

Garrowhill Community Council

Garrowhill Community Centre, Maxwell Drive

Wednesday 1st November 2017

Present: Murray Packer (MP1), Dougie McCallum (DM), John McEwan (JMc) Maria Paterson (MP2), Andy Henderson (AH), Bill McMaster (BM); John Coutts (JC), Fay McGregor(FM),

Councillors in attendance: Elaine Ballantyne (EB), Phillip Charles (PC),

Police Scotland: PC Teasdale, PC Jenkins

Apologies: None received

1a	Minutes from the previous meeting Minutes from previous meeting proposed by JM and seconded by DM To ensure the accuracy of the minutes of the October AGM meeting, the minutes were presented to community councillors. Proposed by: DM and seconded by BM
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<p>2a</p>	<p>Police Scotland</p> <p>Noted that there have been no house break ins during the period. The following were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft of fuel from petrol station • Vandalism incident • Car set on fire • 1 incident of drink driving. <p>MP brought up the issue of traffic on Gargrave Avenue resulting from the diversion in place due to replacement of the rail bridge. Queuing on Gargrave Avenue, Bowes Crescent and onto Mount Vernon Avenue with cars driving on the wrong side of the road almost causing accidents.</p> <p>MP2 also noted issues in Maxwell Drive and inner Edinburgh Road with an increase in the volume of traffic as cars try to avoid the temporary traffic lights in Baillieston Main Street. Also ongoing issues with traffic in Maxwell Drive at school start and finish times.</p> <p>MP also mentioned congestion at St Francis of Assisi primary and questioned whether the pedestrian gate could be closed. General discussion on this felt this would not be an ideal solution and would merely move the congestion elsewhere.</p> <p>Police noted that in cases of dangerous driving the registration numbers of vehicles should be taken and reported to Police. There appear to be issues at all schools and Police cannot be in attendance at all sites.</p>
<p>3a</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Current Bank Balance: £727.</p>
<p>4a</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>No issues over new applications.</p> <p>Former Police Station. Demolition has been started and it appears that mid range properties for sale are to be built.</p> <p>GHA put in planning application in Jan 2017 indicating 37 flats would be built – estimated completion date October 2018. The older cottages adjacent to the site do not appear to have been purchased.</p> <p>MP2 asked if any information was known about the former taxi site on Church Road which appears to have had more work done it – although there is no evidence of a planning application. Apparently they are to request retrospective planning application and approval.</p>

5a	<p>Roads and Lighting</p> <p>Work on Thornbridge has not been completed</p> <p>JM emailed and was informed a street light would be fixed within 3 weeks. Work has not been done although he was emailed to say it had been completed within the timescale noted.</p> <p>Bakewell Road to Springhill Road is in a particularly bad state of repair.</p> <p>Speed bumps at bottom of Beech need repaired – again.</p>
6a	<p>Councillor</p> <p>Elaine Ballantyne noted the following:</p> <p>Bus lane at Barrachnie has been shortened as requested.</p> <p>AH asked if anything could be done about the drain at the bus stop at Glasgow Rd (near to Hillsborough Rd). This has been an ongoing problem and constantly floods.</p> <p>Viewfield Rd sink hole has now been repaired.</p> <p>Danby Rd tree stumps are to be inspected and they will feed back to EB.</p> <p>Gordon Avenue pot hole now repaired.</p> <p>The following areas will be repaired and completed by 31.03.18</p> <p>External footway thoroughfare schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glasgow Rd – south footway opposite Bannerman High School • Barrachnie Rd – junction with Glasgow Rd (all sides) • Barrachnie Rd – no 12 to Edinburgh Rd (both sides). <p>RTO Footway Resurfacing Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Springhill Rd – full length • Garrowhill Drive – Hillsborough Rd to Barrachnie Road • Maxwell Drive – Douglas Drive to the Roundabout. <p>External Footway Slurry Schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thornbridge Rd –Bannercross Drive Glasgow Road Service road (both sides) • Whirlow Road – Beech Avenue to Maxwell Street <p><u>Traffic Diversion</u></p> <p>After general discussion it was agreed that a further meeting will be arranged with Traffcom. It was noted that the change to the light sequence had made some difference although people are still using Burntbroom as a short cut to avoid the queue of traffic at the lights.</p> <p>Traffic will be monitored for 3 weeks to determine the level of traffic. Cameras are in place and being monitored and there is a facility for the schedule of the lights to be changed where a build up of traffic is identified. MP noted it was more the issue of people using Burntbroom as a short cut which was a concern.</p>

7a	<p>Parks in the area</p> <p>Grass cutting is an issue across all the parks in the area. When grass is cut the cuttings are not being removed.</p> <p>Barrachnie Park has flooding problems and weeding is not being completed.</p> <p>Burn at Sherburn park needs cleaned. MP to organise a clean up day with LES. Questioned if Community Payback scheme could provide assistance.</p>
8	<p>Fence/Glasgow Rd Footpath</p> <p>This needs to be repaired or replaced before there is an accident.</p> <p>Overhanging branches on east side of Mt. Vernon Avenue/Gargrave/Sherburn. Something needs to be done to make this safer for pedestrians. Noted that where the branches are on private property the council can cut down and then charge residents.</p>
9a	<p>Tennis Courts</p> <p>Update noted:</p> <p>3m fence to be erected.</p> <p>Further presentation to the next BAP meeting before information provided to us.</p> <p>Still no date for a public meeting. Agreed when this becomes known we will put the information on the website.</p> <p>On subject of meetings – public meeting on 17th November on new housing development in Mount Vernon area. Concerns raised over the protection of ‘green spaces’ and the trees which were protected in the previous City Plan.</p>
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>Previously we have discussed contacting the new head teacher at Bannerman High School to discuss the ongoing problems with litter in the area. Agreed that MP will contact her to arrange.</p> <p>MP2 noted she may not be able to attend meeting in December.</p>

Next meeting Wednesday 6th December 2017