

Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council

Draft minute of meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018

Attendance

Tam Henderson (Chair); Kate Moore (Secretary); Brian Lappin (Treasurer); Duncan Macintyre; Alexia Pellowe (present from 7.45); Andy Tyson.

Co-opted members attending:- Judi Ritchie

Ex-officio members attending:- Councillor Jim McLean.

Apologies

David Macaskill; Steven McMenamain; Councillor Caroline Bamforth; Councillor Jim Swift; Lynne Johnstone (Co-opted member).

Other attendees

5 members of the public; Vincent McCulloch, ERC CC Liaison Officer.

Minute

- 1. Welcome** was extended to all in attendance and Vincent McCulloch was introduced as ERC liaison officer who periodically attends CC meetings. The Chair highlighted that Tommy McIlvaney, Vice Chair, and Daniel McKendry, recently co-opted member, have resigned and that Andy Tyson will now be the CC rep for policing and related matters.
- 2. Previous minutes** – no amendments required.
- 3. Previous minutes.** Matters arising:- it was agreed that it would be helpful to nominate 1 member for ongoing liaison with Jackson Carlaw MSP and Paul Masterton MP regarding both the First Direct bus service and the Post Office. As Duncan Macintyre has already been doing so, he agreed that he would undertake this for the future and feedback as required (**Action:- DMacl**); it was noted that the constantly leaking water in Montgomery Street has been resolved; it was agreed to purchase a further 'suggestion box' for the Medical Centre (**Action:- BL**) with regular checks being undertaken (**Action:- JR**) and that location of both boxes be highlighted via social media (**Action:- TH**).

Adoption of the Dec minute proposed:- Andy Tyson; Seconded:- Judi Ritchie. Carried by majority show of hands.

4. Treasurers report. Balance currently £377.50 before purchase of additional suggestion box. IDs for bank account all submitted but Treasurer experiencing difficulty in liaising with the bank over the holiday period to confirm account active. He would continue to do so.

Adoption of report proposed:- K Moore; Seconded:- D. Macintyre.

Vincent McCulloch advised that the next grant from ERC is due in 12 weeks for the period commencing 1st April. Accounts would be due for the AGM which would be prior to the next grant being released.

Suggestions for potential future expenditure could be:- provision of notice boards, a local Newsletter, an event bringing local community group reps together to coordinate efforts and develop a directory of community services. Councillor Mclean highlighted that Whitelee Windfarm Fund had previously paid for refurbishment of the existing notice board in front of Montgomery Hall. It was also highlighted that the notice boards at 'The Avenue' shopping arcade are free for community notices. Duncan Macintyre advised that the Outlook newsletter was produced annually and might be helpful for publicising the CC other than via social media. Also perhaps fliers via the annual Beer Festival. (Noted Eaglesham Fayre not due again until 2019.)

5. Police Report. Reply from Police Scotland to Paul Masterton MP/Jackson Carlaw MSP regarding break-in at Riverside Rd, Waterfoot, was read. (Available on FB page). It highlights circumstances around the incident and the police response to it. Also outlines efforts by police to communicate with the local community including attending CC meetings. To date there had not been police attendance at any EWCC meetings. It was suggested that quarterly attendance along with monthly police reports would be sufficient. Police report for previous period available on social media. Policing rep noted that there had been no significant issues. There was no reference to an alleged stabbing incident but this could possibly be if it were an ongoing investigation. A member of the public noted that there did not appear to be much visible police presence in the area. There was a general discussion regarding how to handle these issues, particularly use of social media. Councillor Mclean suggested that, in his experience, direct discussion with the police rep was usually sufficient for them to follow up. Vincent McCulloch agreed that it was a useful role for CCs to liaise as required with relevant agencies but individuals should not be able to be

identified from social media postings. It was agreed that if a police rep had been available this matter may not have arisen as it could have been raised directly at the time. Councillor Mclean and the Chair to liaise with Police Scotland regarding police attendance at meetings. **(Action:- TH/JMcL).**

Vincent McCulloch also highlighted that at a forthcoming event for CC members there would be a presentation about Neighbourhood Watch and this might be a topic for a future agenda. **(Action:- TH).**

