

Eglesham and Waterfoot Community Council

Agreed minutes of meeting held on Monday 13th November 2017

Attendance

Thomas Henderson (Chair); Brian Lappin (Treasurer); Kate Moore (Minutes); David Macaskill; Duncan Macintyre; Thomas McIlvaney; Steven McMenamin; Alexia Pellowe.

Ex-officio members attending

Councillor Jim McLean.

Apologies

Andrew Tyson (Secretary); Alistair Black; Eric Canning (Resigned); Councillor Caroline Bamforth; Councillor Jim Swift; Daniel McKendry (for Co-option)

Other attendees

7 members of the public; Judi Ritchie (for Co-option)

Minutes

1. **Welcome** to everyone in attendance including Councillor McLean.

Apologies noted as above

2. **Minutes of 9th Oct 17.**

Amendments as follows:-

Treasurers report in his absence had been inaccurate as there had been an additional amount carried forward from the previous Community Council. See Treasurers report below;

Councillor Swift advised he *had* been in attendance. Duly noted.

Matters arising:-

Mission statement had been agreed and added to the website – ‘To work in partnership to create a more informed, supported and connected community for all’;

As Waterfoot Play Area plan had been largely agreed at the Oct meeting Mark Brand of ERC advised work should commence early 2018 and he would keep us advised of progress;

Gladman planning application in Waterfoot remains ongoing. Significant number of objections received including Community Councils;
Confirmation that 395 bus to East Kilbride is running through Eaglesham via Mid Road and, from there, to the bypass whilst the road is closed.

Adoption of minutes:- Proposed B Lappin; Seconded D Macintyre.

- 3. Treasurers report.** Balance at last meeting £497.41. Suggestion box had been purchased for the library which David Macaskill has undertaken to empty once or twice weekly. Current balance now £467.45.

Adoption of report:- Proposed S McMEnamin; Seconded D Macaskill.

- 4. Social Media report.** Thanks extended to Tommy McIlvaney for his work on setting up the website and maintaining Facebook page. He reported website has been running for 1 month. Good interest initially- now tailed off. Please encourage local people to use it. Facebook page fairly well used. Potential for TWITTER account as a further useful way to reach people – agreed (**ACTION:- TMcl**). Other communication methods discussed:- minutes and relevant info in library (**Action:-DMacaskill**); posting on 'Eglesham Grapevine' Facebook page (**Action:-AP, monthly before meetings**); members of the public agreed to display minutes Carswell Hall and local churches (**Action:-D Macintyre/T Mcl**).

- 5. Secretary's report.** Andy Tyson was unable to attend. It was noted he had originally taken on the role for 2 months which was now up. The Chair suggested Kate Moore now take on this role. **Proposed:- Alexia Pellowe; Seconded:- Andy Tyson.**

The Chair also suggested that it would be helpful to have a Vice Chair to cover meetings at times and that Tommy McIlvaney had previously indicated interest. He had also made a significant contribution to date.

Proposed:- D Macaskill; Seconded:- B. Lappin.

- 6. Co-options.**

Judi Ritchie had fulfilled ERC requirements for this. She provided a brief outline of her connections with and hopes for the community.

Proposed:-K Moore; Seconded:- D Macintyre. Majority vote - agreed.

Daniel McKendry fulfilled requirements also. His statement outlined long connection with Eaglesham and professional background with ERC over 25 years, including planning. Wishes to contribute to community.

Proposed: S McMennamin; Seconded: T McIlvaney. Majority vote agreed.

1 further expression of interest in membership had been received and would be considered at December meeting.

7. Feedback from meetings and subgroups.

Several members of CC had attended useful training by ERC's Planning Dept. Presentation will be posted on social media **(Action:-TH)**;

Chair, Treasurer and Secretary all hope to attend Rural Wisdom Event for older people this Thursday in Carswell Hall and will feedback;

Current subgroups for CC are:- Policing/Housing (TMcl/BL); Health and Family (AP); Social Care (KM); Veterans (TH/AT). It was suggested that a general 'catch all' subgroup may be required covering environmental issues such as roads, access to paths, planning, broadband (which have already arisen) and related matters such as dog fouling, etc.

Also potentially one for securing additional funding. It was agreed that these would be considered when sufficient demand arises.

Noted that patients of the Eaglesham Dental Practice had informed us that 2 of their dentists would now only take private patients. (However, since then a circular has been sent by the practice reassuring their NHS patients that they would *not* need to change to a private dental plan.)

Policing report (TMcl):- posted on social media. Spraypainting incident – no feedback and no CCTV available; members of public advised of white van reportedly in village with driver trying doors of houses but police appearing 'not interested'. TMcl to liaise with police contact but public should try to note registration no if they can so that action is possible.

He also encouraged people to read the info on the report re Neighbourhood Watch and let CC know if this is something of interest.

