer Ryan Cannon attended the meeting and provided a crime statistics report for the period 12<sup>h</sup> April to 14<sup>th</sup> May, the contents of which were noted.

IL asked about an incident near Rouken Glen where a car lost a wheel and blocked a main road. This was reported to the police but no officers turned up. Police do not necessarily turn up where no injuries are incurred.

JMcC stated that his wife had a near miss with a cyclist when turning from Parkgrove Avenue into Braidholm Road. View is blocked because of the number of parked cars, particularly when dropping pupils off for Braidbar Primary. The issue of cars parking on double yellow lines is a matter for the Community Wardens. Complaints should be made to ERC, highlighting the issue of illegal/inconsiderate parking and the risk of accidents that this creates.

CW reported that a break-in in Braidpark Drive, where someone had attempted to break-in through French windows, had not been reported. This is possibly because it was not within the period of the report.

JF reported that the Community Wardens had booked 6 cars at Muirend Pavilion, following complaints about inconsiderate parking in the area.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday were approved with some minor amendments.

Proposed: Bill Crawford      Seconded: Ian Lang

**Chair's Report**

DL reported that he and JF had attended the networking meeting run by ERC on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Attendance was poor – only 4 community councils represented.

A presentation was made regarding participatory budgeting. However, a lot of detail was covered very quickly. DL asked if details of the presentation could be made available, and if the presentation could be made to GCC at a future meeting. Cllr Merrick to follow up on this.

**Secretary's Report**

2 people still possibly interested in joining the community council – JP to follow up.

**Treasurer's Report**

JMcC to submit approved accounts from AGM to ERC in order to release the administration grant for 2018/9.

**Matters arising from minutes**

*Community Information*

JP reported that he had been contacted by Kellie Miller of ERC. She and Scott Simpson, Head of Libraries, wished to come along to the GCC meeting in June to do a presentation regarding gaining access to information held by ERC on local organisations. This would be instead of ERC emailing such organisations on GCC's behalf.

#### *VA-ER Conversation Café*

JP reported that, shortly after the previous GCC meeting, VA-ER had organised a further meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, which he attended. Only three others attended. One idea that was discussed was that local churches (and possibly schools) were seeking to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice by researching members/ancestors who had served during WW1. Could the heritage centre in Giffnock Library become involved, co-ordinating a Giffnock wide display? JP to investigate.

#### *Dog Parks*

BC reported that ERC parks dept. was not prepared to support the idea of creating dog parks at Woodfarm and Huntly Park because of dog fouling issues.

#### **Eastwood Leisure Complex – Public Consultation**

ERC have initiated a public consultation asking for views on 4 options regarding the future of Eastwood Leisure Centre, ranging from basic maintenance of the existing facility to a complete rebuild on a new site. Short time scale – only 6 weeks.

It was generally felt that the consultation document was heavily slanted in favour of option 4 namely a complete rebuild on a new site. The problem with this is that several locations are mooted for this rebuild, but no detail is provided regarding the sites. This means that people voting for option 4 are effectively voting blind, having no idea which site will be chosen. There are also rumours abroad that ERC already have a preferred site. Overall this is a poorly thought out consultation, and is possibly simply a window dressing exercise.

DL asked if the results of the consultation would be published.

#### **LIDL – Issues regarding the sculpture outside the main entrance and the planting area at the rear**

BC raised the matter of what might happen to the sculpture (commonly referred to as the 'Donuts') and the planted area when LIDL take over the former Wholefoods Store. Could the planted area be adopted by local gardening enthusiasts?

These two areas probably owned by the leaseholder. JP to contact LIDL to seek information.

#### **Questions from the floor**

CW asked about the number of vacant business premises in Giffnock. Do ERC have any ideas regarding encouraging businesses to take up these premises? Are the level of business rates a factor? Can prospective businesses negotiate with ERC regarding rates? Do Giffnock BID have any ideas regarding all this?

DL asked about the bus stop close to Merryton Avenue. Buses stopping there block the Avenue. Is there any possibility of this stop being moved?

CW asked about the condition of Penrith Avenue. Residents are concerned that it is in an appalling state – taxis won't go down it. The avenue is not on any list of roads scheduled for repair. Residents who are particularly concerned need to get other residents to lodge complaints.

#### **AOCB**

Following on from the previous meeting JP stated that it was possibly not necessary under the new GDPR rules that existing email contacts have to 'opt in' to receiving emails from GCC as they had previously given their consent to receive emails, and they always have the option to unsubscribe from receiving emails.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018