

Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council

Online, 7pm on the 10th May 2022

1) Welcome & apologies.

Present: Niall Rachman, David McAskill, Duncan McIntyre, Christine Balloch, Freya Young, Cllr Caroline Bamforth, Cllr Jim McLean, Ann McNair, Cllr Andrew Anderson.

Apologies: Steve McMenamin, Danny McKendry

2) Previous minutes

Proposed by: Ann McNair

Seconded by: Freya Young

3) Police report

See the Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council website for report.

Crime is reported to be very low. Police aware of Picketlaw Reservoir and will be monitoring it over the coming months to ensure safety.

Discussion on the new reinforced fence around the reservoir. Scottish Water cannot make it completely closed off because of Right to Roam policy but are required to prevent animal access. More concerned about the mass gatherings from people out with the village rather than locals using it for recreation. Concerns about litter being left and safety around water. "How to be safe in water" information to be put on the website.

4) Councillors updates

Andrew Anderson

Introduced himself, excited to be part of this community and to work for it. Gave a brief personal history of his life. Chair welcomed him.

Caroline Bamforth

Confirmed that the charging points in Eaglesham are owned by BP Pulse. She was told by them that they were all working but has since checked and they are not. She will chase this up. New chargers to be built in East Renfrewshire area but locations not confirmed as yet.

New Climate Change group meeting in June, chair will get email asking for a couple of members of the Community Council members to attend.

Place Based Investment Programme has a budget of £551,000 to be used to enhance the area and improve the health and wellbeing of the community. Must apply for funding to receive it.

Jim McLean

He spoke to Simone Scott and brown bin (for TREE) needs to be located at a private home in the village and not at a public area. If Ann can give an address for it to be delivered then he can arrange.

For years he has wanted the reinstatement of the path from Hill Drive to Millhall through farmland. This would be safer for walkers because of speed limit of the adjoining road. If funding is found then East Renfrewshire Council have said they will maintain it. He is applying for funding.

Jim has been trying to help the Scout Hall be completed and had a meeting with Juan Merrill. The Scouts have spent £300,000 on the building but it is a shell with no internals. Work has now stopped on the project due to lack of funding. It will cost around £200,000 more to get it completed. Jim, working with Ian McDonald, is looking for/applying for funding to raise the money. Will apply to Place Based Investment Programme for some of the funding among other places.

He let us know that someone in the village is sponsoring a Ukrainian family to stay with them through the Ukrainian Refugee Scheme. He will keep us updated.

5) CC Members updates/points.

F Young

The Community Larder has had a funding review recently and only 20% of the fund has been spent so far. She has recently bought a new container and is now using the funding for buying food. She had donations locally and has not needed to spend out of the fund but that has now run out and she is now spending the fund money instead.

Fair planning is going well and she is looking for old photos of Eaglesham Fair from previous fairs to display in the library as part of the celebrations.

C Balloch

She raised the issue of the road surface of Bonnyton Drive from the old Sun Spot to the Big Dipper. It is badly worn and needs fixed. Jim will look into it.

A McNair

She discussed the new Community Garden at the back of the Carswell Hall. It was created to celebrate TREE's 10 year anniversary as they wanted to give something back to the community. So far, 4 large raised beds have been built and will be planted soon. The idea is that groups in the community could take over an area of the garden. The hope is to promote mental wellness in the community and to provide a relaxing garden for people of all ages to work in and contribute to. Plans are to plant an orchard at the rear using money from the proceeds from the Christmas Tree Raffle. Jim to look into whether they need planning permission to do this venture. During the Open Gardens events TREE want to raise awareness of the Community Garden.

D Macintyre

He raised the issue of local bus service around East Renfrewshire and has 5 other local Community Councils interested in meeting to find out what SPT have planned for the future. Caroline says that John Shelton and John Marley are working on a new transport plan. Both Duncan and Caroline went to a presentation from Gus Collins (before Covid) about what people wanted from their buses and routes. Unfortunately he has since passed away but she is trying to trace the information on the presentation so it can be used.

Duncan raised concerns over the local shop McColls being taken over recently and hoped that it would be kept open in the future.

He asks if there is interest in a 20mph speed limit in villages as the trial in the Borders has been a huge success and is being kept on. Caroline says she discusses it with Jane Corry and although the roads department are in favour, the police are reluctant as they feel they will not be able to police it properly. Caroline says she will continue to peruse it.

6) AOCB

None

Next meeting on Zoom

Tuesday 14th June 2022