8. Councillors update (Councillor McLean)

Police attended last ERC council meeting and keen to support communities. We should aim for attendance at CC meetings

(Action:TMcl); Incident whereby ERC had paid fraudulent invoices – concern re lack of communication with local members re this. Been followed up and money retrieved; Whitelee Fund – 2 projects successful (£6000 to Bowling Club for lawn mowers/equipment and £20,000 to TREE for replacement bridge on Orry to rear of hotel); Head of Roads for ERC will liaise with Connect re concerns raised about safety at Belle Craig roundabout; State of roads at Eglinton Drive and Park Cres raised. No funding available for this financial year. *Might* be considered for next year (no guarantee); pavement falling away at Brackenrigg Cres, Waterfoot, also raised; potential for 1-way system at shops due to congestion at times –being considered but funding may not be available; a member of the public highlighted the difficulty getting across the zebra crossing at the shops due to drivers not stopping. Councillor McLean will raise this including potential for 20 MPH speed limit in the area. He had previously done so for Polnoon/Montgomery streets without success; has spoken to Head of Housing regarding recent drug death and allocation of 1 bedroom houses beside pensioners with potential for similar difficulties arising. General advice is that neighbours must report incidents of concerns (such as lots of people calling, etc) to housing and the police via tel no 101 (Crime Stoppers – can be anonymous) . TMcl advised that housing allocation is strictly legislated and allocation of any housing is based on need. First bus ‘monitoring’ situation since route changed. Agreed to formally invite a rep to next meeting **(Action:-TH)**; Community Development Trust is seeking members also – info will be posted on social media **(Action:- TH)**.

9. East Renfrewshire Council Budget consultation.

Booklets circulated. There is an online consultation which everyone is encouraged to complete.

Sec 1 Early Years:- AP had left the meeting at this stage. See comment above re local dentist. Any other comments welcomed directly via ERC consultation or to AP at ewcchealth@gmail.com.

Sec 2 – Life, learning and work. General points raised were:- concerns re schools being oversubscribed; Head Teachers invited to meeting but

declined (as they are employers of ERC comment could be difficult); 1 retired HT had feedback concerns re music tuition savings (on social media); members of public who were present advised that parents generally fill the gaps by use of tutors, paying more for music tuition, etc which seems unfair and not everyone financially able to do so; noted that ERC has least debt amongst councils and recent Audit Report (available on their website) indicates often underspent; concern re reduction in general Classroom Assistants with potential impact on discipline along with further demands on teaching staff themselves (Note:- does NOT apply to pupils with additional support needs); member of public advised that schools not always acknowledging when bullying arises which means it can continue on with impact on discipline. Councillor McLean advised about the mechanics of the East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Trust which oversees libraries, halls, community leisure facilities, etc overall. Main advantage of trusts is they do not pay VAT. Councillor McLean highlighted that local communities not inclined to assume responsibility for facilities as ERC does not offer a transition period and it is quite a daunting task. Current consultation document outlines options being considered. Ultimately decisions will be made by the current ER political administration. People may influence this by lobbying, completing the survey individually and/or via groups.

Sec 3. Economy and Environment. This is topic for discussion at budget conversation meeting this Tues evening (different topics being discussed at different sessions as far as we are aware. Chair and Secretary hope to attend. Will feedback in due course. It was highlighted that this section covers proposed savings in budget for Aids and Adaptation such as rails, showers to help people remain independent in their own homes.

Sec 4. Safer, supported Communities. Role of Community Wardens discussed and potential increase in calls to police if this preventative service is reduced.

Sec 5 Older People. Secretary outlined new arrangements for areas of social care such as older people, people with learning disabilities, mental

ill health, etc. Now a Health and Social Care Partnership between ERC and Greater Glasgow Health Board. Reps from both bodies, elected members and service user reps form the Integrated Joint Board (management board) for the partnership which will make the detailed decisions about savings. Subject to a separate consultation process and we will keep up to date and communicate what's happening. Public encouraged to give their views when invited. General discussion.

10. Planning matters. 8 potential development areas outlined in ERC's Local Development Plan (see this on ERC's website). Gladman's Waterfoot application is only one 'live' just now. Also info re Land Development Funds on CC Facebook page.

Councillor McLean highlighted there had been a no of trees planted a long time ago in the Orry (Polnoon St/Glendinging St area) as a memorial to fallen soldiers. There is no plaque and it is being forgotten about. He wondered if CC would explore this via Historical Society with a view to a plaque being erected, subject being reintroduced in local schools, etc. Big Lottery Funding could be available for a short period. **(Action:TH/AT).** Permission of local 'Feu-ers'. **(Action:TH/ Coun McLean)**

11. Invitation to members of the public to raise issues. Closure of Post Office raised. PO (company) seeking relocation in a shop with longer hours (that would be Scotmid or RS McColls). Duncan Macintyre had liaised with MSPs Paul Masterton and Jackson Carlaw and it appeared both shops had declined. It was agreed that CC write formally to external management of both citing social responsibility and potential benefits of agreeing to this in terms of trade, etc **(Action:- TH)**

12. AOCB. Tommy McIlvaney advised CC website will cost about £30 pa. Agreed 1 year. **Proposed: Tommy McIlvaney; Seconded: David Mccaskill.** Chair thanked all for attending and contributions. Meeting closed 20.48.

Next meeting:- Mon 11th Dec 7pm. Montgomery Hall. Usual room.