

Guardbridge Community Council Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

Date: Thursday 29th September

Venue: Guardbridge Bowling Club

Members Attending: Oli Walker (Chair), Zoe Rogers (Vice Chair), Linda Scott (Secretary), Bill Wilson.

In Attendance: Cllr. Tim Brett, Cllr Bill Connor.

Apologies: Cllr. M. Taylor, Mary Duncan (treasurer), Lorraine Wills

1) WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/APOLOGIES

OW welcomed everyone to the meeting, including residents, members and Cllrs.

2) MINUTES (25th August 2016)

Minutes formally approved.

3) MATTERS ARISING

- a) TB asked if tyres had been removed. Yes. OW does this cost the council? TB Yes.
- b) TB – Commercial waste charges have been suspended by council for now. Please keep eye out for fly tipping and report to council immediately.
ZR – Dumping was occurring before the Strachan's skip arrived.
OW & TB – Perhaps a chance of CCTV camera?
BW – What are council plans regarding recycling?
TB – Council are experimenting with time changes to recycling bin collection. Trials being done every two weeks for green bins (at present it is every four). Trials will end shortly and we can expect to hear by next May. It is good news that this is being piloted and trialled to see if it can be rolled out.
- c) Resident – request for a 30mph sign from Toll Road Bridge.
ZR – confirmed that speeding on the Toll Road is bad. Needs to be much slower and perhaps even a 20mph speed sign. What is the council going to do about this?
BC – Different circumstances get different speed signs.
TB – Gordon Hughes looks at this, so will mention to him.
BM – There are children and animals along Toll Road now and a cat has been hit by a car. Really important that the speed of cars is slowed.
- d) Resident – Mowed grass has been piled and left in a heap in the park.
ZR – don't worry this will be picked up.

4) FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) Laptop not returned to the Community Council but it is apparently back.
- b) Planters have not been picked up yet. These are now in Elspeth's garden
- c) BW to put in his search claim of £24.00 to Mary Duncan.

5) STANDING ITEMS

5.1 Correspondence

- i) BW – emails from Vital Energi – Roadworks on Cupar Road concerning the fixing of manhole covers will stop for the duration of the Dunhill Tournament.

- ii) **Guardbridge Community Trust Flyers** – OW has produced a rough for this which may be a bit wordy for now, however it aims to inform the residents in as much detail as possible about what we have to do to get this up and running. Will be needing as much help with distribution as possible.

Guardbridge Community Trust will oversee the funds as stipulated last month. The flyer will ask residents without computers to contact Patsy Waddell at Guardbridge Primary School.

5.2 Planning Applications

- i) Screening option for repair works to 385m of dilapidated sea and retaining walls at Guardbridge Mill site.
- ii) Clayton Caravan Park – the planned extension is now live with some 300 units being built on the Guardbridge side of the site up to the stream. BC – these will be lovely. TB – they will not be seen from the road side of the site. We should look at how this will affect traffic on the road. This extension should provide jobs and would be good for Guardbridge.
- iii) Any objections? Plans are up for viewing. We support the application.

5.3 Playpark

- i) TB spoke with Alan Bisset regarding the application to the Community Works Programme for additional funding. This is being dealt with – the contractor must have apprentices do the work as this is a stipulation of the CWP. Good idea.

6) TRANSPORTATION

- i) Cupar Road roadworks as 5.1 i. above.
- ii) Speed sign is up and working. Needs to be recalibrated. Stuart Goodfellow will do this next week. TB – the council will look at this again in a couple of months to make sure all is going according to plan.
- iii) The School Sign on Main Street. OW to have another word with Collin Stone. ZR – why is this not a priority? BC – road safety – have to show its necessary first. This is a priority and it will slow traffic on its own. Please fight for this OW and TB. OW balancing expenditure – there is a limited budget. We would like this to be a priority.
- iv) Bowling Club signage – BM and TB to chase this up please.
- v) Cupar Road – also looking at a speed sign here please.

7) REFERRED ITEMS – COUNCILLORS

7.1 Cllr. Tim Brett

- 1) We are not clear what is going on at the Mill site. Geoff Morris has not shown at any meetings for the last few months. Will arrange for this with Morris and MT, OW, and TB.
- 2) BW – Mark Simpson is from estates and says we'll be updated at some point.
- 3) Carpark Leuchars Station. – Probably around March sometime. Scottish Power cable has been moved now.
- 4) Madras College – still looking in St Andrews for suitable site.
- 5) Notice board from the University for Guardbridge – we should have it by the end of September. It is now October.

- 6) Community Works Project – still have some money.
- 7) Tay Bridgehead – we should join this and it now includes Gauldry and Balmarino.
- 8) Budget – looking at finding savings of 42m.
- 9) Please find list of CC transport contact numbers. Please use this. It gives first and second contact numbers.
- 10) Fife Council is now paying the living wage of £8.22/hour. ZR - it stinks that FC pay the living wage but no one else gets it. BC - FC is a living wage council.
- 11) BW asked about parking charges on a Sunday in St Andrews. When will this start? TB - Council are working on this and will let us know. Existing car parking is charged from 1pm on a Sunday. Thus, the church goers are excluded from paying.

