

# Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council

Online via Zoom, 7pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## 1) Welcome & apologies.

**Present:** Niall Rachman, David McAskill, Duncan McIntyre, Christine Balloch, Freya Young, Anne McNair, MSP Kirsten Oswald, Cllr Caroline Bamforth (late – was attending another meeting before)

**Apologies:** Steve McMenamain, Cllr Jim McLean, Cllr Andrew Anderson

## Annual General Meeting

### EAGLESHAM & WATERFOOT COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Annual General Meeting

14 June 2022

This is the Eaglesham & Waterfoot Community Council (EWCC) AGM report. This year, like the last 2 have been particularly challenging as a voluntary organisation – having to not only deal with the global pandemic, endemic & now the cost of living crisis, maintaining our own full time employment whilst also working for the betterment of the local community. I would like to take this early opportunity to thank each and every member of the EWCC team, and our local councillors for their continued support and guidance.

#### Planning:

We have not had anything to report in terms of planning, over the last year this has been generally quiet. We will continue as a community council to support the local people against building on green belt land, where the opportunity for brown field development remains. Where green belt development is unavoidable, the community council will strive to achieve greater amenities for the current residents and minimal disruption during any building works.

#### Policing / Crime:

Due to the pandemic, and our meetings online via Zoom – we have sadly not seen our local police colleagues at our meetings (IT rules / regulations) however this has not stopped Sgt. Gordon Sweeney from sharing the police report with us as often as he can.

We remain fortunate that our crime rates remain low within the community – house breaking, vandalism and fraud remain low.

There has been an increase in complaints relating to the Picketlaw. Mostly trouble is being caused by “imported partying” where young people are being dropped off as far as Irvine according to some

reports. The community council supports the residents worried about vandalism, littering, loitering and general drunken behaviours around the village and encourage them to contact police Scotland on 101 (emergency 999). Whilst there is an argument for kids to “be kids” this must be done in a safe, sustainable and non-detrimental way.

#### **Post Office:**

We are still struggling to get a local post office permanently placed within Eaglesham / Waterfoot. We do however have the mobile unit which does provide support for those who need it. Information on this can be found on Post Office website.

#### **Roads:**

The condition of the roads continue to be a problem around Eaglesham and Waterfoot area. We are pleased to announce that ERC have planned to do resurfacing works in and around the area during FY22/23.

Both Jim and Caroline have pushed for greater attention onto the roads, and for this we are grateful.

#### **Return of the Fair:**

A massive congratulations and thank you are in order to the Eaglesham Fair Committee for putting on a show stopping fair in June 2022. It was attended by hundreds, if not thousands of people from far and wide. It was clear that an awful lot of time, preparation and effort has been put into it – and the weather sealed the deal.

Without community groups such as the Fair, Eaglesham would be a very different place to live in. I think I can speak for the entire Community Council when I say I’m very much looking forward to the next one.

Well done again, especially for keeping the momentum up even though the cancellations due to the pandemic.

#### **Final Point:**

I would like to thank members of the local community for their support, attendance and activity on our Facebook group. Our group has over 1,000 members and this rises with people joining the village. We hope to continue to offer our support, time (as volunteers) to the Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community.

Niall Rachman

Chairperson

EWCC



**Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council Elections for 2022 – 2023**

Re-elected Chairperson – Niall Rachman

1<sup>st</sup> Christine Balloch

2<sup>nd</sup> Freya Young

Re-elected Secretary - Christine Balloch

1<sup>st</sup> David McAskill

2<sup>nd</sup> Duncan McIntyre

Re-elected Treasurer David McAskill

1<sup>st</sup> Duncan McIntyre

2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Balloch

New members - Anne McNair

1<sup>st</sup> David McAskill

2<sup>nd</sup> Freya Young

## Monthly meeting – June 2022

### 1) Previous minutes

Proposed by: Freya Young

Seconded by: Duncan McIntyre

### 2) Police report



## Community Council Meeting Updates

### Our focus..... Your priorities

#### INTRODUCTION

This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the **Eglesham Community Council** area for the period **14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to 14th June 2022**. Details of the current policing plan, incorporating the policing priorities, are provided at the end of this report for your reference.

This report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to the members of the Community Council and to the residents that they represent. The report is provided as a courtesy and is not a statutory requirement. We endeavour to provide a report to the Community Council in advance of each of their meetings.

This document does not provide a comprehensive statistical breakdown of numbers of crimes reported as this does not provide any context for the reader. Neither does it aim to document every crime recorded in your community council area. Crime statistics are published quarterly on the Police Scotland website and can be found at

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

All recipients of this update must be aware that we cannot discuss, specific crimes or incidents where identification of an individual person could occur, or where the information would compromise an ongoing enquiry.

## **CRIMES OF NOTE & CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE**

Crime levels in your community council area remain very low and there have been no specific crimes of note.

