

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Giffnock Community Council

Venue: Giffnock Library

Date: Monday 19th June 2017

Present: Jim Martin (Chair), Caroline Wilkinson (CW), Douglas Lawson (DL), William Crawford (WC) Jim McCann (JMC), Ian Leifer, Ian Lang (IL)

In Attendance: Cllr. Jim Fletcher, Cllr. Gordon Wallace, Cllr. Colm Merrick, PC Andy Wilson Police Scotland and 6 members of public.

ITEM ISSUE			ACTION
	POLICE REPORT:	<p>Chair welcomed PC Wilson and acknowledged the advance release of the Police Report for June also the Home and Personal Property Security Advice document, both having been circulated to the members prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Constable Wilson responded to concerns about the ongoing situation of teenagers gathering mainly at weekends around the Huntly Park / Braidbar Quarry area at night. He advised that Police have been visiting the local secondary schools highlighting the dangers of this enclosed area.</p> <p>The Police Scotland 2026 Strategy Consultation / Report is due out this month and in respect of any concerns about closure of Giffnock Station no decisions are anticipated over the summer recess.</p> <p>Constable Wilson advised that any involvement in relation to a requirement of an Entertainment Licence for the Classic Cars Rally event would be solely at the specific request of ERC.</p>	Police Scotland
1.	CHAIRS OPENING:	Chair opened the meeting promptly and extended a warm welcome to everyone present, and in particular to the recently elected Cllr Colm Merrick.	
2.	APOLOGIES:	Maureen Powell, Jack Powell, Janey Floyd	
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 15th May 2017 were agreed and accepted with no amendments received, and they are to be forwarded for publication on the ERC website.</p> <p>Proposed: Ian Lang Seconded: Douglas Lawson</p>	Chair
4.	MATTERS ARISING	Any matters arising covered under agenda	
5.	CHAIR'S REPORT	<p>Chair advised of the considerable goodwill extended towards GCC also the wide support of the GCC Initiative expressed by the extensive range of stakeholders contacted during the recent consultations undertaken by the Hub Consultant, which was very encouraging.</p> <p>He went on to encourage increased member participation during the meeting business also involvement of the Ward Councillors where applicable, rather than only under Questions from the Floor which was often subject to meeting time restraints.</p>	

		Cllr. Merrick as the Convenor for Community Services and Community Safety, Provost Jim Fletcher and Cllr. Wallace then outlined their respective roles in the reformed ERC Chair outlined the need to recruit additional members particularly in the Eastwoodmains Road neighbourhood.CW advised of relocation in that area.	Officers Group
6.	SECRETARY'S REPORT	Secretary was on holiday.	
7.	TREASURER'S REPORT	JMC advised that amended authorised signature arrangements in respect of the GCC accounts have been completed and these are now in place. Response from the Bank of Scotland regarding the application for a separate GCC Defibrillator Fund account is awaited. Meanwhile as a temporary arrangement the payment for the defibrillator and the collection boxes (item 11.also refers) has been made from the GCC main account.	JMC JMC
8.	COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p>Health The future of the local 375 bus link remains uncertain. Approaches have been raised about the provision of an over – head pedestrian link from the Health Centre to the Williamwood main platform using the redundant adjacent rail bridge crossing.</p> <p>Education ERC has confirmed formally that all PFI / PPP schools have been surveyed and that minor works have been carried out at 2 schools. Cllr. Fletcher advised that the remainder are satisfactory. Concerns have been expressed about reports of a proposed new Autumn term intake of 3 supersized Primary I classes of 38 pupils in a local school. Cllr. Merrick stated that this would not be legal / allowed. There followed discussion about the recent announcement giving Head teachers a statutory responsibility to improve standards for the first time. They will be given powers to hire staff and shape the curriculum, as well as directly controlling a bigger portion of budgets. New regional bodies are to be created to supplant local authorities in their traditional role of supporting schools and driving improvement. They will be staffed by professional experts rather than councillors. GCC will continue with the outreach schools visits after the summer recess.</p> <p>Environment,Roads&Planning</p> <p>Planning & Licensing Chair reported that the weekly Planning Applications list</p>	Ward Cllrs. Chair / WC

