

Minutes of the Meeting of Giffnock Community Council

Venue: Giffnock Library

Date: Monday 17th October 2016

Present: Jim Martin (Chair), Maureen Powell (MP), Jack Powell (JP), Caroline Wilkinson (CW), Douglas Lawson (DL).

In Attendance: Cllr. Vincent Waters, Cllr. Gordon Wallace, Sergeant Stuart Worboys Police Scotland and three local residents.

ITEM ISSUE			ACTION
	POLICE REPORT:	<p>Chair welcomed Sergeant Worboys and apologised for the delay in starting due to other time restraints.</p> <p>Sergeant Worboys reviewed the Crime Statistics Report covering the period since the last meeting to date. Concern was expressed about the recent substantial fraud of an elderly resident by bogus builders and there was discussion on the need to highlight this problem in Giffnock.</p> <p>Chair asked again if the Police Report could be provided in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>With regard to cycling on the pavements the police have drawn this matter to the attention of the wardens.</p> <p>Pavement parking on Orchard Park Avenue – efforts will be made to make better use of CCTV together with enhanced liaison with the Police.</p> <p>There had been no response from Police Scotland to the GCC offer at the last meeting to collaborate in the Police Survey.</p> <p>Sergeant Worboys advised that amended staffing arrangements will be introduced in November which should improve regular personnel attendance at meetings.</p>	Police Scotland
1.	CHAIRS OPENING:	Chair opened the meeting promptly and extended a warm welcome to everyone present.	
2.	APOLOGIES:	Bill Crawford (in hospital), Jim McCann, Charlie Dexter, Hammad Ishaq Khalid, Cllr Jim Fletcher.	
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 19th September 2016 were agreed and accepted with no amendments received, and they are to be forwarded for publication on the ERC website.</p> <p>Proposed: Maureen Powell</p> <p>Seconded: Jack Powell</p>	Chair
4.	MATTERS ARISING	<p>Chair advised that with Cllr Fletcher absent and Cllr Waters requiring to leave the meeting early (hospital visit) he proposed addressing the backlog of outstanding Action matters under Committee Reports and Statements / Questions from the floor which have been progressively log jamming the available time for other business items. He requested that all agreed action is positively addressed prior</p>	

		to the following meeting; otherwise it will be noted accordingly.	
5.	CHAIR'S REPORT	<p>Chair reported that the core GCC policy of reaching out in the community together with the Residents Survey activity conducted over the summer recess had resulted in a significant surge in the GCC mailbag etc. from residents, groups etc. approaching us. He believed that this required our priority involved response in taking these on board and to try and help deliver a positive outcome thereby fulfilling our motto. This proactive approach will help dispel the view of some that community councils are just local community forums / talking shops.</p> <p>He went on to inform the meeting that the applications, notices etc. of Ian Lang and Ian Leifer who had attended the last meeting had been satisfactorily completed, and they were both accepted and welcomed as co-opted members of GCC.</p>	
6.	SECRETARY'S REPORT	Chair advised that the GCC contact List is to be updated and requested that any changes are forwarded to the Secretary	Secretary
7.	TREASURER'S REPORT	<p>JP reported that the signing arrangements for the main GCC account had been updated by the Bank. The situation regarding the 'Awards for all' account is unclear with this account remaining dormant at present.</p> <p>With the closing date for the Residents Survey now reached the details of the expenditure in relation to the Community Grant award received will now require to be presented to ERC</p>	JP