There has been no reported housebreakings or vandalisms in your community council area during this reporting period.

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

### Fraud

Instances of Fraud continue to be frequent both nationally and locally. Frequently victims, of all ages, can be scammed when they receive unexpected text or telephone messages and respond to these. Crime prevention messages are regularly provided via our social media accounts and further advice is available at

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/scams-and-frauds/>

We encourage everyone to discuss this crime prevention message with anyone they know who may not have access to the information or who may be more vulnerable.

Further information regarding developing crime trends can be found by logging on to the Police Scotland website and social media accounts of Police Scotland, Trading Standards and East Renfrewshire Council.

Throughout East Renfrewshire there has been an increase in reports of bogus workers and door to door sales occurring. We are asking constituents to be vigilant when choosing a tradesperson to carry out works and to not accept the pressure sale or scare tactics used by these individuals.

Trusted traders vetted by East Renfrewshire Council can be found on the link below.

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/trustedtraders>

If you have any additional concerns please highlight them to either trading standards or Police Scotland who will advise appropriately.

## LOCAL ISSUES & PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Your community Policing team hopes that every constituent enjoyed the Eaglesham fair.

As part of the community policing team we continually monitor our local area and adapt to best meet the requirements of our residents.

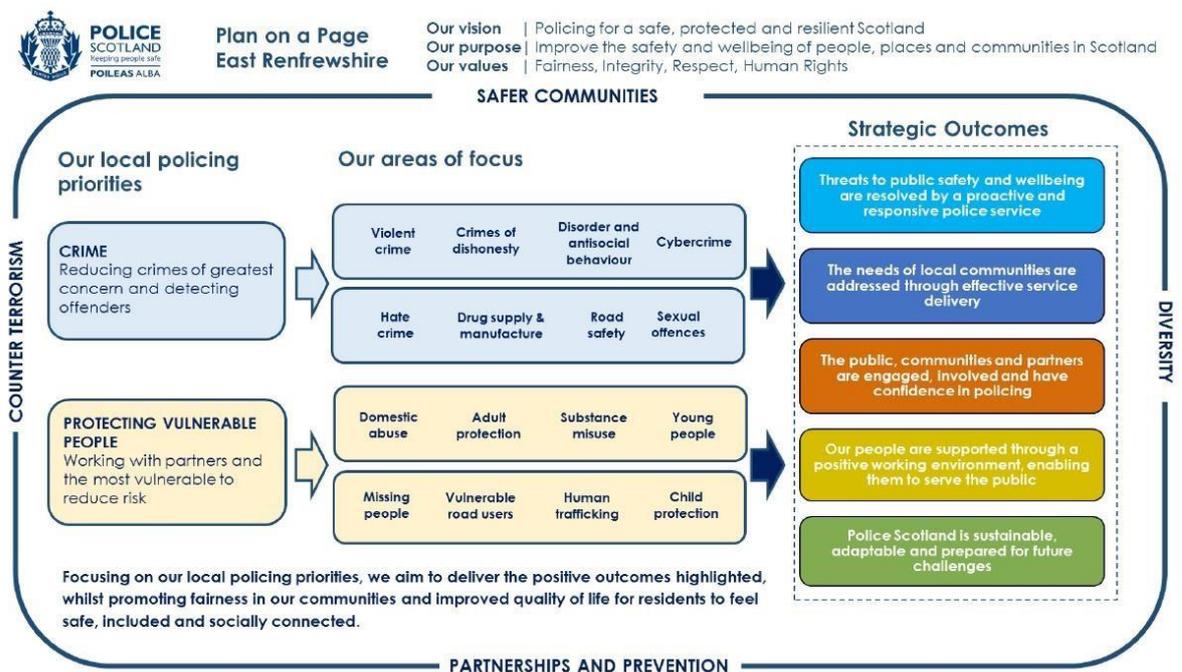
As there has been mixed weather over the past few weeks we have not seen the same number of young person’s attending at Picketlaw reservoir consuming alcohol. We are however maintaining regular patrols within the area and engaging in multiagency discussions with our partner agencies.

We ask that councillors remind their constituents of the importance of home security. Advice regarding home security can be found on Police Scotland’s website and social media platforms. If any council members or constituents would benefit from further advice please contact Giffnock community policing.

[www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/your-home/](http://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/your-home/)

## LOCAL PRIORITIES

The graphic below summarises the Local Police Plan for East Renfrewshire 2020-23 and highlights the areas on which we are focussing our resources and efforts.



## **SUMMARY**

Finally, as the current COVID-19 guidelines change and the nation returns to local protection levels, the Police Service of Scotland urge you to reiterate the current public health information to your members and to stress the importance of the current COVID-19 protection measures set out by the Scottish government. We also encourage your members to keep up-to-date with the changes in the government guidelines.

