**Riverside Community Council**

**Meeting Minutes 30th October 2019**

**In Attendance** **In Attendance Apologies**

Di Alderdice Jim Thomson Sue Dumbleton

Fiona Berrow Wilma Comrie Residents: 5

Ian Boa John Rowbotham Police

Phil Boydell Residents: 16

Isabella Gorska

Emily McLaughlin

Alison Swanson

2) No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3) The previous minutes were adopted. AS Proposed

PB Seconded

4) Matters Arising from previous minutes not to be addressed within the meeting: None

5) EM outlined the police report and gave a summary of crime around Riverside and offered their support to the community.

6) Reports:

**6a) Chair Report**

JM reported back on the meeting with **Bruce Crawford**. He explained that the likelihood of receiving any monetary compensation from the developers of **Riverside Quay** were virtually nil though if we wanted our objections noted we could write to DPEA for further explanation, on the understanding that this would be for information only. In addition Bruce suggested liaising with the builders to develop a relationship in case of further developments in the area.

The CC also gave BC an overview regarding the Forthside situation and he expressed similar concerns as our with regards to the environmental considerations and play provision referred to in the in the 41 conditions. He offered to write to the council to facilitate a meeting with the CC and the head of planning and find out further information regarding this development.

JM gave an update on the **Forthside** situation – there has been no meeting with the council as yet. It was discovered that any information pertaining to the 41 pre-commencement conditions have gone missing. The CC will be arranging a meeting to discuss this and get a better understand of the situation. The development has been halted for the time being.

JM also explained that Stirling Council met with the developer and explained that they felt it was beneficial and reasonable that the developer submits details in respect of all pre-commencement conditions. They agreed and these findings will be submitted to the council for prior approval.

Members of the CC recently attended **Planning training** which covered an overview of planning systems, planning application, discussed effective representation and talked a bit about the local development plan. The feedback was very positive and everyone felt it was worth while. Joan was glazed and Alison sparkled. There is further training on the 6th November.

It is the intention of the CC to host an event called How Not To Kill Your House Plants and there has been an investigation into venues. Permission was sought to investigate further and to spend up to £80 on this event, including flyers and venue hire. JM, FB and DS will be leading on this. IB Proposed

JM Seconded

It was proposed that we invite Andrew Fraser to be an associate member for a year to support the CC with his expertise on Roads. IG Proposed

FB Seconded

**6b) Secretary – Correspondence**

Current pending issues are

**Overgrown trees on Dean Crescent and Alexandria Place –** some work has been undertaken and the feedback is very pleased. There is further issue with large branches being a hazard so a further meeting will take place to address this.

**Bin Storage and Obstruction –** the CC has had feedback that this is being address by the enforcement team, which residents were pleased about but there has been no formal communication from the council as yet.

**Flooding –** Concerns over the river path flooded have been raised and the council has been asked for advice on this. Also some residents received notification that surveys for the Flood Alleviation Scheme were being undertaken. The CC has asked for further information and offered to support and liaise with the flooding team where it can.

**Double Yellow Lines –** On Ronald Place and Forth Crescent, this had been raised earlier in the year and the CC are following up on the progress of this issue.

**Trees Obscuring Bus Stop** – This was raised last month with no action having been taken. The CC will follow this up.

The CC will be attending a CityFibre information session closer to Christmas

Calender Items are Orchard Maintenance on the 30th October at 9.30am

Riverside Music Project Session on the 3rd and 17th November

Community Council Drop In – 1.30pm Riverbank Centre

Forget Me Knot Evening on the 16th November for Dementia Scotland

Bowling Club Karaoke and Quiz night on the 16th November

Craft Event 16th November 10am

Community Council Meeting 27th November

Website – EM gave an overview of the changes and additions to the website and asked for feedback and suggestions for the site. This included a What We Are Working On and Essential Information. The CC is very keen for the website to be a hub of information and communication for the community.

Newsletter – EM & DS have been discussing a newsletter to be printed and distributed in December. Permission was sought to pay for printing. A budget of £120 was agreed. Proposed IB

Seconded JM

EM asked permission to spend £20 on ink for printing items for the noticeboard and meetings. This was agreed.

Noticeboard – It was agreed that the CC would apply for funding from the Community Pride Fund for noticeboards. Ideally the community would like one at the entrance on Seaforth Place, one at the bottom of James Street on Dean Crescent entering Lovers Walk and if possible one at the post office on Abbey Road. The CC aims to apply for the 12th December deadline. Proposed IG

Seconded EM

**6c) Treasurers Report**

IB gave details of the CC’s current financial situation.

**6d) Planning Issues:**

This site comprising 34 garages in James Street/ Edward Road in Riverside has been brought to our attention by several residents as being “unkempt land, with buildings in a dilapidated state with overgrown vegetation and an eyesore within our community. “  
**Some of these garages continue to be rented and used. There appears to be no ongoing maintenance at the site and it is becoming derelict, overgrown and a cause for concern.**

The relevant department in the council have been informed and we are awaiting a response.

**7) Subgroups**

**Active Travel and Sustainable Transport -** DA gave an overview of the Active Travel and Sustainable Transport group and outlined the activities that were being undertaken to gather information. Very positive meetings with Riverside Primary School and Wallace High. The AT&ST feedback at the Drop In was excellent and there are 22 issues noted so far. The sub-group hopes to engage with the school and their Mental Health and Well-being week and some of the children will be coming to the drop in on the 13th November.

**Christmas Party** – IG thanked the community for the donations and the two hampers. The result of the funding application will be know at the start of November. Due to data protection restrictions IG is going to approach the Over 60’s group to assist with the distribution of invitations.

**Environment** – Riverside Naturally is in communication with the council to make the space between Old Harbour Park and the River Path next to Riverside Quay and ARK. This is an area of land where nature is allowed to restore itself. There will be very little maintenance in the space in an effort to encourage native biodiversity in the plants and creatures. There will be some tree removal and planting due to Ash Die back.

A new Red Oak is to be planted soon to replace the old Oak tree the was by the school.

RN is working to protect the more mature trees along the Forthview development site.

There is also some more trees planted on the Riverside Quay site.

**Intergeneration** – Phil spoke about the Meal Makers scheme and encouraged anyone who know of someone who would benefit from some meals being made for them to get involved.

**On The River** – The Council will be planting three cherry blossoms in the pontoon area. The council have also given the CC a suggestion for fencing. The CC discussed their proposal and made further suggestions. Proposed EM

Seconded IB

**Lovers Walk** – A meeting regarding Lovers Walk was held before the CC meeting. This was very positive with a lot of the maintenance issues to be addressed within the next 4-6 weeks.

The idea of a green street is going to be looked at in more detail with a traffic survey being conducted to ascertain the impact of this suggestion.  *(It should be noted that this is one of many suggestions and is in no way an endorsement of the idea)*

The CC will try and get in touch with Network Rail regarding the bridges and also the police about the crime rates linked to Lovers Walk.

**Town & Gown –** AS outlined an idea between RCC and Mercat Cross Community Council to form a group that would act as a liaison between students, their communities and the university. This would hopefully facilitate a way to communicate, support and engage the students.

8) A.O.B – None

9) Date of Next Meeting

27th November , 7.15pm at the Riverbank Centre