

Minutes of the Meeting of Giffnock Community Council**Venue:** Giffnock Library**Date:** Monday 18th April, 19:00

Present: Jim Martin (Chair), Maureen Powell (MP), Jack Powell (JP), Adrian Mandel (AM), Hammad Ishaq Khalid (HK), George McGill (GM), Tallat Haq (TH), James McCann (JM), Charlie Dexter (CD), Edward McGuire (EM)

In Attendance: Cllr. Jim Fletcher, Cllr. Vincent Waters, Constable Raymond Jeffries (RJ), Police Scotland

Apologies: Caroline Wilkinson, Douglas Lawson, William Crawford, Mark Hamilton

ITEM ISSUE		ACTION
	<p>PRESENTATION</p> <p>ERC – Refuse and Environmental Services</p> <p>Erica Roche and John Buchanan provided a presentation regarding the proposed changes to Wheelie Bin collection as part of a roadshow throughout East Renfrewshire. The way recycling and waste is collected will change in Autumn 2016. It means the majority of households will move to a four-bin service in October 2016.</p> <p>The new bin service means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An end to blue boxes, white sacks and green bags. We are introducing two new wheeled bins for recycling • Residents will now be able to recycle cardboard and tetrapaks at the kerbside • Residents will receive a more frequent collection of bulky plastics • Food and garden waste will be collected weekly in the existing 240 litre capacity brown bin* • Paper, cardboard and tetrapaks will be collected every three weeks from a 240 litre bin • Plastics, glass and cans collected every three weeks from a 240 litre bin • Non-recyclable waste collected every three weeks from a 240 litre bin • Increased capacity for waste and recycling <p>A question and answer session ensued where ERC emphasised that the new regime would have a financial benefit to the tax payer as well as an environmental one.</p>	

		<p>Police Report Constable Raymond Jeffries the meeting and provided a Crime Statistics Report for the period up to 31st March 2016. These are summarised in Note 1, below.</p> <p>Constable Jeffries stated that the Violence Reduction Team continue to operate in the area with the specific objective of detection of housebreaking. A number of housebreakings had been detected in the area where, specifically rear door entries where garden furniture had been used to gain entry. He asked that all residents be vigilant to make it as difficult as possible for criminals to gain entry. In response to a question from the Chair, he further stated that there were no specific trends on cold calling, either doorstep or telephone. The Chair once more expressed his disappointment that the Police report had not been received prior to the meeting so that it could be circulated to all members. Constable Jefferies stated that he would take this up with his superiors. The Chair thanked Constable Jefferies for his attendance and his presentation.</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, Douglas Lawson, William Crawford, Mark Hamilton	
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	<p>The Secretary reported one member asked for a minor adjustment to the minutes. This has been completed.</p> <p>The Minutes are to be forwarded for publication on the ERC website. Proposed: GM Seconded: AM</p>	EM
4.	CHAIR'S REPORT:	<p>Chair reported that as we progressively reach out to Giffnock residents, we are now receiving requests to collaborate and relate on issues which include traffic, roads, parking, planning, licensing, health, community care and education.</p> <p>He outlined meetings held with GCC Officers Group, Chief Executive of East Renfrewshire Leisure Trust and ERC officers, Chair of Giffnock BID committee, the Head teacher of St Ninian's High School and also held discussions with representatives of four East Renfrewshire Community Councils and a local residents group, since the last meeting. Once more Chair reiterated that all members consider the training that was currently being offered by East Renfrewshire Council.</p>	
5.	SECRETARY'S REPORT:	CO-OPT: EM has written to William Crawford and Alex Hewetson to confirm that Bill has now been co-opted onto the Community Council.	

6.	TREASURER'S REPORT:	<p>JP reported that the bill for the Web site renewal had been paid.</p> <p>The Annual Account report has also been created and submitted to ERC after having been audited and signed off by the Accountant.</p>	
7.	COMMITTEE REPORT:	<p>Health & Education:</p> <p>A presentation will be given at our next meeting in May, by Health and Social Partnership (HSCP) to outline care in the community.</p> <p>A working group has been proposed, HK, GM & EM to meet prior to the next meeting and after the presentation has been received from HSCP.</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Chair reported on the recent meeting held with the Head Teacher of St. Ninian's School, attended with JM. It was a very useful meeting and he welcomed and supported the regular opportunity to relate/collaborate with GCC. Among the points reviewed was the mounting pupil safety concern he had about pupil movement (with a roll of 1800) in the access/ingress with the main roads around the Campus. The situation was further aggravated by the absence of any control of car parking behaviour inside the Parkway. In particular we discussed the safety hazards prevailing on Berryhill Road and along Maryville Drive, and at the 2 junctions with the busy Fenwick Road. Further meetings with other schools in the area are being arranged.</p> <p>Environment, Roads & Planning</p> <p>Chair referred to the minutes of the last meeting (item 10) and the petition by the residents of Berryhill Drive regarding the state of repair to the road, which the Councillors attending agreed to take up with Andrew Cahill to have the road re-categorised so that it can be reprioritised for repair. He went on to outline the background to this issue.</p> <p>Berryhill Drive is entered from Berryhill Road which for many years was partially blocked at a section of un-adopted road surface. ERC recently brokered and partially funded repairs to that section which resulted in the road being fully opened to traffic leading into it from the busy Fenwick Road. This has resulted in it becoming a 'rat-run' for traffic (up to 80 cars per hour) avoiding the traffic delays on the main road and using it as an alternative commuter route into the Town centre.</p> <p>The local residents have in addition expressed mounting serious safety concerns about the lack of any road markings, the absence of any speed calming or hazard warning signs, also the abysmal standard of street parking, particularly at the brow of the hill outside the entrance leading to St Ninian's School on Maryville Road.</p> <p>Chair stated that as a local resident he has regularly witnessed speeding cars coming over the hill and braking hard to avoid the school pupils and others running out the</p>	