More information for your members can be found at **WWW.GOV.SCOT**

**Please remember you can report information to us using any of the following**

999 – Emergency

101 – Non emergency

Visit <https://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/>

0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers

**Please follow us on these social media platforms**

Twitter - @policescotland

Twitter - @GreaterGlasgPol

Twitter - @EastRenPolice

Facebook – Police Scotland

Facebook – Greater Glasgow Police Division

Web – [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)

### **3) Councillors updates**

#### **MSP Kirsten Oswald**

Congratulates the Eaglesham Fair Committee and anyone else that was involved in organising and contributing to the day. Lovely to attend and see so many people enjoying themselves.

Main concern from people are passports as they seem to be very problematic just now. Advice is to apply now and try to get in early rather than waiting till the last minute.

Any issues raised these days are mostly electronic correspondences. Although she is getting out to do surgeries and is available in many areas/circulates around, obvious security and safety issues means that she cannot tell people in advance where she is going to be available and also needs to have a security officer with her. She feels that this isn't working for her so is trying to work out a better way of doing that.

Likes and enjoys seeing different communities doing different things, she likes seeing people again too.

Duncan asks if there has been an increase in correspondence than before the lockdown. Kirsten says it seems to be more rather than less. She is happy to communicate with anyone in any way that suits them. She was in the local supermarket recently and found this is helpful for people as they could just come and ask her in an informal way.

Christine asked if more people had approached her struggling with the rising cost of fuel and energy bills, she says that although she is aware many are impacted by this, it is a more private matter and if anyone approaches her she can give them advice privately as to where they can get the help they need.

### **Cllr Caroline Bamforth**

Discussed the issue of the Picketlaw Reservoir and surrounding area and had discussions with the transport police. She raised the point that many parents are dropping their children off near this area and few are taking public transport there meaning that they would not be aware if teenagers are going to congregate in this area. Liaising with other areas, having a robust plan in place and keeping an eye on it is what they are doing. They can use a drone to help assess the situation and privacy using this is paramount to the local residents. The weather has lessened the amount of times this has happened so far.

Caroline got a message about the construction traffic going through Eaglesham to Jackton to the building works. Caroline will look into it and contact Jane Corrie at the Roads Department about speeding and also parking around the school especially at 3pm. Connect manage the GSO and she will ask Jane Corrie about putting signage up to divert the traffic onto the next junction to discourage construction traffic coming through the village. Traffic calming measures planned on Cheapside Street may help to reduce this problem too.

### **Members update**

**N Rachman** – Suggests that a directory to help people to contact the appropriate person in an emergency e.g. who to phone if there is a sheep out of a field, could be put up on the Community Councils webpage. This would require permission from each person if it were to go ahead. Duncan says that “Eglesham Outlook”, a church magazine is going out in September and it has a few numbers in it. Freya also has information on the community noticeboards around the village with numbers of local businesses.

Niall also received an email on the Community Councils page from the same person as Caroline about construction traffic. Caroline will look into it.

Proposed planning for parking restrictions are available on the Community Council’s Facebook page where there is a link to the relevant document. Concerns raised about the increased parking restrictions around the shops. This may take away trade from the local shops. Also the whole of Gilmour Crescent will not be able to park outside their houses. Objections to be in by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

## **D McIntyre**

Got a response from John Shelton about Climate Change Committee and the ongoing discussions about bus links to the village. He will continue to pursue this further.

He suggests that the Community Council should write to Craig Parker (chairperson of the Fair Committee) to thank them for all their hard work organising the Eaglesham Fair this year. Niall offered to do this.

He suggests an Open Meeting in the Eglinton Arms Hotel so that people can meet their Community Councillors. This could be nearer autumn time and we have the funds to put on an event.

Duncan informs us that the Manse now has a ground source heat pump. The church climate group, run by Mr Ronald McLean, could liaise with TREE and give advice/help with the proposed community garden. He asked Anne to speak to him about developing the garden. Jennifer Paton also interested and is keen to see this venture getting started.

## **F Young**

She has the nominated the Eaglesham Fair Committee for the High Street Hero Award in the "Making a Positive Impact" category. Other organisations in the village could be nominated as it is not too difficult to fill out the necessary paperwork.

There has been a significant rise in referrals to the Back to School Bank - East Renfrewshire, especially to help provide uniforms etc... to struggling families. Freya will purchase stationary to be included in the community larder to help local families prepare for returning to school.

Food larder is being used just as much with it usually being emptied by 2pm. She has a strong group of volunteers.

## **D McAskill**

Was complimentary about the Eaglesham Fair Committee and was encouraged that it is run by local people who are enthusiastic, hardworking and committed to continuing this tradition in the future.

## **A McNair**

Informed us that she has made the decision to come off the TREE committee as chairperson after many years. She will still be involved with the gardening part. TREE are not short of resources but Freya will send on information about available grants if they need them.

## **8) AOCB**

None

**Next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 - online Zoom**