

## Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2018

### **Attendance**

Tam Henderson (Chair); Brian Lappin (Treasurer); David Macaskill; Steven McMenamin; Andy Tyson; Ailsa Burns; Duncan Macintyre.

**Ex-officio members attending:** - Councillor Jim McLean.

### **Apologies**

Judi Ritchie.

### **Other attendees**

Police Scotland Local Problem – Sgt Jim Boyle and PC David McLean from Barrheads problem solving team.

### **Minute**

1. **Welcome** was extended to everyone in attendance.
2. **Chairpersons AGM Report (attached).** Vote in new secretary Ailsa Burns. Proposed by Duncan Macintyre, seconded by Brian Lappin – carried. Re-election of Tam Henderson as Chair, proposed by Brian Lappin, seconded by David Macaskill – carried. Re-election of Brian Lappin as Treasurer, proposed by Tam Henderson seconded by Steven McMenamin – carried.
3. **Police Report.** Sgt Jim Boyle proceeded to read the police report out. He advised those present that the police worked on priorities that the ERC community feed into Police Scotland by way of feedback and online submissions requests. He pointed out how to do this on line - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CXH85XJ> He stated that ERC was predominantly the lowest crime area in Scotland.

Issues raised to the policing team.

- a. Picketlaw littering.
- b. Aisha the lost dog.
- c. Speeding.
- d. Parking at EPS.

Sgt Boyle offered advice on each matter to individuals present.

4. **Treasurer's report.** Accounts independently submitted by the treasurer show a remaining balance of £342.22. Proposed by David Macaskill, seconded: Andy Tyson – carried.

**5. Councillors Report.** Cllr McLean made a number of comments/suggestions.

- a. EWCC should consider setting up a meeting with Jane Corrie ERC road and transportation controller to discuss local issues.
- b. Litter collection – local groups can contact ERC refuse dept. and arrange collection of any litter by them. The dept. will also issue bags and other materials to help.
- c. EPS - Parking local wardens can be asked by EPS to patrol the school.
- d. Planning – He would not be voting on the new restaurant planning vote as it is a relative.

**6. Planning.** Members of the community voiced concern about the planning application for a new restaurant in the village. The proposed site is currently a garage workshop. The concerns were the look of the planned build and that it would have no parking facilities. Cllr McLean advised people on how to object. Note – there were also a number of supporting posts on the CC FB site in favour of the planning application.

**7. Broad Band.** Gordon Davidson, who is looking at setting up a community group on BB, spoke on the following, “Broadband speeds where I live in Eaglesham are poor. If people have a similar issue I’m very keen in pursuing a community-funded solution via joint funding from Openreach. I’m speaking specifically in regard to Fibre To The Premise (fttp) that delivers speeds up to 330mbps. I work within the industry which should enable me to drive and answer many questions but essentially I would be looking for help in driving initial interest and subsequent support to decide feasibility? There are voucher schemes available to local schools, business and residents under certain criteria”.

**8. AOCB.** Nil

Everyone in attendance was thanked.  
Meeting ended at 9pm.

**NEXT MEETING: 7pm Tue 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2018**

# **EAGLESHAM and WATERFOOT**

## **COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

#### **Annual General Meeting**

**15<sup>th</sup> of May 2018**

This is Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Councils (EWCC) first AGM and Chairperson's report. The Community Council was incorporated in September 2018. Members have been involved with a number of community focused issues and have been instrumental in supporting our residents on matters ranging from new build planning to lost post office services. EWCC continues to find its feet and deliver for example a better-structured meeting schedule to allow community stakeholders such as Police Scotland to attend regularly. I have covered some of the local issues in this report that EWCC have been involved in over last eight months. We have gained new members and some have moved on as expected in voluntary work of this kind. All have been instrumental in overcoming the challenges of developing a new community council. Present and past members are sincerely thanked for their commitment and support to the local community. As are our regularly attending councillors Caroline Bamforth and Jim McLean.

