**Riverside Community Council**

**Meeting Minutes 30th October 2019**

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

Di Alderdice Jim Thomson Residents: 5

Fiona Berrow Wilma Comrie PC McColl

Ian Boa John Rowbotham

Phil Boydell PC Cowan

Isabella Gorska Residents: 16

Emily McLaughlin

Alison Swanson

Sue Dumbleton

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

2) The previous minutes were adopted. PB Proposed

 AS Seconded

4) Matters Arising from previous minutes not to be addressed within the meeting:

 **Overgrown trees on Dean Crescent and Alexandria Place –** This has been investigated by the Tree Officer and it is felt the tree is healthy enough to not be cut back. The signage will be made visible.

5) PC Cowan was in attendance and gave an overview of the crime reported in Riverside in the past month.

6) Craig Anderson from the charitable organisation the Citizens Advice Bureau was the guest speaker, who discussed the many services and facilities the C.A.B offers. [www.stirlingcab.org.uk](https://www.stirlingcab.org.uk/)

6) Reports:

6a) Chair Report

Joan welcomed everyone to the 6th meeting of the Riverside Community Council and invited everyone to our drop in on the 9th December and to get involved with any of our sub-groups or suggest new ones. All details are on the website and JM encouraged community members to visit the site and see what RCC is working on. It is being continually updated and suggestions as to what the community would like to see are very welcome. If there are any further comments or questions people are encouraged to e-mail RCC.

**Forthside** – A meeting is being arranged with the planning department to discuss the situation.

**Planning Training –** There was further planning training on the 6th November that was very beneficial to the three RCC members who attended.

**How Not To Kill Your Houseplants** – This free event is being held on Wednesday the 11th of December at the Engine Shed, there will be talks from Grant Reid from Calluna regarding growing house plants and a presentation and discussion about hydroponics from Iain Gibson. The event is ticketed and people should book through Eventbrite.

**Noticeboards –** RCC has been investigating cost effective and environmentally acceptable ways of installing noticeboards. The Men’s Shed in Alloa are preparing a quote for 3 stand alone noticeboards for sites round Riverside. The funding application will be submitted in January.

**Events –** November has been a busy month with community events. A craft day was hosted by Pat and Parvin Morrissey which was wonderful event with another event hoped for in 2020. There was a very successful **fundraising evening** in the Green Lounge which raised over £890 which was donated to **Town Break.** Riverside Bowling Club held a karaoke and quiz night and are currently applying for funding to renovate their club house in time for their 100th Birthday in 2021 and to allow it to be multifunctional and of benefit to the wider community. JM also attended a **citizenship ceremony** with a member of the Riverside community receiving their naturalisation.

**6b) Secretary – Correspondence**

Current pending issues are

**Bin Storage and Obstruction –** we have had an acknowledgement that this is outstanding.

**Flooding –** We plan to host an event in the New Year regarding flooding in our area. Details to be decided.

**Double Yellow Lines –** A temporary TRO is being sought to allow the yellow lines to be painted by Christmas

**Trees Obscuring Bus Stop** – This has been raised and is still awaiting a response.

**Parking Barriers (along Dean Crescent) –** These will be made safe initially and if there is the budget and resourced they could be replaced.

The CC will be attending a **CityFibre** information session on the 28th November. Feedback will be given to the CityFibre team so if there are any points the community would like to raise, they are encouraged to get in touch.

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

 Community Council Drop In 9th December – 1.30pm Riverbank Centre

 How Not To Kill Your House Plants - 11th December 7.15pm Engine Shed

 Community Council Drop in 15th January – 1.30pm Riverbank Centre

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 **Minutes –** A request was made that the minutes be made available prior to the meetings to allow community members to be aware of what is being discussed.

**6c) Treasurers Report**

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

**6d) Planning Issues:**

There are no further issues regarding planning other than the enforcement order on the Heathfield space.

**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. Road Safety Officers from Riverside Primary School visited our drop-in and were very helpful with their suggestions. Members of RCC visited the Walk, Cycle, Live Stirling Event, a consultation regarding two routes through the city, Stirling Council are planning to enhance with active travel as a priority. The sub-group is planning on hosting an event on the 14th of March to showcase forms of active travel and other resources. A proposal will be submitted at the January meeting.

IG raised the issue of slippy paths and the gritting schedule for Riverside. During some extended times of freezing temperatures some paths not scheduled for gritting become quite treacherous and in a previous year sand has been delivered for residents to use and grit their own pathways. DA agreed to take responsibility for this, should the need arise this year.

**Christmas Party** – The Community Pride Fund awarded full funding to the party. IG thanked the community for the donations for the two Christmas hampers and showed pictures of the completed hamper for the primary school. IG outlined the plans for the party and confirmed the CC volunteers and some teens from Wallace High too,

**Environment** – Riverside Naturally recently was awarded funding to create a low growing wild flower meadow as an extension of the Orchard. We are hoping to have a representative from the charity come and discuss this with us in the new year.

**Intergeneration** – PB and EM plan to meet with the school regarding their resilience plan and how the CC could support them. The CC has discussed a Riverside wide resilience plan in conjunction with flooding and plans to address this further in the new year.

**On The River** – The council has been given the suggestions for the new fencing at the pontoon park. A resident has a query regarding the access to the riverbank – this has been passed onto the council. FB will be looking into printing off leaflets outlining the river walks around the area.

**Lovers Walk** – A meeting regarding Lovers Walk was held immediately before the CC meeting. No big decisions were made because information eg on the traffic survey wasn't available as the relevant Council staff were not present . Decisions that were made were to request that the fencing be painted from the top of Lovers Walk round to the Cambuskenneth footbridge and to pursue further ways of deterring the pigeons on the railway bridges. The advice of the Council's Environmental Health officers will be sought. The PB group also asked if the traffic survey results could be remodelled to include air quality in Lovers Walk at peak traffic times.

The 'green street', idea that had originated from a member of the Riverside Community, has been considered and discussed by the PB group. This has acted as a catalyst for looking at ways in which all the traffic that uses Lovers Walk and the Customs Roundabout can be made safer, greener and more efficient.

It is important to note that nothing of this scale would be undertaken without extensive community consultation and is not endorsed by the CC.

Other ways to spend the 10k are being considered and when the information is available a decision will be made.

8) A.O.B – None

 A resident offered his thanks to Riverside Community Council for their hard work. It was greatly appreciated. JM thanked everyone for coming to the meetings too.

9) Date of Next Meeting

29th January , 7.15pm at the Riverbank Centre