

Minutes of the Meeting of Giffnock Community Council

Venue: Giffnock Library

Date: Monday 16th May, 19:00

Present: Jim Martin (Chair), Maureen Powell (MP), Jack Powell (JP), Adrian Mandel (AM), George McGill (GM), Charlie Dexter (CD), Bill Crawford, Edward McGuire (EM)

In Attendance: Cllr. Jim Fletcher, Cllr. Gordon Wallace, Sergeant Karlyn Sagan (KS), Police Scotland

Apologies: Caroline Wilkinson, Mark Hamilton, Hammad Ishaq Khalid, Tallat Haq, James McCann, Michael Reilly, Cllr. Vincent Waters

ITEM ISSUE		ACTION
	<p>POLICE REPORT:</p> <p>Sergeant Karlyn Sagan attended the meeting and provided a Crime Statistics Report for the period up to 30th April 2016, which was provided prior to the meeting. This appears to have resolved the problems previously reported These are summarised in Note 1, below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism had been reported at a school playground • Vandalism to a motor vehicle was under investigation • An incidence of housebreaking was under investigation <p>Chair reported that there had been a number of complaints regarding cycling on pavements, the Post Office on Fenwick Road being particularly problematic. There was also an on-going problem with parking on pavements, specifically Burnfield Road on the bend at the Post Office, which Chair considered to be a danger to both motorists and pedestrians. A question was asked regarding the parking of vans at Enterprise Car Rentals on Fenwick Road, which did not adhere to the Planning Application A question was asked regarding the obstruction by builders' vans of the cycle lanes on Ayr Road The monitoring of the Police Commander's email account was questioned as emails did not seem to be acknowledged. KS replied the email accounts were continually monitored.</p> <p>In reply, Sergeant Sagan replied that all the points had been noted and she would investigate further. However it was always that their policy was to advise and issue warnings in the first instance.</p>	
	<p>PRESENTATION</p> <p>ERC – Health & Social Care Partnership (HSCP) A presentation was given by Frank White, Head of Health and Community Care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously a CHCP has been integrated for 10 years • HSCP set up October 2015, process across Scotland completed April 2016 • Combined budget of £110 Million (£46.1m ERC contribution) • Our aims – Working together with the people of East 	

		<p>Renfrewshire to improve lives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We deliver all social work and primary care across East Renfrewshire, working with children and families, adults and older people, people with mental health issues, learning disabilities, physical disabilities, addictions • Our aims – Working together with the people of East Renfrewshire to improve lives • There had been a minor delay to the opening of the new Health Centre, but a moving date was imminent, which would hopefully be announced soon • The new Health Centre will be a great asset to the Community, offering a wide variety of services in the same location • The environment itself is a vast improvement to the previous locations that it replaced • Funding for three new Mental Health nurses had been found who will be placed near to the Doctor’s surgeries to allow for quick referral • The East Renfrewshire budget for this year has been set at £46.1m, but the NHS Greater Glasgow part (£63.9M) was still to be finalised, expected by end of June. This made planning very difficult. • A new bus service, the 375, had been agreed for a 6 month trial period to gauge demand to service the new health centre • Handouts were provided by Frank and copies can be provided on request <p>A question and answer session ensued where Frank answered a variety of questions regarding the Mental Health Act and the ERC commitment to this; trying to contact staff and being directed to the correct department; and out of hours emergency numbers. Frank explained that it was unacceptable for calls not to be returned and asked for specific details for investigation. However, it was also raised that one member of the Community Council did not find this to be the case and that phone calls and emails were always returned.</p> <p>See briefing notes provided by Frank below – Note 2</p>	
1.	CHAIRS OPENING:	Chair opened the meeting promptly at 19:00 and welcomed those in attendance.	
2.	APOLOGIES:	Apologies were received from Caroline Wilkinson, Mark Hamilton, Hammad Ishaq Khalid, Tallat Haq, James McCann	
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	The Minutes were agreed with no amendments and are to be forwarded for publication on the ERC website. Proposed: CD Seconded: JP	EM
4.	CHAIR’S REPORT:	Chair stated that the delivery of the GCC fundamental strategy of Community Engagement, as reported at the last meeting, is progressing as reflected under 7. Committee	

