
Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 11th September 2017 - DRAFT

Attending

David MacAskill, Alexia Pellowe, Brian Lappin, , Duncan MacIntyre, Kate Moore, Andrew Tyson, Steven McMenamin, Thomas McIlvaney, David MacAskill, Thomas Henderson.

Apologies

Eric Canning, Alastair Black,

Ex-officio members attending,

ERC Councillors - Jim McLean, Caroline Bamforth & Jim Swift.

Other attendees

Vincent McCulloch – ERC Community Council Liaison Officer

Representatives from Scottish Power

Kate Robertson – Rural Wisdom Project

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was chaired by Vincent McCulloch up to the point whereby all office bearers were elected. Thereafter, the newly appointed chairperson controlled the meeting.

Vincent McCulloch advised the meeting that elected members of East Renfrewshire Council whose wards fall wholly or partly within the geographical area of a community council shall be ex-officio members of the relevant community council. Any member of the Scottish, United Kingdom or European Parliament whose constituency falls either wholly or partly within the geographical area of a community council is entitled to become an ex-officio member of the relevant community council, and may exercise that entitlement by providing written notice to the Chair of the community council. Ex-officio members are not required to attend meetings and shall have no voting rights on the community council,

1. Report on signatures of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

V McCulloch advised the meeting that all members apart from one have signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office (this is a requirement of all community councillors)

2. Election of office bearers.

Chairperson

Nominee Tam Henderson

Proposer Andy Tyson

Secunder Thomas McIlvaney

There being no other nominations, Tam Henderson was duly appointed chairperson

Secretary

Nominee - Andy Tyson

Proposer Alexia Pellowe

Secunder - Tam Henderson

There being no other nominations, Andy Tyson was duly appointed secretary.

Treasurer.

Nominee – Brian Lappin

Proposer - Alexia Pellowe

Secundered - Andy Tyson

There being no other nominations, Brian Lappin was duly appointed chairperson.

There was discussion on the role of Secretary; it was highlighted that the work involved can be substantial, and that the CC could consider ways in which they could provide additional support. Kate Moore's offer to assist with the recording of CC meeting minutes was welcomed.

At this point, control of the meeting was passed to the newly elected chairperson.

3. Adoption of Model Constitution and Model Standing Orders.

The adoption of the model constitution and model standing orders was proposed by Brian Lappin and seconded by Steven McMenamin, there being no dissent, the constitution and standing orders have been duly adopted by the CC.

4. Appointment of independent examiners of accounts.

As there is no urgency with this requirement, this item has been carried over to a future meeting.

5. Scottish Power Energy Networks overview of works planned to "reinforce the electricity network" in and around the area.

Brian McFarlane from Scottish power handed out information papers to all in attendance, in addition large scale maps were also given to the CC.

Scottish Power Energy Networks plan to build a new primary substation at Jackton, the key dates are:

- Works will commence on the 18th September
- The road closure of the B764 (Eaglesham to Jackton/Hairmyres hospital) will take place on the 30th October 2017 and last for 5 weeks.
- Works will be completed by the 11th December 2017.

The purpose of the work is to modernise the electrical network in the Jackton and Eaglesham area as the existing infrastructure cannot cope with any additional load. This work will help improve customer service by improving the quality and security of supply.

Diversions due to the road closure have been identified as the A726 (for most vehicles) and the B767 (to Busby) for motorcycles under 50cc, agricultural vehicles and animals. Pedestrians and cyclists will be able to continue using the B764 during the road's closure.

The following points were raised by CC members.

The road closure will add additional journey time to ambulances coming from Hairmyres hospital.

The road diversions should be kept free flowing and not jammed up with roadworks. Improving the electricity network would support additional demands placed on the system from new housing. In response the Scottish power engineer advised that new housing does not place undue demand on the current network, however there would be a problem if energy consuming industry was to be established.

Cllr McLean highlighted that to get round the road closure, people may use Hayhill Road, which is a single track and unsuitable for increased road traffic.

The representatives from Scottish Power noted these comments, and further advised that there will warning notices about the impending road closure displayed prior to closure.

The Chairperson thanked Scottish Power for their attendance and presentation.

6. Whitelee Access Planning Group –

This group has invited E&WCC to send a representative to their meetings (about four a year). Duncan McIntyre was the sole nominee, proposed by David McCaskill and seconded by Thomas McIlvaney.

Duncan gave background information to the access project and his involvement via Sustrans, Duncan was asked to provide an update on the access project for the next meeting.

Action D McIntyre

7. Treasurers Report.

V McCulloch advised the meeting that the cc's administration grant was £238.50, in addition, the previous community council had lodged with ERC the sum of £198.91 which was the remaining balance of their funds. V McCulloch gave the treasurer cheques for both these amounts.

The treasurer advised that he would get a club/society account opened based on any two signatures from three. There followed discussion on suitable banks.

Action – B Lappin

8. AOCB

8.1 Kate Robertson from 'outside the box' introduced herself and advised the CC on the Rural Wisdom project that she is involved in. Rural wisdom is a project supporting communities to work well for older people and has been recently established in Eaglesham.

The project will listen to local people, organisations and businesses and will work alongside them to try out ideas to make Eaglesham an easier and more enjoyable place to live for older people.

The project, which will last approximately two years, has already identified public transport and social isolation as local issues. There followed discussion about possible areas for the projects attention, involvement in work to re-establish the post office under community control was highlighted.

Kate handed out leaflets and contact details and was then thanked by the Chair for her participation and information.

8.2 Co-option of new members - V McCulloch advised that a resident (Judi Ritchie) had contacted him and was interested in joining the community council as a co-opted member.

Action V McCulloch

T McIlvaney also indicated that he knew a resident who was interested in joining.

Action T McIlvaney

V McCulloch advised that there are three vacancies on the CC which can be filled by co-option. Residents interested in putting forward their names for co-option are required to meet the eligibility requirements – (as detailed in the scheme of establishment) the main requirements are that they live in the CC area and are on the electoral register. They also have to provide a statement of no more than 250 words and sign the declaration of acceptance of office. This statement is required to be circulated to all members of the CC 14 days prior to the date of the meeting were the co-option will be decided.

8.3 D McIntyre advised that there is a church newsletter which is distributed to all residents, and that an article about the CC could be inserted. **Action - D McIntyre**

There was discussion about the use of Facebook and the importance of creating a good profile for the CC, It was suggested that the CC needed its own Facebook page and this requires an email address for the CC, V McCulloch also stressed the importance of an email address for the CC to allow various information and contacts to be channelled through it. **Action A Tyson & T McIlvaney**

8.4 K Moore suggested that the CC should consider its priorities and set up sub-committees to tackle these priorities.

8.5 D McIntyre advised that there is a list of all the organisations in CC area which he can provide for the CC **Action D McIntyre**

9. Date and time of next meeting

The CC agree that the next meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday the 9th October 2017 in the Montgomery hall, and thereafter will meet on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Action – V McCulloch