

Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 9th October 2017

Attendance

Thomas Henderson (Chair); Andrew Tyson (Secretary); Kate Moore (Minutes);

David Macaskill; Duncan Macintyre; Steven McMEnamin

Apologies

Brian Lappin (Treasurer); Alistair Black; Eric Canning; Thomas McIlvaney;

Alexia Pellow

Ex-officio members attending

Councillor Jim McLean; Councillor Caroline Bamforth

Other attendees

Mark Brand East Renfrewshire Council; 21 members of the public

Minute

1. **Welcome to everyone in attendance.** Good to see this level of interest. Members of EWCC introduced themselves briefly. Apologies as outlined.
2. **Cala Homes Low Borland Way Waterfoot Leisure Park**
Mark Brand ERC Environmental Dept presented the park development in Waterfoot as per available diagram on CC

Facebook site. Two general consultation events to date plus one with local youth – all well attended. Proposal included 30 x 15 small all weather area for informal use (larger was *not* preferred option); leisure items used are to blend naturally with environment and easily maintained (confirmed ERC will adopt this project); access to river risk assessed and several naturally blending barriers would be included to discourage access (perimeter fence is in place already, selective low level fencing around play area, 1000 trees have been planted along river bank); community orchard; dog walking path; more accessible pathway 3M wide, tarmac; wheelchair accessible and incorporating 'Access to Countryside' standards. Mark confirmed that there were no plans for lighting other than potential low level solar powered. Some previous issues of anti social behaviour in the area before 2014 were highlighted. It appeared to be the opinion that the presence of the Cala development had stopped this and would discourage it post build as the access will be through Low Borland Way, which also over looks the site. Community Police will be updated if required. Generally view appeared to be that people of Waterfoot would welcome more play areas for local children. Timescale 6 months i.e. by Spring 2018. Budget previously £150K – now stands at £135K. Some discussion regarding monies spent to date. Mark advised all accounted for per usual procedures. Thanks extended to Mark for attending and to members of the public for a lively discussion.

3. Previous minutes (11.9.17)

Proposed as accurate:- David Macaskill; Seconded:- Steven McMenamin.

Matters arising:- Brief overview of the minutes and report on progress made to date provided by the Secretary; opportunities for co-option of additional members of CC highlighted; clarification to be sought regarding the route of the 395 East Kilbride to Neilston during the period the road is closed to ensure Eaglesham is still covered. This will be reported on at the next CC meeting.

4. Treasurer's report

In the absence of the Treasurer, it was confirmed by the chair that the financial position remained unchanged (£238.50 administration grant from ERC). Also highlighted CC has been approached by 'Infinity' group offering sponsorship under their corporate responsibility program. Clarification on the position re this has been sought from ERC.

5. Mission statement

Purpose outlined by Chair. Some suggestions made. To be agreed by next meeting.

6. Subgroups/reports

Duncan Macintyre will attend the quarterly meetings for Whitelee Access Group and report back as required. There are further sub groups/committees being formed that will cover, Policing, Health, Housing, Social care and Veterans. More will follow as the CC develops.

Crime

Police report and community priorities outlined by Chair – also available on EWCC Facebook page. Police representative will be requested to attend in the stead of the Sgt Morgenthaler as Mondays currently are not suitable for him. Councillor Bamforth advised that police reps attend another CC regularly and it is very helpful. EWCC may consider alternative evenings for meetings to facilitate this in due course. The local policing plan was discussed in some detail – link to this is on our Facebook page within the police report. Recent anonymous concerns raised with EWCC this was passed to the police/councillors. Councillor Bamforth has also raised the issues with the police. She highlighted that people can raise concerns anonymously if they wish via Crime Stoppers and Community Wardens.

7. Planning and development

The Chair read the CC's formal response to the current Gladman planning application submitted that reflected the objections raised by the community to date (available on Facebook page). As far as the CC were aware there had been NO local support for the project. The CC in the letter also corrected inaccurate information concerning bus routes covering the area which was used to support the application. A Taylor Wimpey development next to Eaglesham Primary School was raised by concerned residents. As per the ERC Main Issues Report on the Facebook site the CC is aware this land has been identified for potential housing development. The Local Development Plan 2 will confirm their decision. However the CC believes there is no current planning application in progress. The Chair advised that several members of the

CC were attending a ERC planning training event on the 26th of October. Covers planning processes intended to help the CC be prepared in the longer term to reflect the concerns of the local community. It was highlighted by Councillor McLean that even if ERC do not agree to a development application, this could be referred to the Scottish Govt Reporter and ERC's decision (s) could be over-ruled. Other options have been taken forward in some areas to preserve their rural nature such as 'community buyouts' through community trusts. There is further information on the CC Facebook site regarding this. The Gladman proposal in Waterfoot remains 'green belt' to date.

8. **4A bus service.**

Councillor Jim McLean has spoken with First Bus who advised him the decision to reduce the service route was not finance driven but about time taken on the route v their own schedules. Suggested by those in attendance that a smaller bus may be more appropriate. Councillor McLean agreed to follow this up. It was also noted that the 395 links parts of ERC but is not frequent enough. There is no decent direct bus route to the new Eastwood Medical centre. Further discussion with Rural Wisdom group was suggested by the CC that may be helpful in trying to progress this – secretary will follow this up. Councillor Bamforth noted that there is a dial My Bus a community bus service available as required on MyBus telephone No 0345 125 9953 – or http://www.spt.co.uk/cms/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/MyBusService_M15.pdf

9. AOCB.

Safety issues at Belle Craig roundabout following recent accident when a car crashed down the embankment.

'Connect' who maintain this road advised councillor McLean of there only being three accidents ever reported. It was highlighted that most accidents are not notifiable to the police therefore figures will not be accurately reflecting problems at the roundabout. Councillor McLean will raise the possibility of safety barriers at the underpass with ERC as requested and potential for traffic lights. He has also asked the community to report any accidents directly to him as evidence he can use. This can be done on the CC Facebook site or directly on jim.mclean@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

- An area at Brackenrigg Crescent steps required ERC garden services to tidy it up as it was overgrown. Councillor McLean will raise this. He advised ERC cut the area 4 times per year and one more cut was due in 2017.
- Post office. Several concerns by local residents were raised. Noted that Mr Jackson Carlaw MSP and Mr Paul Masterton MP have a meeting organised with the Post Office following its recent closure. The CC will ask for feedback to report at next meeting.
- Broadband speed and accessibility. This was noted as particularly poor in some areas. Informed by Councillor McLean that three further phases are being rolled out. Two Openreach boxes have also been erected at the Orry. ERC have now insisted any new developments must have full Broadband access. Greater coverage is also an aim for the Scottish

Government in the long term. CC has posted a Broadband link on the Facebook site that allows people to input their address and find out exactly what is available.

- Eglinton Drive – state of the road, which serves the local school, Bowling/Social club and housing. Councillor McLean advised he has previously raised this with ERC without success but will do so again.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm. The Chair thanked all in attendance for contributing to the discussion, to Councillors Jim McLean and Caroline Bamforth for their support and to Mark Brand ERC and all who attended for their contribution.

Next meeting:- 7pm Mon 13th Nov 2017, Committee Rm, Montgomery Hall