

Eglesham and Waterfoot Community Council

Adopted minute of meeting held on Monday 11th December 2017

Attendance

Tam Henderson (Chair); Tommy McIlvaney (Vice Chair); Kate Moore (Secretary); Brian Lappin (Treasurer); David Macaskill; Steven McMenamin; Andy Tyson

Co-opted members attending:- Daniel McKendry; Judi Ritchie

Ex-officio members attending:- Councillor Caroline Bamforth attended 8pm.

Apologies

Duncan Macintyre; Alexia Pellowe; Councillor Jim McLean; Councillor Jim Swift.

Other attendees

10 members of the public including Kate Robertson (Rural Wisdom) and 4 members of TREE; Lynne Johnstone (for Co-option).

Minute

- 1. Welcome** was extended to everyone in attendance and, in particular, to the 2 new co-opted members (Daniel McKendry and Judi Ritchie) and to Lynne Johnstone who was seeking co-option. **Apologies noted, above.**
- 2. Rural Wisdom (Kate Robertson).** Fliers with general info distributed. Chair, Secretary and Treasurer had attended Rural Wisdom's recent local event and welcomed the opportunity to meet and hear the views of some local older people and representatives of local groups. Kate R highlighted that this had been the best attended of their local events with 35 to 40 participants and had resulted in identifying local issues and an Action Plan. A booklet presenting key themes should be available mid January and would be circulated. Rural Wisdom had also held their 'National Gathering' locally and both Ann McNair representing TREE and Kate Moore as Secretary had been in attendance for the purposes of info sharing and learning from other rural areas. Common areas had been identified and potential actions to take forward. Examples were improving communication and possible use by TREE of a 'street audit'.

- 3. Minutes of 13th November** – it was noted at Item 5 (Secretary’s report) that a member of the public had seconded Kate Moore to the Secretary’s role and that this required to be a voting member of the Council. **Initially proposed:- A. Pellowe; now seconded:- A. Tyson.**
Adoption of minutes:- **Proposed: D.Macaskill; Seconded:T. McIlvaney.**
- 4. Treasurers report.** Recent expenditure for ‘Spanglefish’ website provider. Remaining balance now £377.50. Bank account awaiting 1 set of ID before being opened.**Proposed: S McMEnamin; Seconded:J Ritchie**
- 5. Secretarys report.** Attended 2 Rural wisdom events which had identified a number of common interests such as communication. Budget Panel event – each evening had focused on 1 section of the report. The evening to which we had been invited covered areas like:- homelessness provision; community warden service; roads and pavements; budget for Aids and Adaptations (for older people and others with physical disabilities). Overall report from all the evenings would be available mid Jan. The consultation itself is now closed. Secretary had agreed to complete the ‘Bus Survey’ on behalf of EWCC and incorporating comments which had been made by local people. Link had been available on Facebook page. Chair, Stevie McMEnamin and local MSP had all written to First Bus regarding the reduction in route. This would be followed up in writing prior to the Jan meeting (**Action:- TH**). Secretary advised that ERC purchase public liability insurance on behalf of all local community councils. Policy available for scrutiny (**Action:- BL**).
- 6. Vice Chair report.**
Social Media - Facebook page now has 420 members. Twitter remains very low – please encourage others to use it.
Police report. Had followed up with police liaison re white van and driver trying doors in the area. Had been raised at last meeting as having been reported to police without follow up. Police liaison confirmed that no such report had been logged over last 8 weeks. Advises to do so if required. See Police Report for the previous month on Facebook page. Regarding incident of attempted break-in (Waterfoot), Jackson Carlaw MSP and Paul Masterton MP had written to police advising of concerns. Reply pending. Councillor Bamforth advised that break-ins at this time of year tended to be opportunistic but were still upsetting for those affected. Police advise about not having Xmas gifts etc in sight, including in cars. Discussion re value of CCTV - can be patchy and of limited value.

Further info about Neighbourhood Watch could be useful for people to consider.

- 7. Scottish Land Fund.** Presentation by Tony Crosby, Big Lottery Fund, will be available on EWCC Facebook page. General discussion followed in respect of its application to local sites such as the area in Waterfoot currently subject to planning application and the potential 'earmarking' of others. Neilston's 'charter' was highlighted as a good example of how communities had been pro-active in securing sites for development. Stage 1 of the process covers feasibility and basic option appraisal.
- 8. Co-option.** A request to become a co-opted member of EWCC had been received from Lynn Johnston who fulfils required criteria and whose statement had been circulated to members within the required timescale. Lynn provided brief information about her connection with the local area and particular interests, in particular Broadband availability. **Proposed: K Moore; Seconded: D Macaskill; majority vote.**
- 9. TREE.** 4 members were in attendance and provided a brief history and ethos for the group. Had been established about 6 years ago on a voluntary basis with a desire to improve the local environment and foster community spirit. The impact of their work was now being more widely appreciated. They had undertaken their own fundraising and secured bids for:- providing and maintaining planters; coordinating periodic cleaning of local areas; providing benches in several locations; latterly significant funding for a new 'kissing bridge' in the Orry including improved accessibility. TREE hoped to be involved in any efforts to improve local communication, better coordinate activities of various local groups and activities (perhaps via a directory); consultation with the community to support an Eaglesham and Waterfoot 'charter' for the future. Proceeds from this year's Eaglesham Memories calendar would go to support their work. TREE were commended for all their efforts.
- 10. Councillors report.** Councillor Bamforth highlighted high response rate and good outcomes for Waterfoot roads from local consultation; hoped for favourable response from the budget consultation; central government budget for ERC area would be announced shortly; encourages members of the community to contact the police as required and to consider inviting Neighbourhood Watch rep to a future meeting; Councillor Bamforth is on the Integrated Joint Board for the

Health and Social Care Partnership. Although overall figure for savings in this category is already agreed, the detail of those savings is subject to decision making. She highlighted that Bonnyton House is to remain open, albeit in a slightly different form, whilst Mearns Kirk is to close.

- 11. Planning matters.** Chair highlighted that Gladman appeal is ongoing. Work is commencing early 2018 on Waterfoot play area as discussed at previous meeting. EWCC will update on planning matters as necessary.
- 12. Members of the public raising any other matters.** Salt provision in the area during the recent icy period is not always sufficient. Contact details for ERC are on EWCC website for any issues. Constantly leaking water in Montgomery Street which then freezes – contact for Scottish Water to be posted on Facebook page (**Action:- TH**); traffic calming measures in some areas – Councillor McLean would be following this up on his return
- 13. AOCB.** Poor usage of local library highlighted as a potential threat to its viability. Members of the community are encouraged to visit and take out books. To be added to Facebook page (**Action: T Mcl**). Other potential uses were discussed but the library's limited space makes this problematic. Suggestions would be welcomed. CC Suggestion box so far has not been successful. Perhaps relocating it or another box to the medical centre would be worth trying (**Action: T.Mcl**). Secretary suggested that communication/consultation be on next agenda, given that this was a common theme for TREE, Rural Wisdom and Community Councils generally.

**Everyone in attendance was thanked for their contribution.
Meeting ended at 9.05pm.**

NEXT MEETING:-7pm Mon 8th January 2018, Montgomery Hall