

Minutes of the Meeting of Giffnock Community Council

Venue: **Giffnock Library**

Date: **Monday 21st March 2016, 19:00**

Present: Jim Martin (Chair), Douglas Lawson (DL), Maureen Powell (MP),
Jack Powell (JP), Adrian Mandel (AM), Mark Hamilton (MH),
Hammad Ishaq Khalid (HK), George McGill (GM), Caroline Wilkinson
(CW), Edward McGuire (EM)

In Attendance: Cllr. Jim Fletcher, Cllr. Vincent Waters, Sergeant Edward McLemon (EML),
Police Scotland, William Crawford, Four Members of the Public

Apologies: Tallat Haq, James McCann, Charlie Dexter

| ITEM ISSUE | | | ACTION |
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| | PRESENTATION | <p>Candy Millard, ERC Health & Care Partnership Candy Millard gave a presentation and talk regarding the new health centre located at Drumby Crescent. This encompassed the GP practises, the ancillary services and the ERC departments that were moving. A visual was provided showing the layout of the building and an explanation of how this had been determined. There was a lively question and answers session where Candy answered various questions on the expected opening date, the upgrade to transport and disability access. Electronic copies of Candy's presentation will be provided to any members who should request this from the Secretary</p> <p>Police Report Sergeant Edward McLemon attended the meeting and provided a Crime Statistics Report for the period up to 21st March 2016. These are summarised in Note 1, below.</p> <p>Sergeant McLemon stated that a well-known housebreaker had been apprehended and was currently in custody. The Violence Reduction Team continue to operate in the area with this specific objective.</p> <p>Sergeant McLemon stated that there was a number of housebreakings in the area where the objective was to obtain car keys. He asked that all members of the public remember to lock their doors at night and to make it as difficult as possible for thieves to obtain car keys.</p> <p>At this point in time there were no trends on scams either, telephone or cold calling.</p> <p>There was a general discussion regarding the police report, which only arrived just before the meeting. Sergeant McLemon stated that this was to ensure that the report was as up to date as possible, but the Chair stated that the report was not time critical and that it was important that all</p> | EM |

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| | | <p>Community Council members get a chance to view the report prior to the meeting. Sergeant McLemon said he would take this into consideration.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the junction of Park Road and Fenwick Road, at Sainsbury's Local, which was considered to be dangerous as it was widely used by schoolchildren and traffic was often travelling in excess of the speed limit. Chair stated that it was only a matter of time before there was a serious accident. Sergeant McLemon stated that he would take this up with Chief Inspector Carty to make her aware of our concerns.</p> <p>A further discussion ensued regarding parking on pavements. The Sergeant reported that this was a Council matter unless this caused an obstruction to the Emergency Services. The investigating officer would decide at the time whether an offence had been committed.</p> <p>A question was asked regarding a disturbance at Glasgow Hutchesons' Aloysians Rugby Football Club on the early hours of Saturday 12th March at 23:00, where there were police units in attendance. Sergeant McLemon said he had no knowledge of that particular incident, but would look into it and report back</p> <p>The Chair thanked Sergeant McLemon for his attendance and his presentation.</p> | |
| 1. | CHAIRS OPENING: | Chair opened the meeting promptly at 19:00 and welcomed those in attendance. | EML |
| 2. | APOLOGIES: | Apologies were received from Tallat Haq, Charlie Dexter and Jim McCann | |
| 3. | APPROVAL OF MINUTES: | <p>The Secretary reported that three points in the draft minutes required to be altered, 1) The Treasurers discussion with the Bank of Scotland and 2) two minor amendments in Section 8 Work Plan. All three have been incorporated into the minutes.</p> <p>The Minutes are to be forwarded for publication on the ERC website.</p> <p>Proposed: GM Seconded: AM</p> | EM |
| 4. | CHAIR'S REPORT: | <p>Chair reported that he had attended the final meeting of the Area Forum which had now been wound up. Any unspent funds had been added to some Lottery funding and was to be used for sports facilities at Rouken Glen Park.</p> <p>He also reported that the Officers Group had been reconvened and would meet between meetings to discuss, principally, the Agenda for the following meeting.</p> | |
| 5. | SECRETARY'S REPORT: | <p>CO-OPT: William Crawford has completed the necessary documentation to be co-opted onto the Community Council. The forms have been forwarded by ERC to the Secretary and everything being in order Bill was adopted onto the Community Council. EM to confirm this in writing with Bill and Alex Hewetson.</p> | EM |