		<p>continues to be monitored and asked for additional members interested in joining the planning group. He reported on a recent application for a hot food outlet adjacent to the Library entrance and it was agreed that there was an overprovision already in the area with an increased risk of nuisance, littering and loitering and an objection should be lodged. PC Wilson mentioned that teenagers generally left the area by 9.30 – 10.0 pm. It was also reported that an application had been made by Morrison’s for extended trading hours until 5 am at the petrol outlet. The developer of the proposed Giffnock North / Braidbar Development has approached GCC about giving a talk about the project at the next meeting. This will be reviewed by the Officers Group during the Summer recess. Ian Leifer advised that there had been contact with the Maccabbi Centre. It has been reported that a substantial development of the Giffnock Synagogue precinct is under consideration and Ian Leifer advised that it envisaged having all 3 local Jewish facilities located on the one site and that more information would be available in September. The Clydesdale Bank Building is now vacant and is being marketed. The recent London Grenfell Tower Block tragedy was raised and concerns expressed about the safety aspects of ERC buildings which may now require further examination. The Chair of Thornliebank&Giffnock Tenants Association who was present advised that ERC undertakes regular condition surveys on their social housing stock in the area. Telephone mast – the pre-application notification in respect of a proposed mast opposite the Merrylee shops is to be examined</p> <p>Roads There has been no progress with the installation of the traffic - counting loop on Berryhill Road outside the School entrance and the opportunity has been missed until the schools restart after the holidays. Cllr. Wallace agreed to progress this matter.</p> <p>Environment Scottish Water continues to cause delay to the start of drainage work at Woodfarm Playing Fields. Residents just want something done with the swampy area now. The adjacent Cricket Club are only undertaking grass cutting of the crease and ignoring the surrounding area. In response to local resident’s requests for a children’s play area nearby Cllr Fletcher provided his experience of the serious objections of householders and the high incidence of hooligans attracted to another local play area.</p> <p>Police DL provided an update on his recent discussion with the</p>	<p>Planning Group</p> <p>Officers Group</p> <p>Ward Cllrs.</p> <p>IL</p> <p>Cllr. Wallace</p> <p>Ward Cllrs.</p>
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		senior officers at Giffnock advising that many strategic local matters remain under review.	
9.0	WORKPLAN	Chair stated that the interim Consultants Feasibility Report had been circulated to members, and after further consideration any responses of the Officer's working group members would be forwarded to them next week. The completed report will be finalised w/c Monday 3 rd July 2017 following which it is anticipated it will be circulated /reviewed during the summer recess and raised at the September meeting.	Officers Group
10.	COMMUNITY PROFILE	<p>WC provided a report and financial statement outlining the impressive fundraising efforts to date of the defibrillator working group which have already enabled purchase of a defibrillator at a cost of £2084. Collection boxes have also been purchased at a cost of £ 111.50 and these will be distributed by BID among local businesses for 1 month. In addition it is intended to use these boxes with the help of local schools pupils for the further fund raising which should cover the ancillary costs of a commemorative plaque, provision of extra pads etc. also light refreshments following a proposed small commemorative ceremony conducted by Provost Jim Fletcher which was agreed should be held later in September. Following discussion it was agreed that as the fund raising boxes could be used for future GCC events the cost should be met out of the main account. Chair commended WC and the team for the commendable work input in the delivery of this very worthwhile initiative. Cllr Fletcher agreed to enquire if ERC would provide ongoing maintenance of the defibrillator which will be positioned outside the Giffnock Library entrance. There has been ongoing discussion with BID who is considering extended use of the public area at the rear of Wholefoods Building including provision of a Giffnock memorial. The Village in bloom competition remains a future consideration.</p> <p>Arrangements are to be made to convene a meeting with the Giffnock Churches Cluster in August.</p>	<p>Cllr. Fletcher</p> <p>Chair / DL</p>
11.	STATEMENTS / QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR	<p>WC raised the situation of the lack of security provision at the Woodfarm all-weather pitches / cages particularly during holiday periods. Clubs renting them are often faced with clearing up debris including broken bottles etc. prior to use. Cllr. Fletcher advised it was ERC policy to operate an unlocked open – door policy.</p> <p>Cllr Merrick offered to speak further with WC about the situation</p>	WC / Cllr Merrick
12.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Monday 18 TH September 2017 in Giffnock Library at 7 pm.	ALL