

Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council

Online, 7pm on the 11th May 2020

1) Welcome & apologies.

Present: David Williamson, Niall Rachman, David McAskill, Duncan McIntyre, Cllr Caroline Bamforth, Cllr Jim McLean, Christine Balloch, Freya Young, Kirsten Oswald MP, Ruth Wallace Ann McNair, Linda McCullough, Karen McLaughlin.

Apologies: Steve McMenamin

2) Previous minutes

Proposed by: David McAskill

Seconded by: Freya Young

3) Police report

Crime levels in your community council area remain very low.

There has been no reported housebreakings in your community council area during the last month.

During this period there has been an increase in reports of thefts of catalytic convertors from vehicles within Eaglesham and across East Renfrewshire, this incidents are currently being investigated and at this time we urge you to remind your residents of vehicle and home security. Extra information regarding vehicle and home security can be found on the Police Scotland website and social media pages.

The community policing time at Giffnock police office continue to run its free bike marking events along with the Bike register. Bike registering involves marking the bike with a QR code which also the owner to enter their bike details on the register enabling police to return the bike to the owner if this is lost or stolen. This also helps as a preventive measure to secure your bikes. Bike marking is still currently ongoing at this stage and is completed socially distanced, for more information please contact:-

GreaterGlasgowLPSEastRenfrewshire@scotland.pnn.police.uk

4) Councillors updates

Cllr Jim McLean

Roads work will be starting 31st May – 18th June on Moor Road, access will be granted to those that need it.

Proposal for various improvements to roads:-

Craiglaw Ave, Humbie Road (Floors Road – Bonnyton Moor Road), Over Enoch Road, Park Farm Road and Floors Road. All will go to cabinet for approval next week.

Jim looking into crumbling surface on middle section of Bonnyton Drive. He spoke to council last week about it.

Cllr Caroline Bamforth

Any budget left over from above road improvements may go towards other roads.

Vaccination program going well with 68% having had their first dose in East Renfrewshire and 32% having had both doses. They are now accepting volunteers to help direct folk at vaccination centres.

Support for young people who have been struggling through the pandemic were discussed at the recent Education Community Meeting. Health and Social Care will work with the Education Department and care homes to provide support for all.

Explanation on the charges for brown bins to be sent to people via letters. Letter should come out soon. Changes will start on 5th of July.

Will Green Hags open as normal? (CB)

Will not be until pandemic is at level 0 because it is also used as a transfer point.

When will library be opened? (FY)

They are opening but slowly, and service will be restricted. Test periods of 6 weeks. End of May/beginning of June possibly for Eaglesham.

Kirsten Oswald MP

Good news with lifting of restrictions. Check what the new guidelines are on Kirsten's Facebook page. Lots of issue still to resolve – health and wellbeing, employment and disabilities.

Locally, she commended Freya Young and informed us that Neilston has been inspired by Freya and are to start a street library too.

She is looking forward to getting out, meeting people and doing face to face surgeries again.

5) Ruth Wallace and Anne McNair from TREE with update on their projects

TREE has been running for 10 years. They have 2 aims

- to improve the look of the village

- to promote community spirit.

Ongoing projects include -

- New benches at Mid Road.
- Gassy Brae cleared and looking better.
- Trees felled at the end of last year, new trees will be planted in their place soon.
- 725 native wildflowers purchased to plant (wild garlic, snowdrops, cowslips etc) would like the community to be involved as it is a lot for us to do.
- New planters outside the shops, railing planters and tubs, donation given of plants.
- Sponsorship of planters to be launched soon for a year. Small plaque to be displayed. Would pay for soil, planted etc...

Thanks given to the ER Council as they have involved TREE when deciding which trees they want and helped pay for planters. Local residents are really pleased with the improvements.

Special branch (John Forbes leads) – group of men who are the ‘heavy lifters’. Asking that this be promoted on EWCC page. Tasks would include strimming, clearing bridges, leaves, clearing signs, painting benches etc.

Junior branch (buds) - a few younger people also approached and are interested in helping out.

Looking for more volunteers as they have a lot of maintenance and watering.

They would like to do the path by the burn opposite the play park, all the way down to Johnstone’s small holding to maintain it. Montgomery Hall needs 2 planters that would look like the spines of a book to celebrate the good work that is going on in the village e.g. “The Street Library” by Freya Young, (if the library is going to remain open)

Thanked the CC of support over the past few years. Need help to promote and suggestions. Some vandalism with planter and plants and how can we stop it although there has not been much over the last 10 years.

Thank you for support, have any ideas?

Suggestions -

- Ask older teenagers to plant.
- Could have a monthly meet up at the weekend and/or once a year... make it into a big event?
- Jackie can be contacted to help with security.
- Rouken Glen has the young enterprise area that is massive, they are looking for joint ventures. Volunteers, Endowments? Would be good for people who like to be outdoors (Health and Social Care Partnership) would help people with mental health issues. Have links with voluntary Action. Will contact them.
- Kirsten Oswald will advertise on her pages.

6) Karen McLaughlin and Linda McCullough from Voluntary Action, on funding for the larder

Gave suggestions on how we could setup a response to COVID e.g. shopping wellbeing, shopping pickups.

3 networks; Wellbeing; Digital; and Food Dignity. Sharing ideas on best practice and ideas for volunteers.

Managed to source funding for Eaglesham (£9,140) to make it sustainable and secure its future. Are the CC willing to take the funding and use it responsibly using the Terms and Conditions? David McAskill (treasurer) happy to keep it separate in the account. Everyone happy with this arrangement and it has been minuted.

7) CC Members updates/points.

David Williamson – Improved Cycleway/Path between Eaglesham. He has contacted CCC and St Joseph's etc... and all are happy to be involved in this project.

David MacAskill - £40 to pay for Data Protection Act. Will check with Vincent if needed.

Duncan Macintyre – He has contacted the council with a photo of what type of sign there should be on the Golf Course Road (multi use road signage) but they still haven't replied.

John Shelton would like to find out who has the ownership of land between Waterfoot and Eaglesham. Might be able to apply for a grant to do this? They want to start on the trail. David Williamson suggests about knocking on doors of farmers to find out who owns what and start to get a rapport with the farmers/landowners. Land might be owned by developers so might not be easy to do.

Christine Balloch – Noticed that there are in increased number of agricultural vehicles on the GSO – Bellcraig to East Kilbride, is this allowed? Caroline to ask Roads Department about this use (Connect). People should contact 101 and report.

Niall Rachman – Subgroup for larder need to organise meeting and get plan.

Freya Young - Checking to get more volunteers to help out on a Saturday, need to get insurance, CC may be covering it already (to check if CC is covering it with Vincent). Ruth to pass on details of what TREE use.

8) AOCB

Outside the box to go into agenda

Holiday for June & July

Next meeting 10th August