

**Garrowhill Community Council**

**Garrowhill Community Centre**

**Maxwell Drive**

**Minutes of Meeting 7th September 2016.**

**Present : M. Packer (MP1), J. McEwan (JM), M. Paterson (MP2), A. Henderson (AH),**

**Ninutes MSP J. Mason, Cllr. D. Turner**

**E. Ballantyne, A. Scott, P. Watt**

**Apology : B. McMaster, D. McCallum**

**1) Police Scotland**

**PC's Arnold & Grogan**

**In the last month there has been 12 crimes, including 3 sneak-in thefts into unsecured premises, 2 vandalism (1 detained), 3 assaults (1 detained others enquiries ongoing) 3 shopliftings (Co-op at Barrachnie, 1 detained) and 1 theft with enquiries ongoing.**

**There has been a reduction in gang fighting since last reported in our June minutes.**

**Mrs Scott and Mrs Watt complained that the bus lane at Barrachnie Cross was of excessive length, and resident had been receiving parking tickets as a result. Cllr Turner undertook to look into the matter**

**2) Minutes of the Previous Meeting (June 2016)**

**An apology from MP2 had not been noted**

**Minutes were proposed by JM and seconded by MP1**

### **3) Road and Lighting**

**Garforth has been resurfaced except for a portion where a car has remained parked, restricting the contractors from completing the job**

**The elevated footpath on Glasgow Road continues to cause concern (litter and foliage)**

### **4) Treasurer's Report**

**In the absence of DM, MP1 had visited the BOS at Barrachnie last week and encountered problems with our account, as they are now categorising it as a business account. We are still awaiting an up to date statement.**

**MP1 further advised that we have not received our grant for last year (2015/2016)**

### **5) Cllr. Turner**

- **Cllr Turner was aware that litter bins had not been collected recently**
- **The council have reviewed the zig-zag lines at Garrowhill P.S. and are satisfied that they are adequate.**
- **The paths on Sherburn Park are not being maintained properly**
- **Signage on the opening hours of Baillieston Distribution Centre is causing concern**
- **The council have set up an environment task force, but it has been reported that residents have had difficulty getting through on the phone. The task force will also be dealing with fly tipping.**
- **Sherburn Gardens and Coniston Crescent are included in the next phase of the resurfacing programme.**
- **The drains and utilities ironwork will be lifted and completed by 15th September**
- **Part of the skate park at Barrachnie Park was deemed unsafe and removed**
- **Cllr Turner advised that there was now an initiative known as 'Friends of Barrachnie Park'**
- **A pavement repair is to be undertaken at Gargrave Avenue and Orchard Street as there had been a ponding issue**
- **The Bannerman Beavers have had their funding withdrawn**
- **Some house builders have yet to make payments into the community fund which they had undertaken to do as part of their building programmes**
- **A new 'Area Partnership' funding form was now in place and a copy handed over to MP1**

## **6) MSP John Mason**

- A new train timetable was now in operation and using 'semi fast' stations which meant that not all trains to/from Garrowhill stopped at other stations in the east end (e.g Bellgrove, Carntyne, Shettleston)
- There have been reported instances of poor signage on the M8/M73/M74 upgrade. Traffic congestion will continue until completion of the upgrade in early Spring next year
- School exclusion zones are being operated in 9 schools in Edinburgh, banning traffic in a defined area around the school
- Mr Mason gave a brief summary of work underway currently at Holyrood including work on the Economy and Transport committee, Named Person legislation and Gender Equality in Public Bodies.

## **7) Planning**

- The ongoing topic concerning the former Baillieston Police Station continues. It is believed that GHA have plans to build 37 flats on the site
- The upstairs of the Clachan has someone interested in opening a sandwich bar from the premises.
- It was felt that a representative from the Planning Department be invited to attend one of our future meetings. MP1 to send a letter

## **8) Any Other Business**

It was reported that the Council had placed notifications concerning the Community Council in premises in the district (e.g. Co-op, Community Centre)

PM indicated that he will not seek re-election at next month's meeting

Date of next meeting : Wednesday 5th October at 7.30 p.m.