

Public Meeting Minutes

Date – 27th April 2022

Members Present

Fiona Berrow

Bob Dale

Sue Dumbleton

Emily McLaughlin

Carol Robertson

In Attendance

Andrew Fraser

David Sherman

Cllr Thomson

Cllr Susan McGill

Apologies

Joan Murphy

Ashleigh Philip

Alison Swanson

Residents: 8

1) Welcome and record of those present and apologies

Vice-Chair Sue Dumbleton welcomed everyone in attendance in addition to those Members and Associates listed above.

2) Declarations of Interest

No Declaration of Interest was recorded.

3) Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes for March were adopted
Fiona Berrow proposed; Bob Dale seconded

4) Matters Arising from previous minutes not to be addressed within the meeting

None arising

5) Reports

a) Chair

Joan Murphy was on holiday this month and Sue Dumbleton Chaired this meeting.

Carol Robertson has been appointed as a full Community Councillor.

Riverside Community Council has a vacancy for a Community Councillor. Contact riversidecommunitycouncil@gmail.com for more information.

b)Secretary

Housekeeping:

Flooding – An update from Stirling Council flooding team was requested to clarify the information on SEPA's Flood Risk Management Plan.

Stirling Council confirmed that they are still working on an Optioneering Report which is unlikely to be concluded until 2023.

The Scottish Government is currently reviewing its funding position and Stirling Council are awaiting confirmation of funding availability for 2022/2023.

Stirling Council is aiming to hold engagement sessions as part of these works and are looking to host these over the summer months.

Flood defences would likely consist of both walls and embankments and the community will be engaged with throughout the process.

Trolleys in Forth – Stirling Council have informed Riverside Community Council that they do not own the land the trolleys have been dumped on and are therefore not responsible for their removal. It has been suggested that a Land Register search to ascertain who the owner is and approach them.

Broken Fence on Forth Crescent – this will be fixed shortly.

Degrading railings along the riverside path – Stirling Council will be engaging with their our welding contractor to discuss the fabricating of repairs. They will also discuss with Cowanes Trust any repairs within their section of ownership so to keep the fence uniform.

Pedestrian Crossing: A Stirling Council officer visited the site and ascertained that the green man is present with the alarm sounding for 7 seconds and that there is a further 7 seconds before the red light changes to green for traffic. The officer states that they "*cannot agree that there is a specific problem to the time given for pedestrians crossing this junction.*" They also noted that they witnessed wheel chair users and older people crossing during the time of observation.

Forth Street Bollards – Stirling Council is looking to place bollards at the top of Forth Crescent to stop vans from parking illegally on the wide foot-way. Riverside Community Council supported this activity.

Waverly Park: - Stirling Council has some budget this year to replace play equipment will look to replace/repair some of the adult fitness equipment. I will also try and replace the hammock, the 3 piece balance beam is no longer available from the manufacturer it is hoped that it can be replaced with something similar.

Benches, Toast – Thanks was given to Stirling Council for commissioning the replacement of the benches at the end of the path through the Old Harbour Forest. This work will shortly be completed.

Major Gas Works – Stirling Council begin work to upgrade our gas network within the Dean Crescent

area and parking restrictions will be in place from the 9th May for seven weeks.

Streets that will be affected on a rolling basis:

- Dean Crescent (both sides), Stirling between junction with Riverside Drive & Forth Street
- Forrest Road (both sides) between junctions with Dean Crescent & Edward Road
- Riverside Drive (both sides) between Sutherland Drive and Abbey Mill
- Abbey Road (both sides) between Abbey Mill & Cooperage Quay
- Forth Place outside 25-29

Bins – Forth Street and James Street and Adverse Weather Challenges

Emily McLaughlin met with the Recycle4Stirling team to start a conversation about the bin issues in Riverside. Options were discussed for tackling these issues including an access awareness campaign and further community resilience engagement. This will continue to be addressed.

SHARE is an NHS Research Scotland initiative, supported by the Universities in Scotland and the Chief Scientist Office in the Scottish Government. SHARE is a register of volunteers (11+ yrs) who are interested in research for improving healthcare. They aim to help people find health research projects which are relevant to them and are looking for volunteers to join. Find out more [here](#).

