



## Seafar and Ravenswood Community Council

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### Minutes from Zoom meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**Present** : Pauline Reed, Cathy Train, Willie Goldie, Kim Davidson, Suzanne MacLeod, Margaret Hazlett

**Apologies** : Clark Bowie, Gillian Fannan, Stephen McGowan, Eddie Fleming, Allan Graham, Tom Johnston, Audrey Cardno, Rick Reed, Claire Barclay

Minutes from meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December and approved.

No New Members at this meeting.

### Councillor Update

#### Willie Goldie

No other councillors attending – series of selection of councillor candidates tonight.

Councillor Junaid Ashraf – not standing.

Kingfisher site – no more details – some issues at council meetings – NLC said not approving without appropriate applications (housing)

Bins – frustrating, no further consultation but Suzanne chasing this up.

Strathclyde Pension Fund – divest from fossil fuel investment. Willie has been asked if Strathclyde Pension Fund invest in arms, large livestock, soya beans. Willie will ask about green investments in future.

Police put forward proposition for purchase of off-road quad bikes. 4 across the authority to enable searches of rough grounds. May help with clamp down on trail bike, wildlife crime, fly tipping etc., £3000 investment from this board. Approved.

Walkabouts round Liddell, McGregor, McTaggart, Ice Cream parlour dumped cabinet outside a door. Concerns about them using domestic refuse bins for commercial waste.

Willie looked at carports – not in great condition, but council say they're safe. Sanctuary have been spoken to,

Council budget not at bad as thought – potential £13 M available for one-off spending (invest in sports centres, pitches, welfare fund etc) one year funding.

Car park at top car park – youths 11-13 causing vandalism and intimidation of shop keepers. Willie liaised with Gerry McLaughlin, Council Champion and Police trying to get action plan. Work with anti-social task force. Also get in touch with parents if possible. Intimidation council staff at vaccination centre.

Blue recycle bins – full and loaded. Willie keeping an eye and advising council when they need emptied.



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Council repairs slower due to delivery or parts etc. Working with council services to keep an eye on progress.

Seafar ring road – no plans for traffic calming. Costa Coffee traffic causing problems on roundabout.

Pothole in ASDA at petrol station – liaising with Pauline at ASDA community Liaison officer Co- she's instructed that to be repaired.

Police Inspector Rae, she's new to area and learning of layout – seems interested in liaising with community.

Budget, Road safety, introducing mandatory 20/30 mph – struggling to get cash for this. School speed notices. Zigzags will be made mandatory soon. No parking near schools where suitable – these will replace 20's plenty signs.

### **Suzanne MacLeod**

Confirmed about quad bikes – one located in northern corridor area – which will help in town centre problem. Funding for road signs. £1000 in local development plan money now. Also, there's a form to fill in to claim more – Colin Bruce will help. Local development money going to parking – may not make much difference to the area. Parking bays in various streets. Street signs may make more of an impact on residents. They may take another application.

Allan Graham not standing for election. Someone else selected.

Suzanne working with Town Board about CCTV – recognise problem at community park, Ravenswood reserve and Carbrain gullies. - £25,000 allocated for additional CCTV. Are there other areas which would benefit with CCTV. Pauline asked about how they would be monitored and who would check these. Suzanne said Council have a monitoring station and can be asked to monitor at specific times and check on events. Willie mentioned that the Town Centre Activities at NLC – brought back into the Council use.

CCTV monitoring - Police could include this in the Action Plan.

Seafar woods so vast and no where to have CCTV cameras or is there?

Pauline asked about future meetings – Willie confirmed if he's selected, he will be there. We may decide to have the meetings back in Muirfield Centre. This will hopefully encourage Police attendance.

Willie Goldie left meeting about 7:45

### **Allan Graham (via Mags)**

Allan advised that his contact for Tony Macaroni confirmed they will open. Not sure when.

### **LPST – Crime Update**

Nothing from Police – concentrating on searching for missing Karen Stevenson



## **BOY RACERS**

Town Centre have been contacted by Pauline, TC seem to be hitting a brick wall and getting nowhere with Police. Pauline being proactive with these problems. Police don't have the manpower to deal with this but will do what they can. Residents in the area are having a nightmare with the noise. Needs action. Pauline spoke to John Ashcroft about traffic calming and they said no – it's to do with width of the road. Road too wide – not suitable for school buses etc.

## **Road Signs Update**

Suzanne mentioned funding above – Must be used before April – speak quickly to Colin Bruce. They could pay contractor directly.

Both Pauline and Claire previously had conversations with Colin Bruce who says it should be fine to try for funding from the Development fund next year. All is not lost, although we may need to review our signs and needs. Pauline said we need to revisit this with the company. Prices will obviously go up since last quote. Darroch site not suitable, so 2 signs.

## **BANK**

Pauline trying to get bank to change names – since Chris left can't get them to change that easily. Email from bank apologising for delay, but not yet resolved. Correspondence still going to Chris' address

When account sorted – close account and set up new in another bank.

## **BINS**

Covered in Councillors reports. Large bins not being emptied. People constantly getting in touch to get them emptied. What's happening?

## **Benches**

Ann Docherty has been contacted re the siting of the bench opposite Our Lady's High School. Still not moved to correct/agreed location. Mags will check email to ask her for update.

## **Litter Picks**

Will resume when weather permits. Pauline mentioned one organised for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Westray shop. Councillor James McPhilemy arranged. He runs food bank and is interested in community.

Litter still a problem. Fly tipping too. Mattresses, lawn mower to name a few.

## **AOCB**

Suzanne mentioned that the Local Development Plan Funding is open to apply for other projects i.e. planting wildflowers, benches etc. Town Board make decisions. Worth a try.



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Pauline asked if we need to consult with residents. Suzanne said we could do but didn't think it was necessary.

Pauline spoke about local food banks and arranging a joint effort with community councils to get people to donate.

Muirfield take donations Monday 1-2.30pm and 6 30-7pm. Suzanne said the Cornerstone is a Thursday. Where else can we take donations? Carbain advertised on Facebook where we can donate/collect. Some non-referrals, some are referral from social work, doctor, nurse etc. Suzanne explained how the packs are made up and how many families are in need. More discussion at next meeting.

Meeting closed about 8:30 pm

The next meeting should be on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in Muirfield Centre – Pauline arranging.