

Minutes of the Meeting of Giffnock Community Council

Venue: Giffnock Library

Date: Monday 15th February 2016, 19:00

Present: Jim Martin (Chair), Douglas Lawson (DL), Maureen Powell (MP), Jack Powell (JP), Adrian Mandel (AM), Mark Hamilton (MH), Charlie Dexter (CD), George McGill, Edward McGuire (EM)

In Attendance: Cllr. Jim Fletcher, Cllr. Vincent Waters, Cllr. Gordon Wallace, Sergeant Paul Murray, Police Scotland, One member of the Public

Apologies: Tallat Haq, James McCann, Hammad Ishaq Khalid

ITEM ISSUE			ACTION
	PRESENTATION	<p>Police Report Sergeant Paul Murray attended the meeting and provided a limited Crime Statistics Report for the period 19/01/2016 – 15/02/2016. PM stated that there had been a number of housebreakings in the Giffnock area recently. To this end the Violence Reduction Team were operating in the area which consisted of two plain clothes officers. There was a general discussion regarding engagement with the Police Area Commander who had not replied to emails from the Secretary. The purpose of the email was to arrange to meet to discuss the best use of the Community Police, minimise the amount of time that was required and furnish the Community Council with adequate reports in a timely manner. The Chair at this point provided a copy of a quarterly report that was customarily released in previous years. PM stated that he would take this up with the Inspector and the Area Commander to facilitate a meeting. The crime statistics are summarised in Note 2 below. The Chair thanked Sergeant Murray for his attendance and his presentation.</p>	DL/PM
1.	CHAIRS OPENING:	Chair opened the meeting promptly at 19:00 and welcomed those in attendance. He stated that the goal of all discussions was to arrive at a consensus with harmony and co-operation. He asked that any points for discussion should be submitted prior to the meeting for insertion into the Agenda.	
2.	APOLOGIES:	Apologies were received from Tallat Haq and Jim McCann	
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	<p>A discussion took place with regard to the projected dates for future meetings. Normally there are no meetings during the holiday period of July and August. This was unanimously agreed and Note 1 has been amended to reflect this. The Minutes are to be forwarded for publication on the ERC website. Proposed: Jack Powell Seconded: Douglas Lawson</p>	EM

		<p>It was also noted that it is a requirement to publish Draft Minutes on the Web Site</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING: The position of Vice Chair was raised as a required position. Douglas Lawson was nominated as Vice Chair and as there were no further nominations was duly elected. Proposed: Edward McGuire Seconded: Maureen Powell</p> <p>CO-OPT: Caroline Wilkinson has completed the necessary documentation to be co-opted onto the Community Council. The forms have been forwarded by ERC to the Secretary and everything being in order Caroline was adopted onto the Community Council. EM to confirm this with Caroline that she has been accepted and invited to the next meeting.</p> <p>The revised Community Council Guidance Handbook is due to be published on-line soon.</p> <p>Confirmation remains outstanding regarding arrangements for continued development support as a result of the departure of Kellie Millar</p> <p>HONORARIA: Chair advised that it has been normal practise in the past to provide annual honoraria: Chair: £75; Secretary: £75; Treasurer: £50 This was unanimously adopted</p>	<p>EM</p> <p>J. Sneddon</p> <p>J. Sneddon</p>
4.	CHAIR'S REPORT:	Chair stated that the aim of the Community Council was to do something meaningful that would make a difference to the local community. He believed that this was achievable by focusing on positives and an aspirational outlook.	
5.	SECRETARY'S REPORT:	<p>The new email address has been set up and is operational: <i>giffnockcc@virginmedia.com</i> Everyone is requested to use this mail address from now on. The web site has been investigated and requires a lot of work to bring it up to date.</p> <p>Two emails have been sent to the Police Area Commander regarding co-operation with the Community Council, but remain unanswered.</p> <p>The draft minutes will be published on the ERC web site. The agenda for the next meeting will be published on the ERC website a minimum of 5 days before the next meeting. They will also be circulated to all at the same time.</p>	
6.	TREASURER'S REPORT:	<p>JP reported that the Bank required forms to be completed in order to effect any changes to the signing arrangements. It was agreed that the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer should be the signatories to the account. JP undertook to complete the Bank's forms accordingly.</p> <p>The current balance of the account is : £831.43 We will receive a proportion of the ERC Administrative</p>	<p>JP</p>

