

Bannockburn Community Council

Minute of Meeting

05 August 2021

Zoom Meeting

Present: A Marshall and L Jordan

Apologies: D McPhail, I Dawson, S McGrouther, L Masterson, J Leary, T Cattigan and W McEwan

Attendance: Joanne Blair (Minute Taker)

Press: None

Residents: None

1. Declarations of Interest- None

2. Adoption of previous meeting(s) minutes- Minutes approved.

3. Matters Arising

- a. No one has been working at the hub for 8 weeks.
- b. Scaffold up around bank, originally to repair roof then to inspect and clear the roof. When scaffold went up ladder was left up over weekend - children on scaffold over weekend.
- c. The roads team have fixed the hole in the path outside the bank.
- d. Canopy falling to bits at areas, 3 areas inspected by Officer at hub and confirmed it was rotten. Scaffold removed but no work was carried out to repair it. Area reported in 2013 not repaired to date. Numerous areas on canopy require repaired photos were sent last October.
- e. Rear of building numerous repairs needed. It seems the inspector has missed these for years.
- f. Tommy has asked if they could extend the canopy and if there is any chance they can resurface the car park.
- g. 4 charging points to be fitted for electronic cars in the carpark of the library.
- h. Excellent job carried out at the cenotaph by volunteers. Volunteers asked for a tap to allow plants to be watered. SC confirmed this was not possible as others would want the same but if you set up your own group you can apply for funding to the council, then you can get one and maintain it.
- i. LS helped with bowser and removing bags of weeds.
- j. Group asked CC to assist which they did. Group looking to forward volunteer garden group. CC agreed for them to work as sub group of CC - separate check account to manage their funds. CC would help with looking for funds to assist. Names of those on group were being passed to CC.
- k. BCC asked several years ago if we funded new lights for entrance to the cenotaph, could SC connect this to street lighting. SC confirmed this could not be done, BCC would need to put in a separate supply and pay monthly rent to supplier.

- l. An approach made by EM to Bannockburn House to help manage. Turned down BH will help look for funding to assist.
- m. Picnic bench has been ordered and will be delivered 3/4 weeks and then fitted.
- n. Application has been submitted for another two benches for Ladywell Park and funding for two planters history garden. Also funding from local garage for a planter. Speaking with an officer at SC.
- o. Approached by Empire Bar dangerous footpath, gent tripped. The roads team were out and fixed.
- p. Tommy was asked by Terry in Empire Bar if SC would trim back the trees on the left of the building to allow this to be freshened up. LS trimmed back the tree branches on the right of the building.
- q. Contractor from Roys Year visited residents after 7 weeks of work starting. Sub-contractor working seven days a week, contractor didn't know.
- r. Stirling Council were asked about the noise one resident had three machines at the bottom of his garden. Officer of the council asked Tommy two weeks ago I informed him the site was closed due to all being on holiday. His response there isn't any noise then.
- s. The contractor was building his compound behind number 26-27-28 Quarryknowe. They intended taking their vehicles down the one track road. This was/could be a goer until BCC informed our EM.
- t. BCC and SC were asked to find a safe route for the children of Whins of Milton and Hillpark. This has been completed. It's good to see this access will not be used by Contractor, other than in an emergency. Parents will travel this way with groups of children.
- u. The no lorries sign has been removed and hasn't been replaced. BCC have been asking for over a year.
- v. Tommy has made contact with HRA manager at SC, as it was his understanding the planted areas at either side of the Empire bar belonged to HRA. He is hoping to have trees removed at this area, as they are getting out of control and will pose a risk to foundations of surrounding buildings. SC built bungalows next to these trees.

4. Reports- External

- a. Police Scotland: No report.
- b. Elected Member (Alasdair MacPherson) :
 - i. **Memorial Gardens** – I received complaints about the condition of the memorial gardens and immediately contacted Cllr Thomson, whose remit this falls under. We met next day on site (Sunday) along with Cllr Brisley. We contacted Land Services the next day who provided rubbish bags, which they collected, and water to water the plants. Instead of bedding plants, Land Services staff decided to sow wildflower seeds, which unfortunately lost the race against weeds before they could germinate. Unfortunately, this was not picked up in time by the supervisor. Volunteers quickly arranged for the beds to be weeded and several donations of plants were made by individuals and clubs based at Bannockburn & Eastern villages hub. Most plants were planted by Bannockburn Rugby Club. *This was a phenomenal effort by everyone who took part and I thank them.*
 - ii. **Soffit overhand outside the former bank building** – When I received a complaint about this, I contacted Council officials Gregor Wightman and Gordon Lawrie, who have now clarified who is responsible for the repairs.

The people liable for the cost of the repairs have now been contacted. In the meantime, it has been checked and it has been confirmed by officials that it does not pose a public health risk.

- iii. **Damaged water channel (gulley)** – I contacted roads last Sunday and the gulley was made safe the next day.
- iv. **Lovell development, Milnepark Road (Roy's Yard)** – After receiving one or two complaints about dust and noise, I held several phone calls with the site agent and area contracts manager. The problem arose when Lovell's sub-contractor was carrying out demolition and ground stabilisation works. I told them they should have had pre-consultation with neighbouring properties. They agreed, with hindsight, that they should have and gave an undertaking to circulate a newsletter outlining forthcoming works. When they did publish a newsletter and distribute it to neighbouring properties a couple of weeks later, they indicated their intentions to use the single-track lane off Maitland Avenue/Quarry Knowe. After several people commented about this on social media, I again contacted the area contracts manager and asked him to reconsider this due to health and safety concerns. I am pleased to report that he agreed to my request, and they are no longer going to use the track for site access.
- v. **Burnt out car at Ladywell Park** – Upon receiving this complaint, I contacted the Council's Safer Communities team and the police. The Council erected security fencing around the car to make it safe. The police and the Council are working with the owner and their insurance company, and we hope to get it removed soon.

5. Reports- Internal

- a. Secretary: All CC enquires shared with all members.
- b. Treasurer: No update.
- c. Planning: No update.
- d. Bannockburn House: No update.

6. Community Council Business

- a. None.

7. AOB

- a. None.

8. Residents Forum

- a. None.

9. Date, time and venue of next meeting

- a. Thursday 2nd September 2021.