

Minutes of the Meeting of Giffnock Community Council

Venue: Giffnock Library

Date: Monday 19th December 2016

Present: Jim Martin (Chair), Maureen Powell (MP), Jack Powell (JP), Caroline Wilkinson (CW), Bill Crawford (BC), James McCann (JMC), Hammad Ishaq Khalid (HK), Douglas Lawson (DL), Ian Leifer, Ian Lang

In Attendance: Cllr. Jim Fletcher, Cllr. Vincent Waters, Constable Andy Wilson Police Scotland, Janey Floyd, Gianni Cellini and two other BID representatives.

ITEM ISSUE			ACTION
	POLICE REPORT:	<p>Chair welcomed Constable Wilson to the meeting also expressed thanks for the advance copy of the current Police Crime Report (15th November to 12th December 2016) which is appreciated as it enables members the prior opportunity to review / relate to key aspects at the meeting. In relation to concern about the use of proactive patrols where 2 persons have been charged with possession of controlled drugs in the Giffnock area Constable Wilson explained the protocol involved with stop and search. In the run up to Christmas additional officers are being deployed in “town centres “including Fenwick Road to deter crime.</p> <p>Police Scotland’s “Don’t Drink and Drive “campaign is up and running with early morning road checks a priority. Lastly, as of 5th December 2016 the Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles (Scotland) Act 2016 becomes law.</p>	
1.	CHAIRS OPENING	Chair opened the meeting promptly and expressed a warm welcome to all present and particularly to the BID representatives.	
2.	APOLOGIES	Charlie Dexter, Cllr.Gordon Wallace	
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 21st November 2016 were agreed and accepted with no amendments received and these are to be forwarded for publication on the ERC website.</p> <p>Proposed: Bill Crawford Seconded: Caroline Wilkinson</p>	
4.	CHAIR’S REPORT	<p>Chair stated that at this the last meeting of 2016 it would be remiss of him if he were not to acknowledge his personal gratitude for the generous support received from all GCC members particularly the Officers since inception in January. The Reaching Out in the Community strategy culminating with the roll- out of the very successful Residents Survey Campaign in the Autumn has resulted in not only enhancing the GCC Community Profile but also in a considerable surge in involvement with local residents,schools,churches,local groups and businesses etc. He believed that building on this involvement will be the key to greater development in the New Year particularly in</p>	

		<p>the progressing of the proposed Giffnock Community Centre / Hub Initiative.</p> <p>At this stage Janey Floyd was proposed and accepted as a member and warmly welcomed to GCC.</p>	
5.	SECRETARY'S REPORT	The updated GCC Contact Information will be circulated in the New Year.	Secretary
6.	TREASURER'S REPORT	<p>JP advised that all receipts etc. in respect of the grant support for the resident's survey and the Car Rally event had now been submitted to ERC.</p> <p>He also reported that in collaboration with ERC staff he had provided the requisite full accounts information etc. in support of the GCC feasibility study funding application in respect of the proposed Community Centre Hub which was submitted earlier this month.</p>	
7.	COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p>Health</p> <p>As reported at the last meeting the HSCP have set up a Steering Group to review how local people access support and Chair attended a recent consultation meeting. It is anticipated that a report on the initial findings including the provision of centres/ hubs will be available in January 2017. Chair reported on the absence of any progress on the improvement of disabled access at Williamwood Station. He considered that ERC should formally contact Scot Rail citing the DDA also the need for having compliant station access to the adjacent Health Centre and requested that Cllr. Fletcher help with this protracted issue.</p> <p>Chair advised that he had contacted HSCP (Candy Millard) direct about the future of the 374/5 bus service and was advised that it is under review. It is expected that a representative will attend the January meeting to clarify the situation.</p> <p>It would appear that there is a pick-up service run by volunteers available – details to be posted on the website. Chair raised the issue of local provision of defibrillators in the community citing the Mobile Emergency Facility provision in Neilston. It appears that the only provision in Giffnock is held at ERC HQ and this was considered to be inadequate considering the local demographics.</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Cllr. Waters advised that new Head Teachers had been appointed at Braidbar and Giffnock Primary Schools and an appointment at OLM is still under consideration</p> <p>Roads</p> <p>Local residents have complained about the reduced lighting levels provided by the new lighting standards installation scheme. Cllr. Waters advised that the installation levels are compliant albeit there is some reduction with the new lighting units but they have a significant longer life span and are considerably more economic.</p>	<p>Ward Councillors</p> <p>Ward Councillors</p>