6. Councillors report. Councillor Mclean advised there had been little committee activity due to the holiday period. There had been an incident whereby members of the public refused to leave the public gallery and police had been called. Discussion regarding budget position remains ongoing. Central government are reliant upon another party (Greens) for support and this may be favourable for local government. Elected members vote is 1st March. For the Integrated Joint Board (covering decisions re Health and Social Care Partnership) decisions would be subject to a vote by nominated voting members. They are usually nominated by the current administration. Councillor Bamforth is Chair of IJB and Councillor Swift is also a member. ERC's Audit and Scrutiny Committee monitors decision making processes by boards. Roads issue – road maintenance overall had been far down the list of priorities identified by people who had responded to the budget consultation, apart from Community Councils and Tenants groups. 8 cul de sacs and 1 pavement off Bonnyton Drive are currently being repaired as well as Craighlaw. There had been a short list of roads for the public to vote on but not clear how that list was agreed.

7. Members of the public invited to raise issues. Previously the CC sent the next few dates for inclusion in the parish church's magazine but this had not happened recently. This would restart. **(Action:- DMacintyre);** It was noted that the Bowling Club also has a notice board and this could be a way of publicising meetings. **(Action:- AP);** the ongoing position regarding the bus service provided by 1st Bus was raised and it was noted that Scottish Government had recently discussed allocating specific monies to rural areas to subsidise bus routes. It was suggested again that the CC formally invite a 1st Bus rep along to a public meeting. However, they are under no obligation to attend **(Action:- TH).**

8. CC members were invited to speak on current priorities.

KM, Secretary, raised issues around communication and the commitments given at the local Rural Wisdom event (see Agenda Item 4) and taking these forward prior to the AGM. Although an Annual Report is not required she felt it would be a useful way of updating the public about actions taken forward. She also felt it would be useful to have a 'development type' session for the CC to ensure clarity for members about their role and a consistent approach to communication. Also queried if the subgroups worked and should perhaps be reviewed.

JR highlighted the state of local roads and pavements and asked Councillor Mclean how we could best raise these matters. He advised individual complaints, link to report potholes on ERC website and via local Councillors are probably the most effect ways.

AP raised the lack of community groups listed on the CC website under families and children and that this needed to be updated to encourage people to access them. The Chair advised of his intention to compile a database of groups with a view to bringing them together (Item 4) **(Action:- AP/TH)**. Permission is required before publicising any group.

DMacI raised the importance of encouraging people to use local shops and other facilities as there had been the loss of the Greengrocers and others were possibly vulnerable. He suggested this is not just about shopping but is also about social contact. He also updated the meeting regarding bike hire now available at Whitelee Windfarm including electric bikes and that 'the weavers' trail' (Eaglesham to Darvel) is progressing with the 2nd point now being signposted, wet but accessible.

AT reminded the group we had all joined to make a difference and help retain the benefits of the local environment. Facebook page had been established to enable members of the community to raise matters that were important to them eg policing, roads, dog fouling, etc. He felt there could be logistical difficulties with other forms of communication such as a newsletter and emphasised the power of people talking to each other about the CC, perhaps bringing another person along to meetings. There was a discussion regarding availability of dog bins - specific bins around the Orry but advice is the ordinary waste bins can be used.

BL was hopeful that our recent new member would take a particular interest in Broadband provision as this was important. He agreed that an Action Plan was needed to move actions forward (Item 4) and this should be completed within the next month or so.

9. **AOCB.** A member of the public raised concern regarding people with issues being housed close to vulnerable elderly people and whether local police would have a view on that. Councillor McLean advised it is unlikely they would give an opinion but that the CC should continue to liaise with the local police rep as required if concerns arise. People were also encouraged to complete the section which highlights local priorities via the link on the Police Report (on social media) and that it was important for local people to raise any specific concerns they may have to the police and local Councillors. He also highlighted that Age Concern had been successful in securing funding for another minibus and that the BB minibus can be used for other community groups if necessary after training has been completed.

Councillor McLean also advised that Eric Canning who had been a longstanding member of the previous CC and an active member of the community for over 30 years had recently passed away and that sympathy was extended to his family circle.

The Secretary advised that a consultation around future planning arrangements is available on CC social media and closes 2nd Feb. Also one regarding airspace over Glasgow and surrounding area - changes to flight paths could attract funding for the areas involved.

**Everyone in attendance was thanked for their contribution.
Meeting ended at 8.45.**

NEXT MEETING:- 7PM MON 12TH FEBRUARY 2018