

## MINUTES OF CGF&MV CC - -12.5.16

**Present:** Azra Saleem [AS] [chair], Michael McDaid [MMcD], David Pearson [DP], Bryson McNeil [BMcN], Lee-Gek Poon [LGP], Elaine Grogan [EG] [ERC], Michael Reilly [MR] [ERC]

1. **Apologies:** N Hussein, R Hussein, C Panpher, J Panpher
2. **Introductions:** Mr Michael Reilly was introduced as the new Community Council Liason Officer [CCLO].
3. **Minutes from last meeting** – Proposed: AS; Seconded : BMcN
4. **CGMV AGM** – to be postponed until further notice
5. **Matters arising from minutes of last meeting**

Cycle paths - - Any plant and machinery, including detritus removal and tidying- up works will be completed in due course.

6. **McCarthy and Stone**
  - A brief presentation was made by 2 representatives from the builders, McCarthy and Stone.
  - Location of the proposed building is the original site of the BUPA Care Home.
  - 30 apartments (2 bed roomed) for residents over 55 years old
  - 2-3 storey buildings
  - 34 parking spaces
  - Public consultation carried out end of March.
  - Discussion followed with feedback to McCarthy and Stone representatives regarding inadequate car parking facility and location of main access road
7. **Police Report:**
  - 3 reports of assault
  - 6 reports of persons in possession of drugs
  - 1 report of person for supply of drugs
  - 5 reports of Breach of the Peace
  - 1 report of theft by housebreaking
  - 5 reports of theft

Bogus callers still target this area and everyone should be aware of this

Police continue to carry out routine patrols and checks within the area

- Public concern was raised regarding increased amount of disturbance in Capelrig Woods where the new path is and there have been reports of youngsters smoking, making a lot of noise, pulling out the newly planted trees and using drones in the vicinity of houses. Police have been informed and they are now aware of the problem. A request was made for police to patrol these areas regularly as they say they will need to question the youngsters at the time. However, by the time the police arrive after receiving a phone call, the youngsters are long gone.
- Further question raised by public regarding drones controlled by youngsters flying next to houses and intruding on privacy of residents. This happens mainly in early evening. Police in attendance said that they were doing all they could but no concrete plan was proposed.

Action: Police in attendance

## 8. Correspondence

- The Scottish Government is undertaking a 3-year occupancy survey of Eastwood High School. They would like to speak with Community Council members about the positive impact the new building has had on the community - - meeting is on 25<sup>th</sup> May. Name of volunteer to AS.
- East Renfrewshire Licensing Board Meeting [LBM] :  
Premises: Co-op at Harvie Avenue, Newton Mearns.  
There were numerous problems with previous off-licences at the same site and according to attending public, this new one would pose the same if not more problems. Several near-by shops such as Tesco and Waitrose are now available for local residents to purchase alcohol and a further license among mainly residential area and schools would encourage more unruly behaviour.

David Pearson will attend next LBM which is to be held on 14th June 2016 at 3p.m.

Action: DP

- Cheque for next year's allowance received (£501.86) received.
- Westacres not included in the name of the CC. This will be checked out

Action : EG

- Greenhags Biogas Plant - Transport and Noise Reports were still not available for comments. Discussion followed regarding the suitability of locating such a plant so near a main residential area. A ballot of the CC Members present was taken and it was decided that a planning objection should be raised as soon as possible. BMcN will write to ERC to state our objections to the plant.

Action: BMcN

- Dams to Darnley Country Park – Public concerns re fires as there have been a number of fires in the park and surrounding areas and nearby residents suspect that these were raised deliberately and could cause damage to local housing. CC will obtain reports from Police, Fire Brigade and environmental authorities. Action will be taken after consideration of these reports.

Action: BMcN

- Planning application for flats at site of Old Mearns Primary. Concern is that road exits to Ayr Road – G Shankland to be contacted

Action: MMcD

## 9. Status of CGMV CC and Way Forward

Amanda Flynn has resigned from CC and R McSween was unable to attend tonight. It was not known whether he will continue to act as member of CC.

There are still a number of vacancies for membership of the CC and it was suggested that anyone interested should apply.

10. **Treasurer's Report** - New funding received for next year (as per note in correspondence)

11. **AOCB**

- EG will look into hall hire and venue availability for future CC meetings – Fairweather Hall was double-booked tonight. Hence the venue of tonight's meeting was changed to Albertslund Hall

Action: EG

- G Shankland to be contacted re planning application to build house within the grounds of another house (access going through right of way)

Action: MMcD

- Toucan Crossing to be built in Barrhead Road near bus stop
- The presence of elected ERC councillors was negligible during the last few CC meetings. Appropriate councillors should attend these meeting regularly as part of their duty as local representatives.

Action: MMcD

- Support Sessions discussed – The legality of the closed support session prior to the main meeting was raised by a resident in the public gallery. MR stated that these are entirely proper and sessions of community council members meeting informally, or with Council officials, to discuss administrative matters before 7 pm, where no decisions are taken on any items of business on the agenda, are closed to the public

- Concerns re flooding in Mearns Village as gully runs through MV – 62000 to 65000 litres/hr -- a member of the public informed the CC that a hydrologists report has been obtained and objection has gone to the Reporter. A QC is also involved

- Stuart Maxwell, Head Teacher of Eastwood High has been put up for Head Teacher of the Year – he is the only Scottish candidate. He is to be congratulated.

- There was also concern voiced from the public gallery around the details in the minutes. No other complaints on the construction, content and presentation of the minutes have been noted and minutes should simply state the relevant facts, decisions taken and not be verbatim.

12. **Next Meeting** – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7:00 pm – venue to be confirmed.