

Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council

Online, 7pm on the 8th September 2020

Present: David Williamson, Niall Rachman, Ailsa Burns, David McAskill, Duncan McIntyre, Steve McMenamin, Caroline Bamforth, Christine Balloch, Kirsten Oswald.

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome & apologies from Jim McLean
- 2) Previous minutes DW read out. Ailsa proposed, Niall Seconded.
- 3) Police report/update – not available.
- 4) Councillors updates/points
 - **Caroline**

Camping site at Grassland at the top of Bonnyton Drive was cleared.

Meet with residents about the planning behind Craigbank Crescent and Alexander Avenue flats. Apparently you can apply for planning permission even if the land is not owned.
 - Shop canopy, council would not do it for the money to be reclaimed.
 - Greenhags should now be open with slots available to book
 - Picket – Council not responsible so can't put bins there
 - Roads will monitor new traffic islands in Waterfoot – waiting for traffic to return to more usual levels before collecting data again- maybe end of October
 - School meals free for kids? Scottish government spent money on hubs during pandemic, rather than on school meals. Money considered better spent on the 1140hours. Will follow up with Janice Collins.

- Full council meeting this week.
 - Crookfur primary has a Covid case
 - New Director of Education Mark Rutter
 - Mearns Castle, 3G pitches, £1.73M investment delayed for now.
 - Nursery at Eaglesham should be finished soon.
- **Points raised for Caroline**
 - 1) Question from DW on how schools will act if class or school shuts to due to COVID? They will follow model set out for 'blended learning' proposed in August. Currently high absence due to colds. No classes have been shut. Absences may also be due to a nervousness about sending the kids to school. Parents not social distancing at school gates a concern, may reopen playgrounds – to help alleviate the issue and provide more space. Will request update from John Shelton on traffic around schools.
 - 2) Duncan suggested (for John) a dropped curb to encourage cyclists to use pavement before underpass coming out of Waterfoot (concern over islands making it more dangerous for cyclists)
 - 3) Duncan also commented that rubbish at Picketlaw has reduced – possibly due to change in weather
 - 4) Christine raised issue of large hole in road at Kirkton bridge. She will report it to South Lanarkshire Council, Niall to report to East Ren.
 - 5) Update from Liz Hight, Community Connections.

Project finishes on 30th of September. Sourced money to pay for 6 months @ 2.5 hours per week to employ somebody to do newsletter, and a possibly an event to bring all the groups together from the village.

Newsletter is in shops, chemist agreed to add it to prescriptions. Added newsletter to outdoor library. Some into Carswell centre.

Notice boards – waiting for go ahead, one will be at the bus shelter, and one at the school. Keys given to the CC? DW agreed to this.

Could the new rep go to talking points meetings? (CB asked)

Re launching some services Voluntary action, loneliness club, may also be a useful connection for the employee.

6) Free school meals (SM)

Covered in discussion with Caroline. Stevie to feedback replies from his emails.

7) CC Members updates/points.

Duncan, Bonnyton Golf club – groups of dog walkers with dogs had been running wild causing damage, however one gate is now open at the top can get access. Will drop the issue if access is now allowed.

Ailsa asked about the large green fence on Glasgow Road, and if anything came of it. Our understanding is that planning was done after the fact and presumed given.

Niall – Proposed a thank you letter to Linn Products for access for the public during the pandemic, and how much it has improved since James is back to work.

David – History Society have been awarded £2.5K for war memorial. Work will commence soon

David also asked the question about new licensed premises, the Lodge on the lane taken over by Gary Smith from the Swan. Licensing board? (Caroline to investigate)

Kirsten Oswald – current arrangements, with restrictions being brought back in for ER. Try to keep focus on social distancing and reinforce the importance.

Understands how difficult the restrictions can be on communities. The effects can be hidden, and this is a concern. Work and employment issues resulting from pandemic will be an ongoing concern. Good things happening in Eaglesham which have been community driven.

Assistance offered if she can help in any way – even if we are not sure who the right person to ask is.

Next public meeting – 13th of October 2020 – might be an issue as it is half term will check nearer the time.