

Reddingmuirhead & Wallacestone Community Council

Zoom Meeting

Minutes Tuesday, 8th December 2020

Present: Danny Callaghan, John Brown, Paul Norris, Jim McGovern, Kate Connochie, Ian Shotliff and Derek Kane

Apologies:

Report from Community Police Officer PC Douglas Murphy

No report received (but not requested.)

Report by Community Officers

No report received.

Adoption of minutes of meeting from 17th November 2020

Proposed by Danny Callaghan and seconded by Jim McGovern.

Matters arising not covered in reports

Progress with Defib machine

No further progress in the procurement and installation.

Convenor Report

Nothing to report

Vice Convenor Report

Nothing to report

Treasurer Report

Nothing to report

Secretary Report

Nothing to report

Planning

No new major planning application received for our area since the last meeting.

Planning Application P/17/0504/Ful Hillcrest. Legal representation on behalf of 4 Community Councils has been sent to the Ethical Standards Commissioner in Edinburgh to complain about the conduct of Councillor J. McLuckie regarding the above planning application. The issuing council was Shieldhill C.C and it was agreed that we support such action for a civil court action.

Proposal for a GP Practice at Brightons Cross. **Action DC** to check with Brightons council CC for further information.

Other planning matters.

Discussion took place regarding the Braes Greenspace initiative relating to Hillcrest. Danny stated he had spoken with Maria regarding advice on Middlerigg and the view was that we should progress our application as soon as possible. **Action D.C.**

It was agreed that our Community Council would support the Braes Greenspace at Tappernail/Hillcrest in principle and on the basis that there were few open green spaces in the area. JB pointed out that Hillcrest is actually within Reddingmuirhead and the Braes Greenspace proposal by Shieldhill C.C. may disadvantage our application at Middlerigg for a woodland park. It was noted that the Hillcrest land is owned by a third party with the likelihood that Persimmon will have first option to buy the land. Paul stated that we would like our previous planning comments presented at the planning meeting in January.

Any other Competent Business

Kate mentioned that the fence was re-instated at the children's roundabout at Wallacestone Brae but work had again stopped.

A reply was received from Falkirk Council's, Duncan Gardner in relation to our request for a Vehicle Activation Speed Sign. It said in summary that "such as sign would not be approved as Police records suggest that, of the 3 accident that have occurred on Shieldhill Road in the last 10 years, confidence that vehicles speed was a contributory factor was noted as no more that possible in only one." Rather contradictory, the writer also stated "The use of these signs has been found to be effective in achieving a reduction in inappropriate vehicle speed". It was agreed to formulate an appropriate response to Mr Gardner.

Danny stated that two new VAS signs had been installed recently in Bo'ness, while Kate mentioned that Falkirk Council had received £190k from the Scottish Government via Sustrans (Space to Move) and queried what happened to this money. We also noted that we did not receive much support from our local councillors for the vehicle activation sign.

We also agreed to send a copy of the Mr Gardner's letter to MP Martyn Day.

Actions: J McG/IS

Christmas lights at the Community Centre were put up by the community council members.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th January 2021 and will again be via Zoom meeting.

Ian Shottliff

Secretary

RWCC