



Minutes of Meeting (by Zoom)

Thursday 27 May 2021 at 7:30pm

1. Members Present

CCllr Scott Van den Akker, Chair (appointed during the meeting)
CCllr Allan Steele, Secretary (appointed during the meeting)
CCllr Caroline Wilkinson, Treasurer (appointed during the meeting)
CCllr Cindy Berry
CCllr Cristina Scheeffter
CCllr Iain Wilkinson

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Also Attending

Mr Vincent McCulloch, East Renfrewshire Council (ERC) Community Council Liaison Officer
CCllr Jack Wells (co-opted during the meeting)

4. Welcome and Introduction

Welcome

Mr McCulloch welcomed all.

Introductions

Introductions were made.

Mr McCulloch advised that Mr Well's co-option would be proposed after the election of office bearers.

5. Election of Office Bearers

Chair

CCllr Berry nominated CCllr Van den Akker.

CCllr C Wilkinson seconded the nomination.

CCllr Van den Akker agreed to accept the position of Chair.

There being no other nominees for the position of Chair, CCllr Van den Akker was duly elected as the Chair of Giffnock Community Council (GCC).

Secretary

CCllr Berry nominated CCllr C Wilkinson.

CCllr Van den Akker seconded the nomination.

CCllr C Wilkinson declined the nomination.

CCllr C Wilkinson nominated CCllr Steele.

CCllr I Wilkinson seconded the nomination.

CCllr Steele agreed to accept the position of Secretary.

There being no other nominees for the position of Secretary, CCllr Steele was duly elected as the Secretary of GCC.

Treasurer

CCllr Steele nominated CCllr C Wilkinson.

CCllr Van den Akker seconded the nomination.

CCllr C Wilkinson agreed to accept the position of Treasurer.

There being no other nominees for the position of Treasurer, CCllr C Wilkinson was duly elected as the Treasurer of GCC.

6. Co-option

Mr McCulloch advised that the criteria for co-opting residents onto GCC had been met.

CCllr C Wilkinson proposed that Mr Wells be co-opted onto GCC.

CCllr Steele seconded the proposal.

As no one was otherwise minded, Mr Wells was co-opted onto GCC.

7. Social Media

A discussion about whether GCC wished to take over previous email addresses, Facebook site and website or close these and create new ones.

Agreed to send an email to the former Chair, Jack Powell regarding the best way to access and restart Facebook.

8. Planning

Eastwoodmains Road, Menzone barber shop to change to a hot food takeaway.

Circa 30 objections regarding anticipated litter, noise and vermin *etc.* The planning application was approved (with conditions).

Letter to residents stating application agreed, it was agreed to write to Gillian McCarney (ERC Development Management & Building Standards Manager) asking for an explanation as to why planning permission was granted given that there were so many objections.

There was discussion about the usefulness of having a GCC member with responsibility for planning matters. CClr Berry agreed to take a lead role in planning.

9. Bank Account and 2021/22 Annual Grant

CClir C Wilkinson to action along with Mr McCulloch.

10. Litter Picking

CClir Steele spoke on a desire to increase community led solutions to litter problems within Giffnock.

CClir Steele proposed the expansion of Giffnock litter collection activity in coordination with ERC, local schools and local businesses. CClir Steele noted that this would improve the area and raise the profile of the community council. A discussion resulted including:

- CClir Scheeffer mentioned East Renfrewshire Litter Busters.
- Letter to be written to council asking for co-operation.
- Desire to involve local school.
- Purchase litter pickers.

11. Campaign to Reduce Loneliness

CClir Steele spoke on a desire to help the most vulnerable. A discussion resulted including:

- Contact Age UK and look at opportunities to help reduce isolation.
- CClir Scheeffer spoke of children writing to the elderly.
- Local walks.
- Coffee shops. Explore if local shops can offer help and support to any initiatives with the elderly.
- Strong links with schools should be developed.
- Outdoor concerts for elderly at care homes.
- Look at what is working elsewhere, speak to other groups.

12. AOCB

- Dog competition suggested.
- Agreed that members of the public can attend online GCC meetings (but a password from the Secretary will be required).
- Agreed to invite ERC Councillors, MSPs and MPs (*ex officio* members) to GCC meetings.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 22 June (rearranged *post* meeting to Wednesday 23 June at 7pm).

Allan Steele WS
Secretary, Giffnock Community Council