

Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council

Online, 7pm on the 13th April 2021

1) Welcome & apologies.

Present: David Williamson, Niall Rachman, David McAskill, Duncan McIntyre, Caroline Bamforth, Christine Balloch, Freya Young, Steve McMenamin, Ailsa Burns, Donald Beveridge, John Shelton.

Apologies: Jim McLean,

(Helen Knotts Dougal, Karen Mclachlan)

2) Previous minutes

Proposed by: Niall Rachman

Seconded by: Duncan McIntyre

3) Police report

Crime levels in your community council area remain very low.

There have been no reported housebreakings during the period under review.

We have received a report relating to the theft of a catalytic converter from a Volvo XC90 motor car that was parked on Moor Road between 4pm and 8pm on the 6th April. If any residents have information in relation to any of the foregoing undetected crime that may assist with our enquiries, this can be provided by contacting '101' quoting incident number 0605 of the 07/04/2021.

Calls relating to public nuisance predominantly relate to alleged breaches of COVID regulations at private dwellings. There was one report of fireworks being set off near to Montgomery Street on the 7th March and a report of youths gathering at Picketlaw Reservoir about 5-45pm on the 18th March.

Lastly we have over recent months received reports of persons attending on and near to Whitelee Windfarm, using off-road motor bikes and quad-bikes in a dangerous manner. Whilst these vehicles often don't have registration plates, they are frequently transferred in vans or on trailers that do have registration numbers. If any such vehicles are observed to be transporting off-road vehicles in this vicinity we would be glad to receive registration numbers to assist in combatting this behaviour.

4) Councillors updates - Caroline Bamforth

Council budget in end of February and again on 15th March.

Had to set the council tax, the second meeting was then to make saving for a £3.5m gap.

Brown bins discussion will be this week. Will come into effect in June, not part of council tax because it is not part of the statutory duty charges.

School education appeals still ongoing, Education Committee also attended.

5) Cycle route & improved pavement from Waterfoot to Eaglesham – John Shelton

Work as a Senior Strategy Officer for East Renfrewshire Council. The road between Eaglesham and Waterfoot is designated as a 'core path' and the road to Clarkston is considered a strategic corridor. A feasibility study was done back in 2018, the consultants suggested that the footpath could be widened to 3m and connect better with the roundabout, and then widen it through Waterfoot. It is however possibly an issue for the width of the road for buses. Not much has been done since the survey.

Would we be better to join with Clarkston to extend the pathway all the way through?

There are technical challenges, there are some places that the route might narrow.

Funding being an issue. Scottish government making funds available for active travel etc. Up to the local council to try and get access to these funds.

If EWCC takes on this cause then Cllr Caroline Bamforth is happy to support. Suggestions include getting together with CCC, looking at the report again to see if it is really feasible and getting in touch with the roads controller to take this forward.

Can we have a copy of the report – John will send directly to David.

What can we do to push this?

6) Parking @ Windfarm and Carrot update – Duncan McIntyre

Nothing new to report. Nick looking at possibility of parking on forestry land for a small layby. Signs now in place for parking restrictions, and parking now allowed at the centre. Spine Road parking is now also allowed.

7) Eaglesham Feuars Presentation - Donald Beveridge

When I was thinking about what to say tonight I was talking to Ken Mallard who has an encyclopaedic knowledge of Eaglesham. He tells me that the last time a feuars convenor gave a talk on this subject was in 1891!!

So perhaps this is overdue.

A bit of history to start with:

In 1769, Alexander Montgomerie, the 10th Earl of Eglinton decided to sweep away the old mediaeval village to re-create the kind of planned village he had seen on his visits to Europe. Alexander commissioned surveyor and architect John Ainslie to survey all the enclosures and farms in the barony of Eaglesham and to design the planned village.

(Full talk available as separate document)

8) Voluntary Action Update - on funding for the Larder – Freya Young

£9000 awarded and the granted split into different areas.

Online meeting on 22nd of April 2021 at 10am between Eaglesham, Neilston and Whitecraigs.

Perhaps set up a sub-committee to help with this. Niall and Stevie offered.

9) CC Members updates/points.

David Williamson – Congratulations to Freya on recognition for the Young Scot of the Year, as a finalist.

Has been chairman for 2 years now and need constitutional changes for Chairman or he will have to step down.

Ailsa's last meeting as she is moving to Newton Mearns. Thanked her for all her help.

Stevie McMenamin – Been speaking to Jim about park, upgrading the park equipment to make it more accessible for all.

David MacAskill - War memorial, 3 companies giving a quote. Will update.

Duncan Macintyre – Hustings post on FB site – done

He had contacted the council about the golf course road and signage about multi use road. Caroline said they are reluctant about adding street furniture as over signage can make it more dangerous. Email says that they don't want walkers getting too blasé about safety. Duncan will photograph the sign he has in mind.

The council will consider it and he should contact Jane about it.



Niall Rachman – Waterfoot Road Co-Op at Mearns crossing point?
Speeding traffic past the golf course. Other CC groups discussing too.

Ailsa Burns – Moving to Newton Mearns and last meeting with us.

Freya – Outside the box sent a proposal for getting more members, document with information about how to attract more members to the CC. Will continue with the notice boards, maybe use Helen's page before it closes to encourage people to join. Caroline will send Freya info about a new fund. Environment litter picking can't give out litter pickers until 26th April but will pick up litter if near a council bin (Alan Fulton organises). Food Larder/street library - lots of donations from local businesses. People now leaving litter in front of Montgomery Hall and she has phoned council about it.

10) AOCB

Next meeting 11th May 2021