Resident - We don't pay in Cupar on a Sunday.

Cllr. Bill Connor

- i) Nothing to report other than two posters: Fun Family Activities for the October holidays. And Fairness Race Awareness & Equality Fife.

Please find both of these posters on the website for dates and details.

8) COMMUNICATION

- i) Website updates - BW constantly updates the website.
- ii) Flyers for meetings as well as the Guardbridge Community Trust.
Will need assistance with distribution. All help welcomed. Please make contact with OW, ZR or LS to organise this.

9) ADOPTION OF ASSOCIATED BODIES

9.1) Guardbridge Primary School - Patsy Waddell

- 1. School has a Parent Council and the Community Trust has been discussed
- 2. Group of parents has taken on the school play ground where there are raised planters and children are encouraged to grow flowers and some vegetables.
- 3. P7 have been on their residential week away. Every Wednesday afternoon they attend Strathkinness Primary.
- 4. P1 & P2 go to Leuchars Primary School every Wednesday afternoon. The school has negotiated with the army at Leuchars for transport.

ZR - The water is being cut off by Scottish Water on 4th October from 9am - 4pm. This will be a major disruption for residents and the Primary School. School will go to Leuchars for the day.

None of the residents have been notified about this by Scottish Water.

TB and BC - Can we help?

ZR - Scottish water should let the residents of Innerbridge Street know about this.

Zoe called council to find out about it. They did not know.

BC - will chase this up.

9.2 Guardbridge Bowling Club

Nothing to report.

9.3 University of St Andrews

No updates from the university. Oli to talk to Geoff Morris.

9.4 Guardbridge Community Trust

1. No further news. Steering group have arranged to meet at Guardbridge Hotel on Wednesday 12th October 3pm.

10) FORWARD PLANNING

i) Environment

1. Guided walks. Let's do this quite soon. OW Happy to give guided walk around Guardbridge. Will advertise on the website.
2. Village walk for GBCC and GBCT to look at space and buildings to know what we're working with regarding planning and purchasing etc.
3. Kinneir Gardens - big plants and bushes blocking view of traffic. Try to find out privately what's going on with the house and if necessary involve Fife Council.
4. Community garden - Strachan confirmed the land was given by Scottish Water. Strachan is happy to maintain the area but not without community support. Expects this woodland area to be used by the community as this is a lovely resource.
ZR pointed out the difficulty of crossing the road.
BW - Chipping station will be above the garden.
ZR - There will be no traffic (chipping?) from this point.
OW - Not suitable for chipping traffic?
PW - Guardbridge Primary School struggles to keep on top of the community garden. In the past there was no garden at the school, but now they have raised beds and input from parents.
ZR - Community needs to be involved but there are serious safety issues with the road. Needs a gate.
Cllr BC - there is money for this type of thing. Perhaps he can advise.
OW - We have the support of Strachan and we should involve the university. It's primarily woodland and we should keep it like this. Attracts butterflies and bees thus it can remain fairly wild but maintained.
ZR - Plant and Woodland Trust - advise on fruit trees - sloes, apples and so on. This is a great resource. Need to put up signs to 'clean up after your dog'.
OW - perhaps we should organise an event and garden and clear up and involve the Woodland Trust.
Cllr. BC - Have a look at Tayport.
5. Fireworks night - sounds like a good idea for Saturday the 5th of November.
OW to find out exactly what this entails regarding insurance, safety etc.
Either at Motray Park or Eden Park.

6. Christmas tree - agreed that we should look for a tree to put by the flag poles.
7. Ranauld Strachan - See Fife Local Plan - identified sites for development for example field behind the flag poles is part of Seggie - identified for development. Brick sheds by the recycling have been identified for redevelopment as well as the football fields. Steering group to be aware of this.

OW - Projects in the Netherlands - self build plot with basic stipulations. Sell to individual developers. Build your own house.

BW - disagreed with this concept. We need to build for younger people to rent.

OW - could be cheaper housing.

BW - still too expensive.

OW to Cllrs TB and BC - Can we say we want to do this? 30% low cost rule.

TB - Local plan still to be released. Still waiting. Planner has said none of the sites go ahead until the university says so. Need to set up meeting with planning and CC. Must be 30% low cost housing says Fife Council.

Cllr BC - Can get money for buying fields one's self.

ZR - Students want to live here.

BW - loads of people need housing.

OW - funding and rent?

Alan S - People can rent or buy land.

ZR - housing has to be lived in by people in the area.

Cllr. TB - Get the plans out here and stay involved.

11) AOCB

1. General complaints about the university and the lack of involvement with the Community Council, and the community in general. St Andrews University need to keep- us posted on all their plans.
2. BW - can the CC minutes be put in the Citizen Newspaper ? Only if very cut down. They will continue to be put up on the website.
3. Resident - MOD - more personnel coming to the area. Could the MOD please notify residents of night flying. - Once a quarter the MOD have a meeting with the CC.
4. Cllr TB - Eden Estuary - Strachan - meet with Fife Council twice a year on environmental issues. Happy to share this with BW for website.

NEXT MEETING 27TH OCTOBER 2016 AT THE BOWLING CLUB