Riverside Community Council

Meeting Minutes

25th November 2020

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| Members Present | In Attendance | Apologies |
| Fiona Berrow  Robert Dale  Sue Dumbleton  Sandra Engstrom  Emily McLaughlin  Joan Murphy  Ashleigh Phillips  Alison Swanson | Phil Boydell  David Sherman | Di Alderdice  Andrew Fraser |

Nine Riverside residents joined the meeting.

1) Declaration of Interest

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

2) Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes for the previous Annual General were adopted

Alison Swanson proposed; Fiona Berrow seconded

4) Chair’s Report

**Introduction**

Riverside Community Council is currently made of eight community councillors and five associate members.

We formed in 2019 after the previous Community Council dissolved. Di Alderdice, Ian Boa, Phil Boydell and Isabella Gorska stepped down and we are thankful for their contribution and support in our first year.

We welcomed Bob Dale, Ashleigh Phillips and Sandra Engstrom this year.

Di and Phil decided to stay as associate members along with Andrew Fraser and David Sherman. Fiona Dyet also join as an associate.

We currently have a vacancy for one further member.

**Our Year Of Challenges**

COVID 19 has affected us all and 2020 has been a challenging year.

The strength of spirit and Community Resilience in Riverside has been inspiring and we felt strongly that we wanted to help and support our community as much as we could throughout this strange year.

* We developed a COVID Community Response Plan and had over 50 residents ready and willing to support each other.
* We were available throughout to record matters outwith COVID and address these when it becomes safe to do so.
* We moved to Virtual Meetings using Zoom and help fortnightly Zoom Drop Ins throughout the initial lockdown.
* We liaised with a number of charities and organisations to support people outwith our area which resulted in our partnership with Stirling Voluntary Enterprise.

**Communications**

Communications is very important to Riverside Community Council – we endeavour to be representative of our community. We communicate in the following ways:

Website: Updated regularly, find community news events and our progress on all our activities.

E-Mail: Contact us directly about things that matter to you.

Drop Ins and Noticeboards: Our non-digital means of sharing information.

Newsletter: Our regular e-mail round up of the events around Riverside and the Stirling Area.

Others: Community WhatsApp Group, Riverside Facebook page, Stirling Observer, Community Partnerships

When asking for ideas, big and small these were some of the suggestions

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| Playgroup | Community Choir |
| Community resilience Plan | Houseplant Event |
| Community Space | Litter Picks |
| Well Being Walks | Shiphaugh Centenary Party |
| Language Cafe | Over 80’s Christmas Lunch |
| Hosting A Charity Event | Easter Egg Hunt |
| Flooding Information Event | Wake Up and Smell The Coffee (and tea) Event |
| Pontoon and River Activities | Board Game Night |
| Student Welcome Pack/Event | Accessibility Play Equipment and Paths in Waverley Park |
| Renting/Landlord Rights responsibility Event |  |

**Our Sub Groups**

**Active and Sustainable Transport**

Created to focus on people powered travel and are looking at ways to encourage and improve the safe, active and sustainable transport in the Riverside Area.

Travel-light project was awarded £5000 by Smarter Choices, Smarter Places grant by Paths For All. Also supported by Forth Environment Link.

Travel-Light project includes air pollution monitoring, active travel activities including a Riverside Survey, Fun Day, Air Pollution Monitoring with the aim of making an Active Travel Plan for Riverside.

**Christmas Events**

Created to spread some Christmas Cheer within Riverside's older members of our Community.

2019 - Christmas lunch was held in the Green Lounge with over 30 Riverside residents.

Thanks to Isabella Gorska and Ann Graham for all their hard work organising these events for many years.

2020 - With the COVID restrictions this year will be a bit different with Christmas Gift Parcels being delivered throughout Riverside.

**Defibrillators**

Created in 2020 to support the group of Riverside residents that organised the installation of the three defibrillators Riverside has.

The first defibrillator was installed in 2017 and the devices and supplies have been provided by the Scottish Charity Lucky2BHere.

Riverside's Living Advent Windows will be fundraising for the defibrillators and with over 50 houses participating, it will be sure to raise a lot of money and bring some much needed light to this year.

Created to ensure environmental factors were considered through the actions and consideration of Riverside Community Council.

**Environment**

Engage with planning process to assess the environmental implications of any proposed developments.

Good relationship with Riverside Naturally to support the green efforts around the community.

Keep Scotland Beautiful’s Community Clean Up Hub for Stirling.