#### **Planning.**

Gladman Group submitted planning permission in early 2017 for a new development of 200 houses in Waterfoot. This was the second application after a first was withdrawn in 2014. This further development application was proposing to build on green belt land in the local community. The "Council Planning Consultation Response" from EWCC to ERC planning, on behalf of the community - who submitted over 500 objections - sets out the formal response. The letter was submitted by ERC to the Reporter as part of the overall objection to Gladman Groups appeal. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2018 the appeal was dismissed and the planning application rejected. The Chair also supported Barrhead Community Council in their successful objection to another Gladman application on greenbelt land in their community.

#### **Waterfoot New Leisure Park.**

Very soon after its incorporation EWCC wrote to ERC requesting an update on the CALA Homes funding of £150,000.00. This was given to the council to allow it to build a new park after the original had been demolished for new housing development in Low Borland Way. The local community raised concerns with EWCC that they believed the money was being wasted on consultation costs to canvass local opinion. Mr Mark Brand from ERC Environmental Dept. contacted the Chairman to update EWCC. Funds remaining were £135,000.00 after consultation fees. EWCC

invited Mr Brand to present the new park plans to the local community. The presentation was very well received. ERC thereafter progressed to building the new park. This is due to complete by the end of 2018. A great success for the local community using EWCC as a conduit to East Renfrewshire Council on a matter that had stalled for several years.

### **Crime.**

EWCC has not had a local policing team present at meetings since its incorporation. Unfortunately we have not been able to address the local communities concerns about crime in the area as well as we would have liked. Members kindly agreed to move monthly meetings to the 2nd Tuesday of every month. This has allowed the police to attend from May 2018. Speeding has been the most discussed issue on our social media sites with over 400 local residents engaging with their concerns.

### **Post Office.**

Members continue to canvass our local MP, MSP and local businesses concerning the loss of Eaglesham Post Office and the impact on the local community. This has been compounded by the closure of Busby, Clarkston and now Broom P.O. To date the good news is that Busby has re-opened. Our elected officials continue to support our local community in an attempt to reach a favourable solution.

### **First Bus 4A.**

EWCC have corresponded over several months with First Group Managing Director Mr Andrew Jarvis, elected officials and the local community, concerning the route for the number 4A bus. We will continue to do so as long as the community demand a reinstatement of the polnoon leg. The removal has adversely affected many within the community. The formal response from Mr Jarvis is below.

### **Our Ref: 17/108711**

*Dear Mr McMenamin*

*Thank you for your email dated 11 December about the route followed by our service 4A in Eaglesham.*

*I can confirm that the decision we made in 2016 to cease travelling to the terminus via Polnoon Street and Montgomery Street was part of a package of measures at both ends of route 4/4A that were put in place with a view to addressing the cost of operating the service. I really am sorry for any inconvenience that has been caused by the revised route of the service but I'm afraid we do not have any plans to reinstate the former route followed by service 4A in Eaglesham.*

*Thank you once again for contacting me about this and I'm sorry I don't have better news for you on this occasion. If we do decide at some point in the future to consider enhancing our current level of service in Eaglesham, we will certainly contact the community council with a view to discussing our proposals.*

*I hope my reply is helpful to you and if there's anything else you'd like to raise with me, please do not hesitate to get in touch again.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Andrew Jarvis*

*Managing Director*

### **Roads.**

After speeding, the condition of our local roads has caused enormous concern amongst the local community. Our social media site received over 400 engagements on the issue. EWCC has engaged with our local councillors on the matter and ERC. Cllr Jim McLean has spent much time on the matter with some success.

### **Final Point.**

May I take this opportunity to thank members of our local community for their support and attendance at our monthly meetings, at one meeting we had over 50 attend. EWCC Face Book site has 556 active members and rising, which is superb. We hope to continue to offer our support and time as volunteers to Eaglesham and Waterfoot community.

Tam Henderson

Chairman

EWCC