

Minutes of Whiteinch Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30th January 2024 in Whiteinch Centre

- 1 **Present:** M McCrae (Chair/Treasurer) N Robertson, L Stevenson, I McKillop (Minutes) E MacDonald, R Cunningham, Cllr Reid-McConnell, PCs M Pollock, F Neil Police Scotland, L Forbes (Intern)
Apologies: W Walker (Secretary) E Brown, N Kelly, C McGeoch, Cllr E Jassemi.
- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Proposed – N Robertson, Seconded – IMcKillop.
- 3 **Matters Arising:**
 - 3.1 **Bufs Club Community Gathering:** A very successful evening. M McCrae submitted a report on outcomes.
 - 3.2 **Street Gritting:** Comment was made on the siting of some grit bins. Cllr Reid-McConnell said that it was possible to have temporary grit bins installed in certain circumstances and would make enquiries re this.
 - 3.3 **Joint Litter Picks:** Whiteinch CC members agreed to support this.
 - 3.4 **EMR Noise:** This is an ongoing problem. The noise continues 24/7 when ships are in dock. Cllr Reid-McConnell stated that she would contact SEPA to verify if this is correct. M McCrae suggested contacting Community Councils south of the river to ask if they are experiencing the same problem. Cllr Reid-McConnell said that she would enquire and M McCrae said that upon receipt of this information, Whiteinch CC would write to them.
 - 3.5 **Food Market:** The initial Food Market took place at Whiteinch Cross on 16 December and was deemed successful. It was well attended and there was an informal consultation as to how it should progress in the future. Food markets will start in earnest in March 2024.
 - 3.6 **Grant for Planting Bulbs:** Whiteinch CC has applied for a grant of £600 to plant bulbs in the area. There were possible suggestions for areas of planting including the grass area beside Whiteinch Primary school. This was agreed and other suggestions will be considered.
- 4 **Reports:**
 - 4.1 **Police:** No crimes of violence were reported during January. Six people were arrested for shoplifting in Tesco. One person arrested and in custody for vehicle crime and 2 males arrested caught trying car doors In Northinch/Curle Street. There was a smashed window in Ferryden Street and one person arrested. The speed camera in South Street has now been removed. M McCrae raised the issue of the traffic lights in Westland Drive at Danes Drive. Filter light not working and long tail backs of traffic down to Expressway at peak times. PC Pollock said he would speak to traffic control staff re this.
 - 4.2 **Councillors:** Cllr Reid-McConnell spoke about the possibility of funding for Whiteinch Cross including seating, a mural etc. With regard to Thornwood Roundabout, she stated that the active travel route, which could be either Dumbarton Road or South Street, will affect the layout of the roundabout so any changes will be delayed until this matter is decided.
The Burgh Hall situation was discussed and the outcome of a feasibility study by WSHA should be available by the end of February.
Several problems with the roads were highlighted to the Councillor.
 - 4.3 **Area Partnership:** Next meeting is in February. Costings for ideas from all four of the local Community Councils have been completed but have not been circulated as yet. The point was made that if there is any money left over, would the CC wish to submit more suggestions or wait for the new community consultation. M McCrae suggested that any remaining money could be used to help pay for a fence for the grass area beside Whiteinch Primary School. This was agreed.
 - 4.4 **Fossil Grove:** The FG working group has had a meeting with officers regarding the spending of the £450k grant allocated from the Scottish Government's Place Making fund. Awaiting approval of a project plan which has to be in place by end of March and work should begin thereafter. M McCrae thanked all those involved with the Fossil Grove Trust for their hard work over the years which has led to this.
 - 4.5 **Library:** The feasibility study has finally been updated for work to improve facilities and this will be fed into the capital programme for libraries. E Brown has asked for details of how this will happen – no reply as yet.

- 4.6 **FOVP: No information**
- 4.7 **Victoria Park Community Trust:** No information.
- 4.8 **WSHA/Whiteinch Centre:** **WSHA** – two commercial units purchased at 940-942 Dumbarton Road will be turned into a residential unit. Work should be completed by April and thereafter available to rent. The Janitor's house at St Paul's Primary School has been allocated to the WSHA and will be refurbished. This will provide a 3 bedroom family home. The refurbishment of the WSHA offices on the first and second floor has been completed giving greater flexibility of the spaces. The old reception area is to be replaced and a new reception area serving both WSHA and the Centre will be installed. The Welfare Rights Service is now considered to be a core part of WSHA service to tenants and is now showing a real impact in offering assistance. Burgh Hall – see item 4.2. **Whiteinch Centre** -the Centre has now settled down and a grant of £45,000 has been obtained from the Robertson Trust. The result of further grant applications is awaited. The Community Advisory Group has been formed and have held their first meeting. The Community Projects Fund deadline is 29 January and the outcome of this should will be made available on 16th March. The Christmas event held in the Centre on 2nd December was very successful and attended by more than 1,000 people. An evaluation of the impact of the event is being prepared.
- 5 **Finance:** Whiteinch CC has received a grant from GCC for £631. Current balance is £931.31.
- 6 **Licensing:** No applications.
- 7 **Planning:** No applications.
- 8 **AOCB:** Rota for Councillors attending CC meetings to be looked at. L Forbes (Intern) who is currently working on updating WCC website etc ,has asked for photographs of the area.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 27th February 2024 at 7pm in Whiteinch Centre