		Allowance of £165.23 for year 2015/2016; also £481.84 for 2016/2017	
7.	COMMITTEE REPORT:	<p>It was agreed that three Committees should be set up and members of each committee were proposed by the Chair. Following a short discussion they were named as:</p> <p>Health & Education: Edward McGuire George McGill Adrian Mandel Charlie Dexter Tallat Haq</p> <p>Environment, Roads & Planning Maureen Powell Jim McCann Jim Martin Caroline Wilkinson</p> <p>Community Engagement Douglas Lawson Jack Powell Mark Hamilton Hammad Khalid Charlie Dexter</p> <p>GROUPS</p> <p>Grants Jack Powell Douglas Lawson</p> <p>Website Edward McGuire Tallat Haq Charlie Dexter</p> <p>Police Douglas Lawson</p> <p>Chair advised that members would quickly develop and gain experience by active participation and involvement. The views gathered at the ERC Community Council Welcome Event held on 9th December 2015 are to be used to develop a programme of support and training for Community Council members.</p>	J. Sneddon
8.	WORKPLAN:	<p>Chair stressed that a dedicated focused committee structure was now in place. He highlighted it was now crucial to recognise and prioritise the needs of the residents in order to formulate an appropriate action plan. The prerequisite of this was the on-going close consultation, involvement and engagement of everyone on GCC. He provided an information pack for consideration which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline of the ERC 21st Citizen Panel Survey • Review of the 2014 GCC Profile Development outcomes <p>Following discussion the undernoted initial key action areas were agreed: -</p>	

		<p>HEALTH & EDUCATION An early update on the new Health Centre including the travel /access provisions will be progressed for the next meeting. Contact will be made with Mark Mulhern Director of the Carers Centre.</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT, ROADS & PLANNING The reported on-going concerns about the condition of our roads together with difficulties experienced with refuse collection are to be progressed with the respective ERC Services at presentations to be arranged during April / May meetings. It was agreed that 4 members would attend an ERC Planning Community Forum arranged for Wednesday 16 March 2016.</p> <p>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Agenda item 9 refers</p>	<p>CHAIR</p> <p>CHAIR</p> <p>E,R&P Ctte.</p> <p>CHAIR</p>
9.	COMMUNITY COUNCIL PROFILE:	<p>Chair presented the outcomes of the Giffnock Community Council Profile Development Review 2014 for consideration and stressed that they remained relevant and would be key in the functioning of the committees. It was agreed that the earliest development of the GCC website was crucial. The website sub group were requested to consider the Notes of the website discussion meeting held on 21st February 2015 which he provided, to enable meaningful discussion at the next meeting. A copy of EMBRACE GIFFNOCK which was an earlier Giffnock Community Council Newsletter was circulated for consideration</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
10.	QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS:	<p>MP asked regarding the validity of a Car Valeting service in her area where the foam was not draining and causing a nuisance. Cllr. Waters replied that a Street Traders Licence and a Public Health certificate were required. If so then they were not in breach of any laws. A general question was asked regarding public road drains not operating correctly. Cllr. Waters replied that this facility was outsourced and they monitored closely the management of drain cleaning. Cllr. Waters advised that anyone with concerns of drains not operating correctly should contact him directly with the specific location of the drain. In respect to a question that was asked regarding proposed changes to waste collection he stated that this is due for discussion by the Council Cabinet Meeting on 25th February. The proposal is that the green sack, the white sack and the blue bin are replaced with wheelie bins. If passed the timetable would be in year 2016/2017. A general question was asked regarding the Parking review for Giffnock. Cllr. Fletcher stated that parking reviews had</p>	

		<p>been completed for Clarkston & Barrhead. Giffnock was next on the schedule, but various regulatory reviews dictate that any implementation could take between 6-18 months.</p> <p>Chair asked a general question regarding Budget cuts. In reference to the budget, Councillor Fletcher explained that the full papers would not be publically available until before the budget meeting, on the 9 March 2016. He could say that it was well known that the Local Government settlement was reduced by £350M across Scotland and that this had an impact for East Renfrewshire of a further £3.5M, on top of savings that already had to be found.</p> <p>Although the budget for 2016/17 has largely been agreed the following year's budget would be considerably more difficult.</p> <p>MH raised the undernoted issues for further consideration by the Ward Councillors, and review at the next meeting: -</p> <p>The position of the crossing at the junction between Orchard Drive, Belmont Road and Orchard Park Avenue is very hazardous to children and it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident.</p> <p>Monitoring / control of parking around Eastwood House and in the car park areas around ERC Headquarters leaves a lot to be desired, and is a poor example of good behaviour / governance which should receive urgent consideration.</p> <p>There is an on-going problem with fly-tipping at the bottom of Orchard Drive at the back entrance to Wood farm playing fields. The playing field itself is presenting significant hazards as it is not being maintained.</p>	Ward Councillors
11.	AOCB:	None arising	
12.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING:	Monday 21 st March 2016 19:00, Giffnock Library	

Note 1.	<p>Monday 21st March</p> <p>Monday 18th April</p> <p>Monday 16th May</p> <p>Monday 20th June</p> <p>Monday 18th July – No Meeting (holiday period)</p> <p>Monday 15th August – No Meeting (holiday period)</p> <p>Monday 19th September</p> <p>Monday 17th October</p> <p>Monday 21st November</p> <p>Monday 19th December</p>
Note 2.	<p>Assault: Number 2; Resolved 2</p> <p>A large quantity of drugs was recovered following a police raid where a warrant was served.</p>