

## **Giffnock Community Council Minute of Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

### **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.

**2 Welcome** – The Chairperson welcomed members and members of the public.

**3 Minute Taking** – the Chairperson advised that due to not having secretary, SVDA will take the minutes.

**4 Members Present** Cindy Berry (CB) –Chairperson, Scot Van Den Akker (SVDA), Marion Miller (MM), Iain Wilkinson (IW), Jack Wells (JW)

**5 Apologies** – Cristina Scheefer

### **6 Previous minute 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Minutes approved by SVDA and seconded by CB.

### **7 Police Report**

This will be posted to the GCC Facebook page.

### **8 New Application for Associate Member**

Joan Perry – further to correspondence from Vincent McCulloch it was suggested that Joan's application be changed from associate to co-opted member.

### **9 Huntly Park**

1. Trisha Slight said she had available a rainbow bench for the park...FoHP were present and said they'd be delighted to help, along with Adrian from ERC.
2. Gatepost – has collapsed since being 'rebuilt' – GCC will contact ERC
3. FIT – Kirsty from FoHP said they were planning a celebration this year for the park being secured from further development.
4. Tree felling: it seems this is sadly related to disease although ERC have still not been public about this.
5. Tree planting – it was suggested that we contact Woodland Trust for trees to plant. Scot will liaise with FoHP on this.

### **10 Disability Parking**

MM offered to set up private meeting in her office with GCC and the BID. No movement on this as of yet. GCC will write to Councillor O'Donnell directly to ask for the disabled parking spaces as initially planned for Giffnock. A member of the public stated this was definitely not possible as ERC had closed the subject...we do not know how they know this for certain.

MM asked if we should proceed with ideas for a more accessible Giffnock anyway, without reference to ERC at this stage. A member of the public suggested an online petition for changes in the area.

### **11 Mast – Eastwoodmains Road**

Despite initial discussion around safety and ugliness the discussion was ended when it became clear that ERC had zero influence on the masts – in terms of positioning or planning. The 5G scheme is a Westminster project to connect people. CB is interested in whether or not ERC has done a safety study and appropriate liability insurance and will write to ERC on these matters.

## 12 ERC-Mearns Masterplan

A lengthy discussion ensued with most people showing concern about the impact of these '15 minute communities' on personal freedoms, disabled people, and those already isolated. The outline of a plan was formed: GCC to work with as many other local CCs as possible to see if there are any legs in organising a public meeting on the top on a large scale: at meeting Councillors and ERC planners would field questions from the public. We would need flyers, posters, online publicity, media coverage and speakers, as well as a venue and sound system etc. We would also hope to have information from BOTH sides: Sustrans as well as campaigners against such schemes. The idea is to educate people about what is proposed across UK and what concerned citizens can do. CB will liaise with CCs to gauge interest and form a subgroup.

## 13 AOB

### SVDA wrote to ERC

- Cats Eye lighting in Huntly Park: lights going out and not being replaced.** Message being passed to Neighbourhood Services who are responsible.
- Christmas Lights. Why are they still on?** They are 'winter lights' and stay until March 31<sup>st</sup>. they are very low wattage and no cost impact to local taxpayers.

No response so far. I will send again and cc in the councillors.

**Braidholm Water Work** – SVDA emailed and is still engaged in message exchanges with them as regards condition of area after work is complete. SVDA will liaise with FoHP and Joan Perry re emails from Laura at SW.

### Station Road – El Jeffes

Discussion around their painted shop wall ensued. A member of the public asked GCC to support their personal objection to the graffiti/mural. It is their understanding that the mural doesn't have planning permission and is related to the business and not commissioned by ERC. CB asked the member of the public what more we could do as Provost Montague is already investigating this issue.

### Road markings

A member of the public said these were badly faded around the area. CB said we would contact ERC but budget constraints were influencing many decisions being made.

## 10 DONM

15<sup>th</sup> May @ 7.30pm in Giffnock Library