

# Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council

Online, 7pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## 1) Welcome & apologies.

**Present:** David Williamson, Niall Rachman, David McAskill, Duncan McIntyre, Ailsa Burns, Christine Balloch, Freya Young, Cllr Caroline Bamforth, Cllr Jim McLean.

**Guests:** Donald Beveridge, Cllr Colm Merrick, MP Kirsten Oswald

**Apologies:** Steve McMenamin

## 2) Previous minutes (No additions or corrections)

Proposed by: Niall Rachman

Seconded by: Ailsa Burns

## 3) Police report - 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

### CRIMES OF NOTE & CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Crime levels in your community council area remain very low.

During the early hours of New Year's Day officers on patrol came across an ongoing house party at an address in Eaglesham. A number of Coronavirus fixed penalty fines were issued in relation to breaching coronavirus regulations and the householder was charged with Culpable and Reckless Conduct. He has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

During the period under review there has been one report of an attempt to force entry to a dwelling flat in Alexander Avenue, Eaglesham, on the 27<sup>th</sup> January. This crime remains under investigation.

Online and telephone "cyber fraud" is a significant issue nationally at this time and we receive continued reports of this in East Renfrewshire.

We post regular crime prevention advice in this respect on our social media accounts. However, we are aware that this information may not always reach some of the most vulnerable members of the community. We therefore encourage people who do receive this information, to consider sharing warnings with friends and family in other ways (e.g. telephone conversations), especially to those who may not routinely use social media.

Please refer to our @EastRenPolice Twitter account for a recent series of posts and to the following pages on the Police Scotland website:-

[Keep Secure Online - Police Scotland](#)

[Identity Theft, Fraud and Scams - Police Scotland](#)

[Main Electronic Fraud Types](#)

## **LOCAL ISSUES & PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

We are aware of concerns in relation to parking in the vicinity of Whitelee Windfarm and officers on patrol do monitor this. We remind the community council that parking is a decriminalised matter. East Renfrewshire Council Roads Department have raised a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order which will take full effect from 15/02/2021 making the Eaglesham Moor Road and Over Enoch Road, Eaglesham a clearway. These parking restrictions will be enforceable by ERC wardens. As a decriminalised matter, Police Scotland have no authority to enforce these parking/waiting restrictions.

Officers continue to patrol public open spaces across the entire local authority area in relation to the current Tier 4 COVID restrictions using the 4E's model: Engage Explain-Encourage-Enforce.

We continue to work closely with East Renfrewshire Council departments including their Community Safety, Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Roads & Transportation departments in order to tackle ongoing and developing issues that are of concern in the community.

### **4) Councillors updates**

#### **Jim McLean**

A lot of talking and issues raised about parking, Carrot farm etc. Will cover later.

Grit bins in Eaglesham, we have only 11. Council say we have enough, as most of the roads are gritted.

Moor road will be resurfaced between the equestrian centre and the golf club.

#### **Caroline Bamforth**

Vaccinations for over 70's on target. If you get an appointment from the mass vaccinator places, you can go online and change it if it doesn't suit.

94% satisfaction on the nurseries

Police and fire cabinet meeting will be held this Thursday

Budget discussions ongoing currently. East Renfrewshire will suffer a bit less than most areas, due to keeping spending down this year.

Will forward links that are related to the 'Beat the Streets' initiative.

ESRI maps link posted on the FB page, info on adopted street, but also other useful info.

## **Kirsten Oswald**

A lot of work being done on 'Future of work', how people might work differently, flexible working, remote working.

Holocaust Memorial Day, commemorated in schools etc, despite being virtual.

People being asked to pay twice for driving tests, Bill be laid down to stop this.

Looking at how schools will go back and talking to Minister of Education.

## **5) The Community Larder (Freya)**

Two weekends out so far. Has been very well received. Surprising how much has been taken, and is obviously needed in our community. Need to encourage everybody to use it, making it less of a stigma with people often going after dark.

Has had money transferred as donations. Maybe need a paypal setup, or a "Just Donate" pinned to the top of page?

Citizen's Advice signposting people to it already.

Hoping to hear tomorrow about funding and when we can get the shed.

Needs some help, Duncan volunteered, Caroline offered to drop stuff off. Jim free next Saturday, Niall offered, plus Christine.

## **6) Parking around the village, @ Windfarm and Carrot Farm.**

Whitelee Action Group already involved (Duncan is a member). Had lots of emails about it. Issue is insufficient parking for the numbers of people wanting to walk in the area. Parking restrictions will be in place for 18 months. Concerns from residents that if the car park is made bigger then there could be a problem with anti-social behaviour/not obeying the Countryside Code. Land owner has closed the car park at Carrot Farm. David Mc, Duncan, Jim and myself to form a sub-committee to discuss.

## **7) Walking routes around the village**

Concept of routes around the village.

Funding would take years to gain permission form the landowners.

The Eaglesham to Waterfoot road, joining up to Clarkston and Busby. John Shelton, apply to Sustrans. Once lockdown is over happy to help. Safe walking route to school.

## **8) Cycle routes (Duncan)**

A look at cycling from Clarkston to Eaglesham about 3 years ago. Not seen the report. Could be tied into the discussion on walking route.

Can signage be improved to the underpass, only one sign. Caroline will ask roads.

Question about the need for an additional 30 mile an hour sign?

## **9) Eglinton Arms application**

Planning application the land next to the Eglinton Arms Hotel, to add in external area. They have permission to use the land and will lease it, metal fence will be added for drinking area and tables.

Encouraged to comment rather than comment on the issue, does it set a precedent for this. Should money go to something in the community like Tree?

## **10) FB post rules review.**

Agreed the post in question was fine, just need to make sure all parts of our community are represented. Will adjust rules, to exclude 'Recommendation' posts. Lots of other local pages to do that on.

## **11) CC Members updates/points.**

**Cllr C Merrick** – Talking to Vincent about recovery of Community Council from the pandemic. Communities will have to more.

**D Beveridge** - From the Feures (group who were the original tac holders), happy to come back and do a talk on the.

**K Oswald** – Attends the Clarkston, and will promote EWCC and Feures

**D MacAskill** - Having a chat to Vincent about annual grant being imminent.

**D Macintyre** – Joined the National Planning Forum, it will feed into local development plans, and local place plans. Could be seen as a way for local communities to have a say in how they develop.

**C Balloch** – Christmas lights still on? Will be on till March

**F Young** – Hosting Connects, can maybe promote EWCC, and also invite local groups to our meeting to do a talk?

**D Williamson** – Chairman position will be up in September need more members as well.

**7) AOCB**

**Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March**