

Giffnock Community Council
Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 17th
May 2022 in Giffnock Library



		Raised	Action
1	Recording of meeting The Chairperson advised that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of minute taking and in accordance with the relevant data protection regulations.	CP	
2	Members Present: Cristina Scheeffler (CS) – Cindy Berry (Chairperson CP) – Iain Wilkinson (IW)– Jack Wells (JW) Cllr Merrick & Cllr Montague Attending – Vincent McCulloch - Community Council Liaison Officer Seven members of the public		
3	Apologies - Scot Van Den Akker, Dafni Vlastari, Cllr Wallace		
4	Previous minutes CP advised that due to technical issue, there are no minutes from the previous meeting, it is hoped that the recording of the meeting can be recovered from the computer at a future date.		
5	Bus stops – re: March meeting. CP raised the issue of bus laybys, Cllr Merrick reiterated the response from roads, that the laybys are a stopover for buses. Whilst there is the possibility that it can delay oncoming traffic, this is considered acceptable.	CP	
6	School census survey – Cllr Merrick confirmed that this survey is completely anonymous.	CP	
7	Banking - Arrange for forms to be signed to change bank signatories. CC Agreed that accounts would be moved to RBS in Giffnock.		VMc
8	Social media - IW advised that its to problematic to sort out old GCC Facebook accounts. It was agreed that a new Facebook account would be set up. CP - CC could do with a better logo, a company was identified that could do it for approximately £150, it was also suggested that the CC could promote a competition for a logo within local schools.		IW
9	Pavement issues CP invited members of the public to discuss an issue of concern – A local elderly lady had tripped over an uneven pavement and, among other things, sustained injuries to her face. The lady contacted ERC to report the incident and the location, but felt that she was treated dismissively by ERC. Cllr Merrick will take forward the issues raised by the lady.	CP	Cllr Merrick
10	A member of public raised the issue of pot holes all over Giffnock, unfortunately she had driven over one and her car was damaged. She would like the CC to raise the issue with ERC. Cllr Merrick suggested the CC write to the Environment Department.		
11	Planning Issues. Two members of the public raised issues (supported by photographs and drawings) relating to a planning application. Despite objections, Planning approved an extension which neighbours consider to be particularly detrimental to their quality of life and the enjoyment of their house and garden. The residents are frustrated at the lack of communication from Planning officers, they will not visit the site, or respond to	CP	

	<p>calls and are seen as inconsistent in their approach. The resident made the comment that she had thought that the council was there to help residents, and not to cause so much anguish to them.</p> <p>Cllr Montague & Cllr Merrick took details from the residents and will make further enquiries.</p>		ERC Cllrs
12	<p>Playgrounds – an issue raised by CF</p> <p>Cllr Merrick – Council Property Services maintain schools within the resources available to them. There is a ten year plan for large capital expenditure – reroofing, new heating systems etc. works are approved on an annual basis. The council does try to improve the condition of schools, but only within the resources of the council. It does work with head teachers and parent councils to develop these plans. School play grounds do not have access to additional funding, however community groups can apply for grants to improve play facilities.</p> <p>CF – The curriculum has changed with a greater emphasis on outdoor play, but there is a lack of funds to develop the play resources. Parents council groups are been asked to fund these things themselves. The government should help the schools more, particularly in view of the pandemic. It's essential that children and the local community can access good play facilities.</p> <p>It was suggested that there could be greater collaboration between schools, parent groups and ERC, as some resources that could help school growing projects are not actually that expensive, like gardening tools, soil, flowers & plants etc. council could assist</p> <p>It was suggested that the CC could talk to Head teachers and apply pressure for things to be improved. It was also suggested that the CC invite the Director of Education to a meeting to discuss.</p> <p>There are good examples of community gardening projects that could be copied / shared with schools.</p>	CS	
13	<p>AOB</p> <p>Police to be contacted regarding the monthly police report to CCs and to invite to the next meeting.</p> <p>CP – suggested that meeting of the CC could be a mixture of both meeting in person and online using Zoom. A laptop and a microphone would be required for this to be set up.</p>	CP	VM
14	<p>Dates for next & future meetings.</p> <p>Meetings will take place on the third Tuesday of the Month at 7:30pm in Giffnock library (no meeting July)</p> <p>CP – Thanked the CC members, the public of the public and the Councillors for attending the meeting.</p>		