

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Giffnock Community Council**

**Venue:** Giffnock Library

**Date:** Monday 15th October 2018

**Present:** Douglas Lawson (DL – Chair), Bill Crawford (BC), Janey Floyd (JF), Richard Loudon (RL), Alex Mackie (AM)

**In attendance:** Cllr Gordon Wallace; One member of public.

**Apologies for absence:** Jim McCann, Jack Powell, Maureen Powell, Payal Debroy, Ian Lang, Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Merrick

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of 17 September 2018 were approved by Bill Crawford and Janey Floyd

### **Application for co-opted membership**

Alex Mackie's and Payal Debroy's applications for co-opted membership were approved following the GCC meeting of 17 September 2018. Their names were now on the GCC web site.

### **Chair's opening**

DL welcomed Alex Mackie to his first meeting as an approved co-opted member.

Attention was drawn to the invitation to the CC consultation event of 6 November 2018 in Thornliebank. The meeting relates to the Equality Impact Assessment of the investment ERC is receiving through the Glasgow City Region Deal. None of the works listed for consideration are in the Giffnock area; the projects include upgrading of facilities for the Foundry in Barrhead. GW advised that nonetheless it would be useful for GCC to attend as it would be an opportunity to draw attention to the lack of funding for projects in Giffnock.

BC may be able to attend and will email DL to confirm; DL may also be able to attend.

### **Police report**

Officer Raymond Jeffries (RJ) attended the meeting.

With regard to the communication issue raised at meeting of 17 September, no response as yet received and RJ will pursue the matter with Officer Morgenthaler.

There has as yet been no response to enquiry raised by Caroline Wilkinson at meeting of 17 September re an incident of abuse on Facebook; RJ was still pursuing.

With regard to recent housebreakings, the police team (Govan-based) were on top of the situation.

Action to deal with antisocial behaviour at Braipark quarry was ongoing eg talking to parents of, and keeping an eye on, known individuals, and weekly police patrols.

DL enquired as to structure of local police. Teams as follows: 999 response team/shift-based team/two local shift-based teams which cover all of East Renfrewshire.

RJ stated that, unlike a recent statement from police in England regarding no longer investigating certain low-level crimes, all crimes were still viewed as crimes in Scotland.

**Secretary's report**

Secretary not present.

**Treasurer's report**

Treasurer not present. The administration grant had not as yet, as far as DL was aware, been received.

**Promoting the Community Council**

Attention was drawn to a copy of the Community Magazine of October 2018 which covers, and is distributed in, Newton Mearns, Clarkston and Busby – but not Giffnock; the above edition did however include a short article concerning Giffnock. BC had made some enquiries and this free publication has been published for the past 10 months.

With regard to potential spending on promotional activities, RL asked if there were any restrictions on how the administration grant could be spent; there were none that members were aware of.

Further discussion was deferred until the next meeting; discussion to include proposal for a working group and for ideas proposed by BC (eg newsletter, ad in Extra).

**Planning issues.**

William Hill application to turn Bank of Scotland premises into a restaurant.

Mercedes Garage application to acquire adjacent bungalow and grounds as an area for valeting and preparing cars. MP (not present) had indicated that she would have concerns re increased use of transporter vehicles.

The member of the public present had recently met with the ERC licensing officer and was aware of a number of new alcohol licensing applications, including for the BoS application. GCC was unaware of such applications and had not received notice of any of those mentioned. Members were of opinion that GCC had a legal right to be informed of alcohol licensing applications. DL to discuss with MP.

The member of the public also raised concerns about potential overpopulation of Giffnock with licensed premises.

It was proposed that links to relevant planning applications should be put on the GCC web site.

**Matters arising from Minutes**

*Bus stop at Merryton Ave:*

Cllr Wallace had the matter in hand.

*Eastwood Leisure Centre*

The situation re the Leisure Centre was discussed. Cllr GW had had a letter in the Extra which noted that the overall vote for the new build option was only two votes more than the combined votes for the three other options. Members present expressed various concerns. Regarding a new build on a different site, what were the plans for the existing site in Eastwood Park once it was no longer in use? Likewise there were concerns that any new build could potentially be on an existing green, park to the detriment of the park, its users and local residents.

It was decided that GCC should get in touch with the various groups - Broom, Huntly and Shawwood – who are campaigning to protect their parks and green spaces from any such new developments - with view to exerting pressure on, and communicating concerns to, ERC.

**Questions from the floor**

(On behalf of MP) Some residents in Braidholm Road have raised issue of fly tipping to rear of their properties (Parkgrove Avenue). Residents could be advised to get offending vehicle registrations if possible to do so safely. GW will investigate.

The article in Extra of 11 October re pay rise for chief executive of Leisure Trust was noted. It was also asked if the Leisure Trust was saving ERC money as was the intention when the trust was set up.

**AOCB**

DL stated that street parking of Enterprise vans was once again causing problems in the Merryton area. JF suggested that in part this could be because parking in GHA (rugby club) car park was not currently available; JF did not know if this was a permanent situation at GHA.

JF had, by chance, visited The Market Place in the Avenue at Newton Mearns, the new shop and community hub for the public and community groups in East Renfrewshire. Is this something that could be considered for Giffnock?

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 19th November 2018