		<p>Cllr Waters advised that he had established that there are no outstanding responses from Roads Dept. In connection with emails to them from Berryhill Drive residents. He also advised that Roads had reviewed the traffic flow problems on Berryhill Road and a survey installation had been organised together with enhanced signage.</p> <p>Proposed Car Parking Charges Scheme.</p> <p>Representatives from BID presented further protest about this purely revenue earning scheme for ERC which they considered would not only affect the viability of local businesses by driving custom from the area but would also cause further parking problems in the already restricted adjacent streets affecting access for fire and ambulance services etc.</p> <p>There was considerable discussion arising on this issue with requests to withdraw the scheme, amendments including increasing free period up to 4 hours and at weekends also greater consideration of more positive measures / action to reduce the impact on the congested side streets.</p> <p>Cllr Fletcher advised that the revenue income projected was significant considering the budget cuts but albeit the consultation period had lapsed the issues raised would be considered prior to a final decision on the Scheme.</p> <p>Planning / Licensing</p> <p>MP expressed concern about the escalating scale of unsuitable extensions /additions to local domestic property which are receiving approval. It was considered this was storing up future problems for the area.</p> <p>ER Local Development Plan 2</p> <p>ERC is consulting on its Main Issues Report (MIR) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as the first stage in preparing a new Local Development Plan for the area. Representations must be made by Wednesday 8th February 2017</p> <p>Chair distributed copies of the MIR and the MIR Summary and requested that members forward their comments direct to him prior to the next meeting in January 2017 at which the proposed GCC Response will be reviewed.</p> <p>Environment</p> <p>Chair referred to the Best Park award to Rouken Glen Park by Fields in Trust at its recent annual awards event. Cllr Waters said the award comes after the completion of a £3m transformation project in Rouken Glen in the Summer including refurbishment of the Pavilion, an inclusive children’s playground and restored path area etc.</p> <p>Chair reported on the mounting public support for more local provision of 3-7 year children’s play facilities particularly in the Woodfarm Playing Field area where there were no facilities available. Cllr Fletcher reported that this</p>	<p>Cllr Waters</p> <p>Cllr Fletcher</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Ward Councillors</p>
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8.	WORKPLAN	<p>Chair confirmed that with the positive support and help of ERC Councillors and staffs a GCC application for funding for a feasibility study to be undertaken on the provision of a Giffnock Community Centre / Hub had been made to The Renewable Energy Fund. It is anticipated that the application will be considered in January 2017.</p> <p>Should the application be successful the subsequent study will involve close collaboration between GCC and the selected Consultant appointed.</p> <p>Chair reported that another recent application had also been submitted to the Regeneration Fund for major development of Thorntree Hall in Thornliebank as a Community Centre incorporating Library facilities etc. He considered that it might be beneficial to GCC to liaise closely with Thornliebank Community Council on progress of this application.</p>	Chair
9.	COMMUNITY COUNCIL PROFILE	<p>JP reported that Hammad would be providing additional support to him in collaboration with our IT adviser further updating / development of the website etc. He encouraged everyone to make more use of it and welcomed receiving more articles messages, ideas and suggestions in the year ahead.</p>	All
10.	STATEMENTS / QUESTIONS	<p>Cllr Fletcher reported that the future of the Eastwood Leisure Facilities remains uncertain and under consideration.</p>	Ward Councillors

	FROM THE FLOOR	<p>Cllr Waters agreed to investigate improved facilities for disposal of children's nappies at the Library as raised by CW at the last meeting.</p> <p>Chair raised the ramifications for ERC of the recent budget. Cllr Fletcher stated this was under serious consideration but it was too early to provide details and this was deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>DL raised the issue of the potential safety hazard of the accumulation of leaves on the pavements and enquired if ERC had any policy/ plan for clearing up. Cllr Waters replied that regrettably with reduced budgets due to budget cuts this was not possible.</p> <p>DL raised the question of the potential hazards caused by the accumulation of tree leaves etc. on the pavements and asked if there are any plans to sweep them up. Cllr. Waters replied that due to budget restraints this was not possible.</p> <p>It was reported that Cllr Wallace had met recently with the local Cosgrove Centre Executive which was found positive and welcomed.</p>	
11.	AOCB	There was no other business raised.	
12.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Monday 16 th January 2017	

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