**Riverside Community Council**

**Meeting Minutes 29th January 2020**

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

Di Alderdice Susan McGill Phil Boydell

Fiona Berrow Wilma Comrie Residents: 5

Ian Boa David Love

Sue Dumbleton Residents: 16

Isabella Gorska

Emily McLaughlin

Joan Murphy

Alison Swanson

2) No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3) The previous minutes were adopted. SD Proposed

 DA Seconded

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

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

The issue of graffiti and vandalism was raised, with the phone box having been smashed and graffiti on the railway bridge being reported. (This was also painted over by Network Rail promptly)

6) David Love was the guest speaker and gave a history of the Forthside Development. It was explained that planning permission was given in 2006 which was dependent on 41 conditions being considered. Some of the conditions needed to be met before construction started, some are on going and others are to be reviewed on completion of the development. Allied Properties are working with the council to ensure that any conditions the are relevant to their development off two new flat blocks are reviewed and compliant.

The CC had a meeting with Alister from Allied Properties and discussed some of the communities concerns. We understand that there will be parking for 1.5 cars per flat and a temporary entrance opposite arbour Square. All material will be kept on site to minimise disruptive construction traffic. To reduce noise on site there will be no pile driving and works will commence between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am -12pm on Saturdays and no work on Sunday.

We were informed that the old and established trees would not be removed, the river path will not be shut unless mandated by Stirling Council, no bats have been discovered in any trees that will be removed and water contamination has been considered and suitable measures will be put in place to compensate. There is a planting scheme being development including new native trees, hedges, wild meadow and public access to the river.

In addition a few concerns were raised by members of the community regarding knotweed being present on the site and the issue of flooding and the maps having changed over the past 14 years. DL ensured the council will follow up on these issues.

**7) Reports:**

**7a) Chair Report**

JM welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming out on such a hideous night. JM was pleased to report that our How Not To Kill Your Houseplants event was a huge success and another may be planned for the next year. The Christmas Advent windows were a huge success with approximately 45 windows on display and a lot of money raised for the defibrillator fund.

JM informed everyone about the Klezmer Ceilidh on the 7th March at the Rowing Club and that there is going to be a community choir event organised for the coming months.

JM informed everyone that the funding application for new noticeboards was submitted at the start of January and we will find out if we are successful on the 12th February.

JM also offered thanks to John Rowbotham who retired after many years service with the Stirling Observer for all his support during our first few months.

**7b) Secretary – Correspondence**

Current pending issues are

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| Parking | Double Yellows being chased up on Ronald Place/Forth CrescentParking at the pontoon layby being used by commutersParking on Shore RoadParking survey to be complete on the 24th FebruaryDiscussions will begin after this with RCC |
| Perimeter Barriers  | Have asked that they be made safe and potentially be replaced in the future |
| Benches and Fences | Will be painted in the summer |
| Noticeboards | We will find out about the funding grant on the 12th Feb |
| Bus Stop being obscured by trees | Alister from Allied Properties has cleared them away |
| Graffiti Railway Bridge | Reported and removed by Network Rail |
| Flooding on Abbey Road/Miller Place | Being investigated by the council with various ideas on how to address it. |
| Heathfield Enforcement | Ongoing |
| White Building at Bottom on Abbey Road | Being investigated for enforcement |

Calender Events

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| 9th & 23rd Feb | Famiy Sessions of the Riverside Music Project |
| 10th Feb | AT&ST Meeting 7.30pm – Email for further details |
| 11th Feb | Drop in 1.30pm Riverbank Centre |
| 26th Feb | Public Community Council Meeting |
| 29th Feb | Orchard maintenance Morning & Litter Pick |
| 7th March | Klesmer Ceilidh |

 After discussion at the last meeting EM has offered to have draft minutes available for the drop in sessions.

**7c) Treasurers Report**

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

**7d) Planning Issues**

No Planning Issues

**8) Subgroups**

**Active Travel and Sustainable Transport -** DA gave an overview of the Active Travel and Sustainable transport groups current projects. There is a Phd student who is considering making Riverside a case study on air pollution. The group is planning to do a travel survey asking local residents and businesses on their thoughts and ideas on Active and Sustainable travel.

DA proposed that the group submits a funding application for £2500 with matched funding.

 DA Proposed

 AS Seconded

**Christmas Party** – IG thanked the community for the donations, the two hampers and the help and support given to make it a hugely successful party. There was great feedback. There was £100 left from the budget which may need to be returned or saved for a further event.

It was discussed where we should apply for funding for the 2020 party and it was agreed that later in the year this would be undertaken by IG.

It was also agreed that a new venue would be found, with the Riverbank being a place to consider.

**Environment** – Riverside Naturally have been awarded funding to expand the orchard to include a woodland meadow. The area will be rotovated and then seeded at the end of spring. In addition work will begin on one of the crescents along the river path on Riverside Drive with the intention of creating a woodland garden. A few dying or diseased trees will be cut down to allow for new native species to thrive.

Also this month a fox has been spotted along with beavers, seals, otters, hares and deer.

**On The River** – FB is planning to get quotes for the heritage flyers to be printed off and put in a holder at the pontoon and will consider applying to the community pride fund.

**Lovers Walk** – SD spoke briefly regarding Lovers Walk – shortly two proposals will be offered to the community for consultations. These will be to either improve the lighting along Lovers Walk with LED posts, paint the railings and clear up the riverbank or to put a lane on the road for pedestrians and cyclists including a dropped kerb.

**8) A.O.B** – A litter pick is being organised in conjunction with Riverside Naturally on the 29th February at 9.30pm

9) Date of Next Meeting

26th February , 7.15pm at the Riverbank Centre