

Giffnock Community Council
Draft Minutes of Meeting Held on
Tuesday 21st June 2022 in Giffnock
Library



		Raised	Action
1	Recording of meeting The Chairperson advised that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of minute taking and in accordance with the relevant data protection regulations.	CP	
2	Welcome – CP welcomed members, members of the public, The Provost & Cllr Merrick.		
3	Minute Taking – CP advised that due to not having secretary VMc will take the minutes.		
4	Members Present – Cindy Berry (Chairperson CP) – Iain Wilkinson (IW) Cllr Merrick & Provost Montague Attending – Vincent McCulloch - Community Council Liaison Officer Three members of the public		
5	Apologies - Scot Van Den Akker (SVDA), Cristina Scheeffer		
6	Previous minutes 17th May Approved – CP & IW		
7	Police - No report		
8	Banking – As previously agreed, the Community Council will open a bank account with the Royal Bank of Scotland in Giffnock. When this has been done, the bank account signatories will be asked to write cheques and these will be lodged in the new account. SVDA to be asked to get bank forms and open account.		SVDA VMc
9	Planning Issues. (See previous minutes) Cllr Merrick & Provost Montague visited the site, the Provost advised that the original planning application caused the problem; the latter planning application just exacerbated the issue. The meeting was advised that ERC has a complaints procedure that residents can use, and if they are not satisfied they can go to the local government ombudsman.	CP	
10	Pavement issues – Accident (See previous minutes) Cllr Merrick had spoken to ERC Customer Services about the less than satisfactory response, a formal apology has to be sent from Customer Services. Customer services explained that the procedures need improving as system generated updates are very customer unfriendly. Further consideration will be given to advice given to customers, more human and compassionate.		
11	Isabel Mair School Two members of the public (with children at the school) were in attendance to speak about the range of services at the Isobel Mair school being reduced due to budget cuts. ERC has cut the breakfast club The afterschool has been awarded to a company who have no experience of working with children with disabilities.		

	<p>The prices are becoming exorbitant for afterschool – currently it’s £9 for a two hour block, this is getting raised to £100. Whilst it has always been subsidised, this should continue. ERC – should support disabled children the same as mainstream, they get 7 weeks, and the Isobel Mair children get 2 weeks. It was highlighted that it is East Renfrewshire Leisure who offer summer classes to schoolchildren, not ERC.</p> <p>Provost – Cllrs were initially unaware that these changes were taking place. Budget cuts are required and non statutory services are the first to be cut. However there is a political will to will to try and lessen the effect of the budget cuts. There was a meeting between the council leader, councillors and some parents to discuss the issue.</p> <p>It appears to parents that the school is being treated unfairly, as ERC has taken away provision with no replacements, and there has been no consultation with the parents.</p> <p>ERC is trying to do something, and the number of children getting support during the summer has risen, this is still not enough, as most children miss out.</p> <p>Resident, it is recognised that there is pressure on all agencies to save money, but can there not be some sort of scheme that involves volunteers, council staff and others.</p> <p>VMc – Suggested that parents should work with other interested parties to organise and run a summer play scheme, he gave an example of such a scheme.</p> <p>The Provost offered to host such a meeting.</p>		
12	<p>Accidents on Ayr Road</p> <p>There has been four accidents on the Ayr Road in the last month between Parklands and Mearns Cross. There is a new road layout at Mearns Cross. A resident made the point that there is a lack of signage to advise drivers of the changes.</p> <p>Agreed that the CC would email ERC and both Councillors about the issue.</p>		
13	<p>Internment costs within ERC</p> <p>It would appear that it costs double for a non ERC resident to get buried in an ERC graveyard, even if that person had previously lived in the area and the family owned plots in the graveyard.</p> <p>The CC will Email ERC to request information about the costing scheme.</p>		
14	<p>AOB</p> <p>Agree to consult members about inviting a speaker from the micro energy project to a meeting,</p> <p>Provost – Advised the meeting of the death of Jim Sneddon, Jim worked for ERC for many years and had responsibility for community councils and was very much a gentleman.</p>		
15	<p>Date of Next meeting</p> <p>AUGUST 16 SEPTEMBER 20 OCTOBER 18 NOVEMBER 15 DECEMBER 13</p>		