



Minute of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

3rd March 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>3rd March 2016</u>	Rosaleen Reilly Vice – Chairperson. Rena McGuire. BEM Secretary. Iain McCowan Treasurer. Laura Hendry. Donnie MacInnes. Rita McGettigan Jo McIntyre. Chimezie Umeh.

<u>Apologies</u>	Phil Traish. Mary Lawson. William McCready. Rita Connelly. Sean Rooney. (Barrhead News Reporter) Cllr Reilly.
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<u>Visitors & ERC Cllrs Visitors</u>	Jim Murray. ERC Senior Officer Repairs Service. PC Hardcastle. Police Scotland. PC Keenan. Police Scotland.
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1. WELCOME vice - Chair – Rosaleen Reilly

The Vice - Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

N/A

3. POLICE REPORT

Attached

Questions & Answers

The Officer were asked for an update on the Foundry.

The problems are still ongoing, there are 4 Officer on duty on Main St until Asda closes, 4 individuals have been charged.

There are also ongoing problems in Carlibar Park, in both cases officers are seen and the groups disperse.

What is the law concerning verbal abuse, basically if you can, walk away or call the police.

Potholes in Parkhouse Road are causing damage to cars this has been reported to the Police on several occasions, they have in turn reported to GHA the problems on the road.

Secretary to follow up.

Police were thanked for their attendance.

4. ERC Housing Repairs Service

Length of time for repair

A Inspections can take up to 4 weeks, with 10k repairs to be done, With 40 staff, 2 inspectors. Tradesman, 1 Electrician, 1 Joiner 1, Plumber, Urgent repairs = 10days, Emergency 4hrs.

Q. Why does ERC not have their own staff on emergency standby - staff are unable to cover emergency services.

A. Why does an inspector go along to check repairs prior to the repair.

An inspector will identify the work required, especially if 3 tradesmen are required to complete the repair. All tradesmen have their own vehicle.

Q. Why do tenants having to stay in all day waiting for repairs to be done. Workman often turn up to do repairs and cannot get access, however Customer first offer morning or afternoon appointments or all day from 7am

In the event workmen have not gained access to a particular property they will continue with their workload which may make them turn up earlier than expected, they will also return to no access to do their repair.

Q. Do ERC have many voids?

There are 5 voids in ERC properties; however there is also long-term properties which cannot be let.

Jim Murray was thanked for his attendance.

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous meeting

Minutes approved by CCllr Hendry seconded by CCllr McCowan

6. Matters Arising

N/A

7. Chairman's Report

8. Secretaries Report & Correspondence

1. Area Forum Minutes.
2. ERC Guidance on Recording at Community Council Meetings (Attached).
3. Queens 90th Birthday, Patrons Lunch. Clean for the Queen, Beacons.

4. Energy Conference. (Stirling)
5. Active Communities Funding.

6. New Development Training for CCS
7. Grant Opportunities for Pathways.
9. Planning Community Forum. (Eastwood House) 6 places booked.

Questions & Answers

(2) The secretary requested that all recording are deleted once the actual minute has been approved, this was agreed.

(6) New Development Training, once again all training has been scheduled for Thornliebank, Secretary to request that at least 2 sessions could be organised in Barrhead, which would be beneficial to Neilston & Uplawmoor CC.

(9) Planning Community Forum, again the discussion arose concerning poor transport links. Once again the issue about the mess of the notice board, we need to look to have this replaced.

9. Treasurers Report

Paperwork produced for signing to join ERC Credit Union & paperwork completed.
Administration Grant funds remaining £00.00

8. Committee Reports:

a. Health.

b.

Pilot light attendance, this is an ongoing working group, Conference on Self Directed Support.

c. Planning & Licensing

d.

Rita McGettigan requested to be included in the Planning Sub Committee.

9. Reports from Delegates to external bodies & Misc reports

N/A

1. AOCB

2.

The Secretary & CC MacInnes visited the War memorial at Cowan Park and was disappointed to see that the new path recently laid by ERC did not continue to the right, along to the War Memorial.

The new seating has been placed at the War Memorial, however comments have been made they should have been positioned one at each side of the memorial.

The Discussion about ERC breakfast clubs arose as the costs have soared from 90pence per day to £3.85, the secretary to request further information on the matter.

Barrhead Community Council has been contacted by channel 4, they are doing 100 years of Windsor & the British Monarchy, they are looking for information on James Maxton, BCC will follow up with this request.

Copies of BCC minute will be emailed to all elected members.

I has been noticed that the portrait of former Provost Walter McCready and Freeman of East Renfrewshire is no longer hanging in room 2, after further discussion it was agreed to contact ERC to have all former Provosts of Barrhead, Renfrewshire & East Renfrewshire portraits be put on display in the Barrhead Offices main area and other areas within the building etc along corridors where visitors may view some of the history of Barrhead.

AGM will be held at the April meeting.

It have been noted that ERC are planning to empty Grey bin every 3 weeks instead of 2 weekly, after discussion it was agreed for the secretary to organise a sub group.

It was also highlighted that ERC only have one disabled access taxi in the whole of East Renfrewshire, the secretary to enquire further.

Date of next meeting is on Thursday 7th April 2016 at 7pm