

Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council

Online via Zoom, 7pm on the 9th March 2021

1) Welcome & apologies.

Present: David Williamson, Niall Rachman, David McAskill, Duncan McIntyre, Christine Balloch, Freya Young, Ailsa Burns, Cllr Caroline Bamforth, Cllr Jim McLean,

Shirley Cuthbertson, Simon Calvert

Apologies: Steve McMenamin, Kirsten Oswald

2) Previous minutes

Proposed by: Ailsa Burns

Seconded by: David McAskill

3) Police report

CRIMES OF NOTE & CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Crime levels in your community council area remain very low.

There has been no reported housebreakings in your area during the last month.

From the 01/02/2021 to date there has been only one public nuisance report, this incident was related to Rangers football club winning the SPFL.

During this month, within the East Renfrewshire area there has been reports received regarding thefts of pedal cycles, although there has been no reports within the Eaglesham area, we still encourage your residents to continue to be mindful of security within and around their homes. Ensuring outbuildings and sheds and the items within are secured at all times. The community policing team at Giffnock police office have been running free bike marking events along with the Bike register. Bike registering involves marking the bike with a QR code which also the owner to enter their bike details on the register enabling police to return the bike to the owner if this is lost or stolen. This also helps as a preventive measure to secure your bikes. Bike marking is still currently ongoing at this stage and is completed socially distanced, for more information please contact

GreaterGlasgowLPSTEastRenfrewshire@scotland.pnn.police.uk

We encourage residents to keep up to date with current crime trends by logging on to the Police Scotland website and following social media accounts of Police Scotland, Trading Standards and East Renfrewshire Council.

Police Scotland continues its national campaign against Fraud, any instances of your members being victims of fraud, we encourage them to report the matter to police Scotland directly via the Police Scotland website or 101.

LOCAL ISSUES & PARTNERSHIP WORKING

The community policing team based at Giffnock police office continue their weekend action plan to tackle youth disorder within the East Renfrewshire council area.

Officers have been engaging with any groups of youths within the area especially at hours of darkness. Many of these youths are travelling to the area but many also live locally. We also continue to liaise with the British Transport Police in relation to youths using the rail network and gatherings in and around railway stations.

We continue to highlight these issues to our partners in East Renfrewshire Council Community Safety Department and Youth Services Department with whom we work closely to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Due to the current COVID-19 regulations officers from the community policing team have been conducting routine high visibly patrols to ensure compliance with the local restrictions. In particular officers have been conducting regular visits to the Whitelee windfarm. In general within the Eaglesham area compliance with the current regulations has been good.

[\(Duncan - Bins being stolen and set on fire at Picket\)](#)

4) Councillors updates

Jim McLean

Update on parking at Carrot Farm and Whitelees Windfarm. Although council has the signs they are not putting them up until an issue with software to give out fixed penalty notices has been resolved.

Gate to field/tree area at Bonnyton Golf Course is now open and can be accessed by the public, Jim is liaising with Mark Brand, due to them receiving funding for this project from the council.

The Eglinton Arms Hotel have planning permission for the outdoor beer garden and work will commence in a couple of weeks. It is hoping to be ready for the end of April.

Caroline Bamforth

She has checked about the speed signs enquiry upon entering Waterfoot from the Bellcraig Roundabout and the council will not allow repeater signs.

Roads – list of works to be undertaken, behind by about 6 months. Will get the list and forward it onto us. Craiglawn Avenue is one to be done soon.

Mearns Castle School, exploratory works to be done in fields. £1.72m money to do the sports track at the rear.

Interesting funding around biodiversity, will share the link.

Spoke to Mark Brand and John Shelton about the possibility of adding cycle ways to school. Will arrange for them to come along to our meeting.

Vaccinations – about 38% of adults in East Renfrewshire are now vaccinated and the uptake is extremely high. Trying to ensure that people get a local place to be vaccinated to cut down on their travelling however there have been no complaints by anyone. Appointments can be changed if needed and Barrhead centre open to all for Asymptomatic testing now.

5) Parking @ Windfarm and Carrot Farm update.

Sub committee met a couple of times to discuss, and have found out from Nick Prower of the Whitelee Access group that there are actually 2 projects to extend parking. One for 60 spaces on the right as you enter the visitor centre and a further 200 spaces on Spine Road, which they have usually been trying to stop people parking on.

David Williamson has sent email of support from the EWCC to Scottish Power to highlight our local interest in both these proposals, and requested an update on timescales.

Duncan McIntyre, who is in the Access group on will be meeting on 17th March 2021, so hopes to provide a further update from this.

6) Walking routes around the village.

Report from John Shelton.

7) CC Members updates/points.

Simon Calvert – interested in the cycle ways or improved paths. Happy to help in any way needed. Feasibility study, Jim Mclean to help. Awards for all funding (they would fund 100% of the project up to £10,000. Caroline Bamforth to send a report.

Shirley Cuthbertson – Scout hall is wind and watertight. Need to raise more money, to fit out and finish outside of building. Getting new quotes for what is left to do, will then look at how to raise the money and if EWCC can assist in any way.

David MacAskill - Received the annual grant of £300 + and now have £1042.74 in our account.

Maybe team up with Clarkston Community Council to look at the feasibility study?

Duncan Macintyre – Resurfacing of Kirkton Moor Road, could they consider putting up signs to state it is a multiuse road for walking//cycling/horses, as vehicles may be tempted to drive faster once it is resurfaced.

Christine Balloch – will be going out and having a tidy up. Can we add to Community Connects? Plastic Busters suggested by Freya, will post link on FB page. Shirley Cuthbertson says Duke of Edinburgh Scouts have been doing litter picking as part of their volunteering.

Freya Young - Larder, more used than ever! Church is helping with storage of food using a key code to access the storage area.

Voluntary Action Funding looks good but we don't know when we will get it. Might have to act quickly once the funds are available.

Meeting Mary and Jim from the church to see about them possibly helping more using the food donations in our Larder.

News letter will move to going online, as funding will stop. See if we can get funding for continued printing. She will print out copies to continue putting them on the community notice boards.

Wondering when the Montgomery Hall and library open as the community library will be stopping when it does.

8) AOCB

Next meeting 13th April