		<p>Reports. He went on to acknowledge and express his gratitude to the Officers and the core members of the Committee groups for their considerable advice, support, help, involvement and input, in the consolidation / development of the reformed GCC in the very short period since the inaugural meeting in January. He outlined the range of meetings held since the April Meeting including the Officers group, the health and website / media development groups, together with the Head Teachers of Woodfarm HS and OLM primary school, BID representatives and a local residents group etc.</p> <p>In addition many members have also attended the very successful and meaningful ERC training seminars arranged for community councillors. These not only provided the necessary basic guidance, but also opportunity to meet with members of the other community councils to network / exchange experiences and views. One outcome has been the agreement to arrange a joint ERC community council's forum meeting in September.</p>	
5.	SECRETARY'S REPORT:	Nothing to report	
6.	TREASURER'S REPORT:	JP reported that the second tranche of the admin grant, £491.84 had been received. The balance was now £1381.22	
7.	COMMITTEE REPORT:	<p>Health & Education: The Working group met and a report has been submitted to Chair for consideration and discussion with the HSCP.</p> <p>Education Chair reported on the recent meeting held with the Head Teachers of Our Lady of the Missions and Woodfarm schools by himself and JM. Among other relevant matters this revealed the looming crisis with the level of school placements. Cllr. Fletcher replied that the new primary school in Newton Mearns under construction would alleviate some of these problems. Traffic congestion around OLM and Woodfarm was also raised as a concern.</p> <p>Environment, Roads & Planning Chair referred to a letter that had been received from Mr Andrew Cahill, director of Environment, ERC concerning the state of the roads around Berryhill Drive. Chair expressed his concern that Mr Cahill's position remained unchanged and reported that the residents were now escalating their petition/complaint to their constituent MP and MSP. Cllr. Fletcher welcomed this escalation to Holyrood and Westminster as roads have never been a political priority.</p> <p>Chair requested an update on the road signage on Fenwick Road. This could not be given as Cllr. Waters was not present and it was held over to the next meeting, but was on schedule as reported previously.</p> <p>An article was shown regarding the number of roadworks in the area and Cllr. Fletcher reported that these were for</p>	Ward Councillors

	<p>essential water maintenance. He also reported that Church Road would be resurfaced following the completion of the roadworks.</p> <p>Concern was again raised regarding the state of the drainage at Woodfarm playing fields, which could be considered as dangerous. Cllr. Fletcher reported that £40,000 had been set aside in this year's budget for drainage. No schedule to address this could be provided.</p> <p>The long lease of the playing fields to the Cricket Club was also raised as a concern. Although this has not yet been formally signed it is expected to be completed soon. Chair was dismayed that there had been no public consultation including with the GCC regarding this and that such a long lease was being considered exclusively for a specific sport. Chair asked the Councillors to reconsider this decision given the insatiable demand for sport leases in the GCC area.</p> <p>Cllr. Wallace reported that the playing fields were still available to OLM primary school for their annual sports day. Concern was also raised regarding vandalism in the all-weather sports enclosure cages adjacent to the Playing Fields where some surfaces had been set on fire. Cllr. Fletcher replied that representation had been made by parents to keep the cages open out-with school hours and during the school holiday period as children had no access to facilities and this had been granted.</p> <p>Chair expressed concern that leaving the area unsupervised increased the risk of further misbehaviour/vandalism. He went onto recommend that a minimum safeguard the CCTV adjacent should be refocused to provide wider cover of the area.</p> <p>Planning & Licensing Representation made by GCC to the Licensing Board regarding the license extension for the GHA rugby club was apparently not heard and the extension was granted. GHA are also publicising the Giffnock Beer Festival on the 29th August.</p> <p>A question was submitted as to why comments on objections had been dropped from the ERC web site. Apparently this is due to time constraints to keep the web site up to date.</p> <p>A Planning application has been made to replace the mobile phone masts on Eastwood Mains Road. These are the same height as currently, but will be wider.</p> <p>Refuse Collection The rollout of the new wheelie bins has commenced to accommodate the new refuse collection arrangements, which has been reported previously.</p> <p>Community Engagement A resident's survey is currently being planned and designed. The Officers group have sought advice on how best to apply</p>	<p>Cllr. Fletcher</p> <p>Ward Councillors</p> <p>Cllr. Fletcher</p>
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		for a grant for same and meetings have already taken place. Training Several members of GCC commented on the training that was provided by ERC, which was described as excellent.	
8.	WORKPLAN:	A review of the Citizens Panel Survey and the Planning process seminar has again been held over and will be presented at the next meeting.	CHAIR
9.	COMMUNITY COUNCIL PROFILE:	A meeting was held on Thursday 12th May, attended by JM, HK, CD, JP and MP to look at the Website and social media. Joyce Miller and Ross Leggat from Uplawmoor Community Council were invited to attend as they have recent experience of setting up and maintaining a website and Facebook page. Ross spent some time commenting on the Giffnock CC website, raising issues of design, layout, security, more user friendly URLs which would also improve searching, and how best to link the website and a Facebook page. Charlie Dexter agreed to undertake the task of setting up the website and Facebook page along the lines outlined by Ross, and Ross agreed to provide continuing assistance with these tasks. This would be a necessary first stage in getting the website and Facebook operational, hopefully in time for the end of September when GCC intends to take part in the gala day being organised by Giffnock BID and to conduct a preliminary survey. A grant is being submitted to fund changes to the Website	CD & JP
10.	STATEMENT/ QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR	Already covered in previous topics	
11.	AOCB:	A document was circulated by Chair, provided by ERC, concerning duties under the Data Protection Act. JP agreed to look at the paper and report back as he has some experience in this.	JP
12.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING:	Monday 20 th June 2016 19:00, Giffnock Library	