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| 6. | TREASURER'S REPORT: | <p>JP reported that all necessary documentation had been completed between him and the Bank of Scotland and that all accounts were now active.</p> <p>A cheque for £123.94 for January to March had been received from ERC and this had been deposited in the Bank. A discussion regarding an AGM ensued and it was decided to take guidance from Alex Hewetson as to whether this was required.</p> <p>Chair asked if Tallat Haq's invoice had been paid. EM to forward the invoice to JP for payment</p> | EM EM |
| 7. | COMMITTEE REPORT: | <p>Health & Education: George McGill attended a Health & Social Care workshop on the 29th February. George's report can be found in Note 2 below.</p> <p>Environment, Roads & Planning 4 Community Council members attended a Planning System seminar 16th March. Due to time constraints this will be fully discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding the Fast Food outlet on Burnfield Road, but there appears that nothing further can be done about it.</p> <p>There was also a discussion regarding the changes to the licensing application by Glasgow Hutchesons' Aloysians Rugby Football Club. It was decided that Giffnock Community Council would make representation to the Planning Board regarding this.</p> <p>Community Engagement Chair raised the lack of a Community Hub within Giffnock and that the ideal place would be the Library and that a feasibility study should be done, prior to the refurbishment of the roof, which is imminent and the residents of Giffnock should be consulted.</p> <p>Currently there are around 120 local groups who could potentially make use of a local hub. Nothing had been spent on Giffnock as opposed to Thornliebank and Barrhead where copious funds had been allocated. Councillor Fletcher, in reply, stated that no one had ever asked him about a Community Hub and it was down to limited funds and budget allocated to other pressing matters such as roads. Notwithstanding, Councillor Fletcher said he would be supportive of a request for funding of a feasibility study and asked that GCC give the Council details of what was desired.</p> <p>Councillors Fletcher and Waters agreed to support the request when it was received by the Council.</p> <p>Police DL and Chair attended a meeting with the Area Commander. Chief Inspector Angela Carty on 23rd February 2016.</p> <p>Training Several members of the Community Council have signed up to the Training which is being offered by ERC as part of</p> | CHAIR |

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| | | Development Plan for Community Council Members Education. Places are still available; contact Elaine Grogan on 0141 577 3657 or 07966 70314 to apply | |
| 8. | WORKPLAN: | A review of the Citizens Panel Survey will be presented at the next meeting. ENVIRONMENT, ROADS & PLANNING The Planning process seminar attended by 4 members will be discussed at the next meeting | CHAIR CHAIR |
| 9. | COMMUNITY COUNCIL PROFILE: | This has been held over to the next meeting due to time constraints | CHAIR |
| 10. | STATEMENT/QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR | At this point Chair allowed 4 members of the public to address the Community Council with regard to the petition below that they had regarding the state of the roads in the Berryhill Drive area. Four residents presented a petition on behalf of the residents of this street. The main complaints are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The general repair of the road is in a terrible state and is long overdue for attention and is currently prioritised at number 58 2. The pavements are in a similar state of repair and there is the potential for accidents 3. The speed of the traffic on Berryhill Road is of great concern as it is used greatly as a shortcut to bypass the traffic lights at the junction of Fenwick Road and Orchard Park Avenue, especially at peak times. Further, Berryhill Drive is used as an extension to this to access Orchard Park Avenue at Belmont Drive. 4. The reply received from Andrew Cahill refusing to meet with them to discuss the problem was not well received and it is their intention to pursue this to a conclusion. 5. The road is used to access all the local schools in the area and the recreation facilities nearby. 6. This access is not confined to school days, but is equally busy at the weekend 7. A recent survey showed 88 vehicles accessing the road in a thirty minute period 8. 24 potholes were recorded on the street 9. Some minor repairs had been made following the letter sent to Andrew Cahill, but these proved to be futile as the repairs soon disintegrated | |
| 11. | QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS: | Following the petition by the residents of Berryhill Drive regarding the state of repair of the road, the Councillors present agreed to take this matter up with Andrew Cahill to consider having the road re-categorised so that it can be reprioritised for repair. The last Council Cabinet Meeting passed the proposal to the changes to the Waste Collection. Roadshows have been arranged and there is one in Giffnock | Ward Councillors |

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| | | Library on Thursday 28 th April between 4pm and 8 pm. | |
| 12. | AOCB: | None arising | |
| 13. | DATE OF NEXT MEETING: | Monday 18 th April 2016 19:00, Giffnock Library | |

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| Note 1. | <p>Police Report</p> <p>Total Crimes – 16</p> <p>Dishonesty</p> <p>4 Housebreakings 1 Shoplifting 1 Opening Lock Fast Place 1 Fraud 1 Theft 1 Section 57 Civic Government Scotland Act 1982 All 9 enquiries are ongoing</p> <p>Anti-Social</p> <p>1 Assault 3 Vandalism 2 Breach of the Peace All live enquiries</p> <p>Road Traffic</p> <p>1 Dangerous Driving One male reported</p> |
| Note 2. | <p>HEALTH and SOCIAL CARE</p> <p>I attended, as an observer, the third session of ‘East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership which had returned to help, merge and refine the contributions made by people who access services, staff and providers’.</p> <p>The meeting had the title MY LIFE MY WAY, Transforming Social Care.</p> <p>The meeting took the form of an in-service workshop for providers and practitioners to review and make progress in setting up a fresh business model to deliver a ‘transformational change’ in the delivery of Health and Social Care.</p> <p>The aspiration seemed to be that this ‘significant reform’ in the integration of Health and Social Care at national level would be operational by April 1 2016.</p> <p>In my opinion, the community needs to remain alert to these developments.</p> <p>I have to point out that I appeared to be the sole representative of any ER community council with no reason for being present other than as a member of a community council.</p> <p>I would respectfully like to draw Giffnock Community Council’s attention to the need to be briefed and to be in possession of relevant documentation before committing to make an</p> |

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| | <p>appearance at similar future events.</p> <p>Venue: Redhurst Hotel, Eastwoodmains Road Date: 29 February 2016 Time: 1.00pm Topic: Health and Social Care Partnership</p> |
| Note 3. | <p>Police Scotland Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/policescotland</p> <p>Police Scotland Twitter: @policescotland</p> <p>East Renfrewshire Police: @Eastrenpolice</p> |