Monday 20/09/2021 at 7.30pm Meeting held in the Village Hall Main Hall

1. Record of Attendance

Alex Buist (AC)— Chair, Vicky Jarvis (VJ)— Treasurer, Brian McFall (BM)— Secretary, Alan Gall (AG), Agnes Raybould (AR)

2 members of the public with others joining and leaving.

Apologies

Jim Crawford.

Andy MacKenzie

Previous minutes

Proposed by Agnes Raybold, seconded by Alec Buist.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

3-ITEM 1C. - Erosion of banks of River Glazert - BM reported no further contact from factor. BM to continue dialogue. **Action – BM**

3-AGM of 6/5/2019.

Item relating to Battlefield Park was not discussed as council members were not in attendance. BM to circulate the issue to all members.

3-ITEM 7 A – Allotments – BM has raised additional FOI requests to EDC regarding the allotments, still no response. **Action - BM**

3-ITEM 10 C – MOC Village Trust – VJ requires a signature from AB to close the account. **Action – AB & VJ**

ITEM 4 – Speeding – Acknowledged as still being an issue. Only two people acknowledged the prepared and issued reports. **Action BM.**

ITEM 5 – Dog Fouling – The request for additional litter bins in relation to dog fouling is with EDC for consideration. **Action BM.**

ITEM 8 - Village Newsletter — Our Volunteer to assist in setting up the newsletter was in attendance and was thanked in advance for his contribution. **Action – VJ**

ITEM 11a – **Broken bank of Burn at Alloch Dam** – no update available on this matter presently.

ITEM 10f – Cllrs Pews informed the CC by e-mail that the fence is to be increased in height. The EDC engineers have been out to assess the requirements. Our appreciation goes to councillor Pews.

Standing agenda items

General Comment - The request to the public regarding their primary concerns for and within the village were collated by AG and a report was put onto Facebook. The were 75 comments with a large variety of points raised with the top three clearly being 1. Speeding and condition of roads, 2 Dog fouling and 3. Drugs. These three items will now become standing agenda items until hopefully we have dealt with them and the next on the list of concerns will move onto the standing items. This is not to say that we will not try and deal with the other issues mentioned when possible. It was agreed to publicise these 3 main issues in all electronic forms available to us. We now require the villagers to provide evidence, photographs, sightings relating to any of the issues to be sent to the Community Council.

It was suggested that we should be adding more issues of concern from the village survey into the standing agenda items as we are currently pushing on with the original issues, a separate discussion regarding this should take place and introduce another one or two items at the next meeting.

3. Roads (speeding, conditions, crossing points, pavements)

a) BM is still waiting for information from EDC about cutting back and cleaning the spoil off of the pavement between Birdston and the nursing home. EDC have contacted the landowner and there is a disputed over who owns the land. BM to continue to chase up.
 Action BM

4. Dog Fouling

BM has requested additional bins and is waiting on feedback from the council. BM also suggested to EDC that free poo bags are made available in the village, the answer from EDC was "They are available in the Library in Kirkintilloch", a resounding no. Councillor Ferretti offered to assist with this.

Action BM

5. Drugs

The issue is with the police, and nothing further can be reported at present. AB will speak to the main Officer in charge to try and obtain some feedback. The current situation in the village seems to be quiet as there are no complaints or incidents being mentioned on social media.

Action AB

6. Village paths.

- a) AM has successfully uploaded a lot of comment into the EDC Active Travel Consultation in relation to the village. The consultation is open to anyone to contribute until 28th September.
- b) VJ has put together several grant applications for funding in relation to the Village Paths Working Group. We need to decide on what we can actually get done and what other targets we have. McNairs the local builders merchant have been contacted with regards to quotes for materials. Strathkelvin Ramblers have requested more information before committing to a grant.
- AB noted that the creator of the garden at the edge of the village would be happy to assist.

 Action All

d) BM to contact John Thompson to obtain permission to work on his property and repair the bridge over the burn.

Action BM

7. Broadband Provision

AB noted that Openreach appear to be in the village and working on various areas.
 AM noted that Openreach had brought fibre cables into the Green junction boxes and now hopefully are beginning to replace the copper connections to properties.
 CC to try and obtain assistance for properties on the very edge of the village who have extremely poor connections.

ACTION BM, AB

b) Chair's update.

Update was given as part of the AGM meeting information.

c) Treasurer's update.

- a) Main update was provided as part of the AGM meeting information.
- b) VJ is awaiting a response from MOCGG regarding proposed wording for inclusion on the website
- c) Data protection Policy still to be actioned.

Action All

d) Safeguarding Policy still to be actioned.

Action All

d) Planning applications.

a) No planning applications have been made that affect the village in any manner.

e) Police report.

- a) BM noted no report was supplied by Police Scotland.
- b) Chief Inspector Menzies was expected to be in attendance at this meeting but did not turn up. AB will try to ensure attendance at the next meeting.

f) Any other business

- a) There have been complaints raised about people parking across driveways near to Battlefield Park. BM would look into the planning implications of this particular area and surrounding areas.

 Action BM
- b) A member of the public raised an issue prior to the meeting about concerns over names in the minutes and social media. AG has looked online but was unable to find a suitable Data Protection Policy. AB noted that he had a friend he would contact and could probably help.
- c) VJ noted that the Privacy Policy is part of the CC web site and noted that if under 18's were to be involved in any CC business then a safeguarding policy would be required. It was agreed that no under 18's would be directly involved but would be welcome to contribute and attend meetings.
- d) VJ noted that the mobile phones are not required for the defibrillator, the phones will be retained for any future use. As such we will need to compile an asset register. Volunteer required from council.

 Action ALL
- e) VJ noted that we need to compile a schedule of work that we intend to undertake in relation to the grants given and requested.

 Action ALL
- f) In relation to the proposed newsletter we now have a member of the public who is willing to provide assistance.
- g) The remembrance day parade was discussed, we should contact EDC to check it is allowed. AB indicated that he would ask the Army if they could provide a presence.

Action AB & BM

- h) It was agreed to purchase the usual wreaths as at the very least these would be
- i) It was agreed to ask the village for pipers for the day as we know there are plenty in the village.

 Action All
- j) Items to be discussed at the next meeting, Charles Kennedy Cup Nominations, Christmas Lights competition.
- k) BM noted that due to some complaints about cars parking over driveways he would write a general note regarding this to be put onto the social media outlets.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was proposed to be the 18th October 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.