**Lover’s Walk**

Created to support the Stirling Council Participatory Budget Funded project to clean up and enhance Lover's Walk.

A tidy up and improved lighting was agreed by the residents after extensive discussion.

Lighting has been installed and further work will undertaken when it is safe to do so.

We have liaised with Network Rail. Stirling Council is responsible for the pigeon issues.

Lover's Walk is an area that needs further money and time invested in it.

**Shiphaugh Centenary**

Created to facilitate a centenary celebration of the "Homes for Heroes" which were built at Shiphaugh.

Suggested by a resident at our inauguration meeting in 2019 and with the support from Stirling Council's Community Pride Fund, Land Services Library Archives, The Monument Press, Art is an Option and several Riverside Residents a tree has been planted to mark the date.

The tree is beside the footpath and opposite the Community Orchard.

An interpretation board will be installed beside it and leaflets have been delivered to the houses in Shiphaugh.

Copies may still be available in local shops and can be found on

our on our website.

**On The River**

Created to identify and support activities regarding River activities and the pontoon.

Engaged with the planning process regarding the retroactive planning permission for the Pontoon Parking and facilitated getting fencing reinstated and ensured trees were replaced.

Liaised with Stirling with future plans for the Pontoon.

Shortly updated Heritage Trail leaflets will be printed and distributed.

**For The Future**

Other activities are being addressed and our aim is to develop these

over the years.

Community Resilience Plan - Discussions had been started about developing a community resilience plan.

Student Engagement - a discussion was started about what we could offer the students in our area including a welcome pack and accessible community engagement.

Parking - traffic survey, community consultations and discussion with Stirling Council are on going regarding the parking challenges Riverside faces.

**Planning**

Community councils have a statutory right to be consulted on applications for planning permission and the community council has a special role, representing a broader yet still local view which can be set alongside the comments of those with a more individual interest.

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| Retroactive Pontoon Parking Permission | We objected to this application.  It was given permission with the conditions trees were planted to replace the lost ones and a fence was reinstated |
| Riverside Quay  Reporters Decision | We challenged this decision.  -We met with Bruce Crawford.  -We challenged the DPEA on their decision.  This was unsuccessful. |
| Forthside Development | -We spoke with Stirling Council.  -We met with Allied Properties.  -We asked for assurances that the relevant planning conditions would be reviews and upheld. |
| Riverside Quay  Short Term Lets | We objected to this application.  This planning application was rejected. |

**Our Community Events**

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| How Not To Kill Your House Plants  Parvin's Craft Day  Christmas Lunch  Sing (Postponed)  Active Travel Day (Postponed) | **Coming Soon...**  Community Quiz  Christmas Parcels  Living Advent Windows  Commemorative film of Riverside |

**Our Huge Thanks**

**Thank you to our Local Groups**

Electric Car Club

Riverside Indoor Bowling Club

Riverside Bowling Club

Riverside Naturally

Previous Riverside Community Council

**Thank you to the following organisations**

The Riverbank Centre

Riverside Primary School

Stirling Volunteer Enterprise

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations

The Engine Shed

The Barracks

Monument Press

Forth Environment Link

Paths For All

Art Is An Option

Stirling Council Archives

**Thank You to our Guest Speakers**

Craig Anderson from the Citizens Advice Bureau

Paul Dumbleton from Riverside Naturally

Frank Airth from Vodaphone

Alister Macmillan from Allied Properties

Stuart Miller from The Food Train

**Thank You to the following people**

Ann Graham

Colin McLean

David (Post Office)

George Dixon

Grant (Caluna)

Ian Boa

Iain Gibson

Isabella Gorska

Mr Lamb

Mr Mohamed (Riverside News)

5) Treasurers Report

Fiona Berrow present the checked and authenticated accounts from 1st April 2019 until 31st March 2021.

6) Appointment of Office Bearers

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| Chair - Joan Murphy | Emily McLaughlin Proposed | Sue Dumbleton Seconded | Joan Murphy Agreed |
| Vice Chair – Sue Dumbleton | Joan Murphy Proposed | Fiona Berrow Seconded | Sue Dumbleton Agreed |
| Secretary – Emily McLaughlin | Ashleigh Phillips Proposed | Sandra Engstrom Seconded | Emily McLaughlin Agreed |
| Treasurer – Fiona Berrow | Emily McLaughlin Proposed | Joan Murphy Seconded | Fiona Berrow Agreed |
| Alison Swanson was named Planning and Licensing Officer | | | |

7) Date of next Annual General Meeting

26th May 2020 7pm