



**Minute of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council  
5<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

| <u>Date</u>                                      | <u>Present</u>  |
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| <b>5<sup>th</sup> May<br/>2016</b>               | Rosaleen Reilly Chairperson.<br>Phil Traish vice- Chair.<br>Rena McGuire. BEM Secretary..<br>Mary Lawson.<br>Laura Hendry.<br>Donnie MacInnes.<br>William McCready.<br>Rita Connelly. |
| <b><u>Apologies</u></b>                          | Chimezie Umeh<br>Iain McCowan<br>Cllr Reilly  |
| <b>Visitors &amp;<br/>ERC Cllrs<br/>Visitors</b> |   |

1. **WELCOME** Chair – Rosaleen Reilly  
Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**  
N/A

3. **POLICE REPORT**  
Attached - (non attendance due to Elections)

**Questions & Answers**

Due to previous vandalism in Carlibar Park, last year was being monitored by Police bikers, do they intend to continue this year. There are groups now congregating in Cowan Park. Secretary to contact Police Scotland.

4. **Approval of Minutes from Previous meeting**  
Minutes approved by CCllr Lawson seconded by CCllr Connelly

5. **Matters Arising**  
Medical Assessments Officer Eddie Gray has rescheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time to attend the meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.

**Housing Repairs Service.** will require items for discussion to be forwarded prior to the meeting.

**Leisure Trust** to be invited for September, items for discussion to be forwarded before the meeting.

**Road repair:** Pot holes on Parkhouse Road just along from Parkhouse manor.

The secretary reported the problem direct to GHA for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

### **Wheel chair access taxis in East Renfrewshire,**

The decision was to continue the voluntary scheme with the addition of allowing slightly older vehicles to be licensed in an effort to increase numbers.

The report will be published soon. Full report can be found online.

There was discussion surrounding services available through Credit Unions, it was requested to contact East Renfrewshire Credit Union to ask about account services and what interest is paid to customers.

**Credit Union** The Credit Union does not pay any form of interest on accounts. As a co-operative we pay dividends.

During the past few years the Credit Union has not paid any dividends (other than to Junior Accounts) due to various regulatory demands. Going forward, once we have completed transformation, we aim to pay a return either in the form of a dividend or as an interest. This will apply to individual accounts and to corporate accounts (should the community council wish to deposit funds in the Credit Union).

### **The Circle of hands.**

We have sourced a large piece of sandstone from the Nestle site and we are having this transported to sit beside the 'hands'. We will have the plaque drilled on to the stone.

We intend to proceed with the event for the children on 12th May but I will confirm with you when we will have the event for the 'hands'. I think it looks like it will be early June but I will let you know as soon as possible.

The circle of hands sculpture, affectionally known as the *Barrhead Eye*, was created in 1994. Many groups were involved in its creation to celebrate the centenary of the town. The circle itself contained the handprints of local people with the person's initials beside the cast.

The artwork itself was removed in 2014 allowing the redevelopment of Barrhead Main Street and despite best efforts some parts of the artwork were damaged beyond repair. The handprints survived and have been re-installed here as a permanent reminder of Barrhead's past. The wording was agreed.

**Auchenback School,** work is due to start in September

**Lighting** Walk through areas at the Train station have no lights on at all at night, to follow up with Planning. This was done.

### **Barrhead Health and Care Centre signage,**

There is also a problem with reading the name of the Barrhead Health & Care Centre, it has been stated that if the letters were in black it would be better seen.

The Centre Manager, to make contact with NHS estates section to ascertain feasibility and cost of fulfilling your request.

### **Mr Elroy ( member of the public)**

Sent the photographs of the area where all the debris was, the Secretary passed this information to Cleansing with his complaint. Cleansing also visited Mr McElroy about his complaint and will monitor the situation; he also thanks The Community Council for allowing him to speak at the meeting and following up on his complaint.

### **History of Barrhead**

Portraits of former Provosts of Barrhead, Phil Daws on the request from the Community Council to have portraits of past Provost's installed, possibly in the area below the atrium in Barrhead, that was suggested, he is positive about this and is looking into making appropriate arrangements.

### **War Memorial**

The secretary organised a meeting for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Cowan Park for 2pm. CCllr McCready presented feedback of the meeting.(Minute attached) there was further discussion on seeking funding, it was agreed to source information at ERC Community Grants as this could be a joint funding opportunity with BCC. The War Memorial fund can be a lengthy process with gathering information etc. An estimate of costs for work required has been received. it was also highlighted that the seats will need to be removed as the grass cannot be cut around them.

## **6.Secretaries Report & Correspondence**

- There is a new Community Council Liaison Officer Michael Reilly, who would be delighted to meet with representatives of BCC at a time that is convenient, secretary to arrange a meeting for all CC
- Funding event to be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at Voluntary Action.
- There is a further training event in Thorntree Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm & 6pm.
- The overall view of the CC who attended were not satisfied with any of the training sessions they attended, and will no longer attend any other sessions unless they are held in Barrhead. However the presentation by Paul Holland was very good and worthwhile information given.
- I wondered if any of the community council had time to do an evaluation of the new town centre areas. It would be interesting experience and take about one hour. It's a chance for local people to give their scores on the Foundry, Health centres, Asda plaza etc. It is for my dissertation at Glasgow University which is looking at how successful the regeneration has been through the eyes of local people. I would really appreciate some local feedback. CC agreed to meet with Mark.

## **7. Chairman's Report**

Attending the Planning Sub, Attended training event in Barrhead along with other CC.

## **8. Treasurers Report**

n/a

## **9. Committee Reports:**

### **a. Health.**

The chair attended a Self directed support meeting.

There was a discussion about various services in the Health & Care Centre that need looked at or updated, it was agreed to invite Service Manager Brian Walker to a meeting.

### **b. Planning & Licensing**

- A meeting was called by the secretary for the planning sub for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in the ARC.
- I McCowan Chair, R Connelly vice chair & J McIntyre minute secretary.
- Information on the Local Plan 2 has been passed to the chair to investigate further. New meeting to be organised, Comments required by 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016

## **10. Reports from Delegates to external bodies & Misc reports**

N/A

## **11AOCB**

It was highlighted that all calls made to the Health & Care Centre cost 22 Pence per call, this was reported to the Health Centre, and the charge is made by BT.

To contact Derek McPherson to return Williams Photographs.

**Date of next meeting is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 at 7pm**

## **War Memorial**

In Attendance was William Michie Supervisor Parks, Derek McPherson Property and Technical Services and 3 community Council Representatives.

Firstly it was established that the land in general was under the responsibility of East Renfrewshire Council, so any maintainance of the monument area would fall under their remit.

It was also established that there was no specific budget to carry out any maintainance to the war memorial.

Any work being done to maintain it at the moment comes out the parks budget.

In addition to this lately area Forum money has been put in allowing us to take out the old shrub beds, re-landscape the immediate area and put in red decorative chips and new chains. There has also been 2 new war memorial benches put in by the area forum.

The parks currently maintain the soft landscape area around the monument, power wash the Monument, replant the beds, and when possible do additional upgrades.

IE, £8000 to tarmac main walk area path last year.

The person who should be contacted next

is [stuart.Free@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:stuart.Free@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk) Asset Manager, he will get authorisation from the correct people for you to apply for any external funding. Please Cc