Note 1.**Police Report****1. Assault & Violent Crime**

In the month of April there has been one simple Assault which has been detected.

2. Drug Dealing & Drug Use

There have been three Crime Reports raised for Drugs Offences.

Two of which were reports for personal amounts of diazepam and herbal cannabis.

The third report was for a small cannabis cultivation, all three drugs reports have been detected and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

3. Drunk or Disorderly Behaviour

Minimal reports of drunken and disorderly behaviour in April, including the 2 reports of vandalism there have been 4 reports of disorderly behaviour.

1 x Vandalism to a Children's' Play area

1 x Vandalism (damage to motor vehicle which is still undetected).

2 x s38 CJLSA 2010 and Police Assault (statute Breach of the Peace) which have both been detected

4. Housebreaking & Other Theft

Throughout April there have been three reports of Housebreaking and suspect persons in close proximity.

1 x Housebreaking with Intent to Steal.

Entry gained by rear window and is still currently undetected.

1 x s57 Civic Government Scotland Act 1982, which is not detected however there are still lines of enquiry to exhaust.

Suspect Persons captured on CCTV in rear garden near to previous Housebreakings.

1 x Theft by shoplifting which has been detected

1 x Theft – Sneak in open storm door and steal items from within, this crime is still undetected

1. Good News

There have been 15 Crime Reports for the month of April and 8 of which have been detected.

2. Crime Prevention Advice

Due to a recent spate of Housebreakings, attempted housebreakings and suspect persons all residents are reminded to ensure that all windows are secured and valuables out of sight.

Entry has been gained to properties via rear windows using unknown tools to open the window and doors which have been left open.

Extra attention will be afforded to the areas being targeted, especially during the hours of darkness.

3. Road Traffic

There has been no Road Traffic recorded crime reports during the month of April.

	<p>Useful links Police Scotland Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/policescotland Police Scotland Twitter: @policescotland East Renfrewshire Police: @Eastrenpolice</p>
<p>Note 2.</p>	<p>Giffnock Community Council Meeting 16 May 2016 Presentation Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSCP set up October 2015, process across Scotland completed April 2016 • Previously a CHCP; we've been integrated for 10 years • We deliver all social work and primary care across East Ren, working with children and families, adults and older people, people with mental health issues, learning disabilities, physical disabilities, addictions • Our aims – Working together with the people of East Renfrewshire to improve lives. • Valuing what matters to people • Building capacity with individuals and communities • Focusing on outcomes, not services <p>Health and Care Roadshow details of events Tuesday 24th May, 1pm – 4pm, Redhurst Hotel Tuesday 24th May, 6pm – 9pm, Fairweather Hall Wednesday 25th May, 10am – 1pm, Dalmeny Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Want to develop deeper partnerships with our communities - Budget of £110 Million - 1142 members of staff <p>Eastwood 2 Telephone Number – 0141 577 3777 1 Service Manager 3 Team Managers 16 Social Workers (including. seniors, sw assistants & visual impairment worker) 4 OTs (including rehab OT) 2 Physiotherapists 3 Rehab Assistants 1 Dietician 1 Rehab Nurse 1 ANP 1 Care Home Liaison Nurse 9 District Nurses</p> <p>EW2 GP Practices Giffnock Mearns Broomburn Crookfur Elmwood Williamwood Thornliebank Health Centre GPs (McColl Practice & Drs Quigley, Canning and Dorwood)</p>