		<p>school entrance to the road without stopping also walking en masse up and down the centre of the road with total disregard for traffic. He went on to comment that this behaviour also exacerbated the other safety hazards existing crossing to the bus stop outside Sainsbury's also at the road crossing at the Eastwood Toll and end of Fenwick Road. GM pointed out that the petition was only specific to the road condition of Berryhill Drive. Chair responded that he had recent correspondence from Mr Goldman confirming the situation outlined also that they still awaited a reply from Mr Cahill (who had turned down a request to meet) or the Councillors since the last GCC meeting, enlisting our support.</p> <p>Cllr Fletcher stated the various points would require to be addressed separately and we would require to state clearly what specific action was required.</p> <p>Chair responded that the action was clearly outlined by Mr Goodman, and considered that the detail on appropriate measures should be left in the expert hands of Mr Cahill following an in-depth review of the situation.</p> <p>Cllr Fletcher stated that the Councillors attending were ex-officio members and were unable to deal directly with this. He advised that we would need to make a specific approach to ERC (Mr Cahill) directly.</p> <p>MP questioned the size of extensions to houses on Braidholm Road. The councillors present explained that this was driven by Scottish Government policy where householders should be allowed to do what they liked. MP also reported that GCC would be making representation at the next licensing board on 28th April, regarding the license extension for the GHA rugby club.</p> <p>Community Engagement Meetings have been held with the Chief Executive of the Library Trust and ERC Building Department also correspondence has been exchanged directly with Councillor Fletcher regarding a Community Hub. He has advised that a case for the Community HUB is to be made directly to the Trust and to this end a strategy requires to be developed by the Officers Group including a resident's survey.</p> <p>Training Several members of the Community Council have signed up to the Training which is being offered by ERC as part of Development Plan for Community Council Members Education. Places are still available; contact Elaine Grogan on 0141 577 3657 or 07966 70314 to apply</p>	
8.	WORKPLAN:	A review of the Citizens Panel Survey and the Planning process seminar will be presented at the next meeting.	CHAIR
9.	COMMUNITY COUNCIL	Business Improvement District (BID) Improvements to the Giffnock area have been agreed by the	

	PROFILE:	<p>BID team which are quite innovative: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hanging baskets 2. Reuse of area at back of WholeFoods 3. Notice boards, maps etc. will be erected on Fenwick Road 4. The Car rally event 5. Christmas lights and decorations <p>WC & Chair to meet with BID team again and report back to GCC.</p> <p>The BID team have offered to present at a meeting and this is currently being considered.</p> <p>Chair reported that The Web Site and Social Media is an option available to GCC, but a great deal of work is required and there are some options for assistance which are being considered.</p>	
10.	STATEMENT/ QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR	<p>Woodfarm Playing Fields. Cllr Waters updated the Community Council on all aspects of the problems at the playing fields</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Water Course problems have been reported to Scottish Water and requested that they look at this as a matter of urgency. Drainage is also being investigated. 2. State of the Playing fields. The owners of the lease were called to a meeting to explain why this was not being maintained. They have leased the correct machinery to cut the grass. 3. Debris was being monitored and cleared by ERC 4. The lease to the Cricket Club was a medium term one of 15-20 years, which is not unusual The Cricket Club have been made aware of their responsibilities and terms of the lease. This will be monitored by ERC property department. 5. The Pavilion was maintained by the Trust and they have quite a bit of income from lets. They are responsible for the upkeep of the building 6. All issues are now being addressed and Cllr. Waters will provide a progress report at the next meeting. <p>Parking Enforcement:</p> <p>JP reported on the lack of signage for the Clearway restrictions on Fenwick Road were confusing and causing unnecessary parking tickets.</p> <p>Cllr. Waters replied that the restrictions had been in place for some time and were due for replacement in the next two to three months once all objections had been resolved. This should alleviate some of these problems as the new restrictions were not so draconian.</p> <p>Parking Orchard Park Avenue</p> <p>Chair requested that the parking outside the shops on Orchard Park Avenue be investigated. Cllr. Waters agreed that he would look at it and perhaps investigate whether bollards were an option. In response he stated that the Zebra</p>	

		Crossing had been built out for child safety reasons for children crossing from Our Lady of the Missions primary school. Bollards have recently been erected to prevent cars parking on the pavement adjacent to the Zebra Crossing.	
11.	AOCB:	None arising	
12.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING:	Monday 16 th May 2016 19:00, Giffnock Library	

Note 1.	<p>Police Report Total Crimes – 21</p> <p>Theft 4 Housebreakings 4 Theft</p> <p>Anti-Social 1 Assault 4 Vandalism (cars being keyed) 3 Breach of the Peace (2 detected) 2 Misuse of drugs (1 detected) 1 RTA 2 Miscellaneous</p> <p>Useful links Police Scotland Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/policescotland Police Scotland Twitter: @policescotland East Renfrewshire Police: @Eastrenpolice</p>
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