8.	COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p>Health Cllr Wallace reported on the overall transport links to the new Health Centre at Williamwood and he has arranged release of details to GCC.</p> <p>Education Cllr Waters reported on the steps under consideration regarding the safety hazards on Berryhill Road including a subjective traffic survey involving a traffic counting meter also pavement mounted signage etc.</p> <p>Environment,Roads&Planning</p> <p>Woodfarm Playing Field Cllr Waters reported that the proposed drainage works will be completed before end of March 2017 Cllr Wallace reported that the lease of the cricket pitch area has not been signed yet and ERC are considering changes in the lease in response to GCC concerns. The portable storage containers have received planning permission. He had conducted a straw poll of some local residents which had not reflected concern about the containers and indicated a tolerated acceptance of a managed cricket facility in comparison to other options mooted for the area e.g.</p> <p>Housing. He agreed to enquire about access/sight of the lease details. Cllr Waters reported that Scottish Water had visited the area of the adjacent water course and urgent action proposals require to be progressed. Cllr Waters reported that Community Safety had been asked to consider better CCTV coverage to include the all-weather Sports cages. Cllr Wallace reported that he had a meeting with the Chair of the Leisure Trust regarding the condition of the Eastwood Swimming Pool. He was advised that £1.5 million is required to upgrade the pool otherwise it will have to be closed within 18 months. Discussions are ongoing to determine the future of the overall Eastwood Leisure Complex.</p> <p>Roads There has been no action taken to meet with the residents of Berryhill Drive and Chair tabled complaint correspondence that he had received from them. Cllr Wallace reported that the proposed road repairs were at 41 on a list of over 500 and were not considered an immediate priority.</p> <p>Parking Charges Cllr Wallace reported that proposed parking charges at both the car park at the library and Merryvale had still to be decided. He believed that a decision would be reached shortly. It is anticipated that short term charges would be</p>	<p>Cllr Wallace</p> <p>Cllr Waters</p> <p>Cllr Wallace</p> <p>Cllr Waters</p> <p>Cllr Waters</p> <p>Cllr Wallace</p> <p>Cllr Waters & Cllr Wallace</p>
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<p>9.</p>	<p>WORKPLAN</p>	<p>Chair reported that on 21st September 2016 GCC had submitted a formal application to ERC for funding support for a feasibility study to examine the options for the provision of a Giffnock Community Hub as highlighted in the overwhelming support shown in the recent Residents Survey. He expressed his disappointment that a reply / response remained outstanding reflecting a lack of urgency on dealing with this matter. JP tabled the Survey Report for consideration and discussion. In view of the remaining meeting time restraints it was decided to defer further review / discussion until the next meeting.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Chair</p>

10.	COMMUNITY COUNCIL PROFILE	Due to the meeting time restraints the planned discussion about the involvement of more of the GCC members in the ongoing development / updating of the new website, facebook and twitter facilities had to be deferred to the next meeting.	Chair
11.	STATEMENTS / QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR	<p>There has been no response to the complaint expressed at the last meeting by the Chair of BID that he had received no reply to the detailed response that they had submitted regarding the proposed traffic / parking arrangements. Mr Jarvis of Forres gate who was in attendance at the meeting raised concerns relating to the old Braidbar Quarry site. Since the site periphery has been fenced by ERC for safety purposes due to the instability of the land it has become a no-go area for the general public. However as the fenced area remains accessible it has created a zone for large groups of teenagers to indulge in anti-social behaviour . This occurs particularly on many Fridays and Saturdays after 6pm during spells of dry weather. He has emailed Giffnock Police Station but has had no response.</p> <p>Cllrs agreed to arrange an early inspection of the area with a view of improving the fencing of the area. In addition it was recommended that in future when large groups are present that Mr Jarvis should phone 101 and report the problem. He was further advised to arrange a meeting with the community police.</p> <p>JP raised the question of excess speeding in Merrylee Park Avenue and requested consideration of installation of traffic calming measures.</p> <p>CW raised the need for the provision of suitable bins in the library toilets for the disposal of baby's nappies . It was agreed by the councillors that this was a reasonable request and they would take this on board.</p> <p>Chair enquired about the current situation regarding the potential demolition / rebuild cost of the boundary wall at the allotments. Cllr Wallace advised that a recent ERC cabinet decision was that no further action would be taken.</p>	Cllr Wallace Cllr Waters & Cllr Wallace Cllr Waters & Cllr Wallace
12.	AOCB	It was agreed that JP would contact Eammon Daly(ERC) and arrange GCC registration in compliance with the Freedom of Information requirements	Treasurer
13.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Monday 20 th November 2016 in Giffnock Library at 7pm.	ALL

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