Neighbourhood Networks is a member led organisation that encourages people to make new friends, build connections and learn and share new skills. The group work with people who may be isolated or at risk of isolation and are looking for people to join in. Find out more [here](#).

Wellbeing Scotland, Alloa are looking to recruit more Befrienders for the Stirling and Clackmannanshire areas. You can find more information [here](#).

Some information is shared between meetings, including road closures, TROs and other Stirling Council communications and this is available on the [Riverside Community Council Website](#). The weekly Planning Schedule is also available each Wednesday.

c) Treasurer

Expenditure: The Community Council paid for the Zoom account for April (£14.39 per month),

d) Planning

There were no planning issues.

You can visit Stirling Council's [Planning Portal](#) for further planning information.

You can visit the Scottish Government's [Tell Me Website](#) for further licensing information.

6) Sub-Groups

a) Active Travel and Sustainable Transport

Lovers Walk

St Ninians Community Council has been in touch regarding their speeding issues and to ascertain if this is an issue across Stirling. Ashleigh Phillip will be responding.

b) Bins and Recycling

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Riverside Community Council will ask Stirling Council to consider re-issuing the recycling legislation to support new residents understand the system.

Cllr Thomson informed Riverside Community Council that Stirling Council are working on posters for back doors in shared accommodation and further awareness.

e) Environment

Dog Fouling:

£130 has been spent of poo bogs since February last year which is approximately 380 rolls, 6000 bags. It was agreed that the campaign has been a good initiative for the area, giving people a non-confrontational way of approaching those who don't clean up and it also shows that Riverside is a proactive community who wants to stop dog fouling.

It is no longer feasible to continue it the way we currently run it. Emily McLaughlin proposed a Take One, Leave One scheme, supported by the free bags that the Dog Warden has offered to supply Riverside Community Council with. It was agreed that £20 could be spent on leaflet holders for the bags and this scheme would be trailed for the next 6 months.

Giant Hogweed has been spotted in the public spaces past the Rowing Club and Community Orchard. Riverside Community Council will inform Stirling Council

f) The Green, Forth Place

No further activity.

Funding opportunities are being collated for future reference.

g) Parking

There was no further update to this trial or other parking related matters.

Kate Joester, from Living Streets team conducted an audit at the crossroads at Forth crescent and Forth street and reported that there was a very high level of traffic during her audit, 8.30am – 9.30am 21st April 2022.

The difficulty of crossing the road was commented upon as Kate Joester witness an unaccompanied child having to wait five minutes to safely crossing the street.

The suggestion of a pedestrian crossing was strongly supported.

Fiona Berrow commented that there was clear support and enthusiasm for a crossing discovered during The Green Consultation.

Riverside Community Council have asked for a temporary dangerous unpleasant and difficult crossing lights

- this was refused.

Park and Stride for Riverside Primary School was supported as a solution to some of the congestion issues around school drop off and pick up.

g) Summer Jubilee Celebrations

David Sherman, Iain Gibson and Carol Roberston have been working towards the Jubilee Celebrations and the line up is as follows:

Thursday Afternoon Tea – 60 older residents of Riverside are invited to a celebratory afternoon tea with activities and a visit from Riverside Primary's Glee Club.

Saturday Family Fun Day & Market *Waverly park: 12pm - 4pm*

Join us at Waverley Park from 12pm for outdoor games, fun activities with Riverside Naturally, stalls from local business and food vendors, come and try sessions from Stirling County Rugby Club and Riverside Lawn Bowling Club and a special visit from the Fire Brigade!

Plus there's going to be delicious pizza from [Mangiamo](#) , coffee and cakes from [Bean N Biscuits](#) and delicious luxury ice cream from [Milk & Honey](#) and much more!

Jubilee Jam - Live Music *Riverside lawn bowling club: 12pm - 6pm*

Join some of the best local musicians for live sessions at Riverside Lawn Bowling Club! We've got musicians and dancers from multiple genres throughout the day; so there's something for everyone!

Griff's Gaff Disco - Live DJs *Abbey Road Market: 4pm - 9pm*

Join an amazing line up of DJs from 4pm at Abbey Road Market for an electric mix of disco and house music! You can also sample Abbey Road's stunning selection of food and drink as you enjoy this free music event!

Ceilidh & Disco *Riverside Lawn bowling club: 7pm - 11pm*

Grab your tickets for the party! Riverside Ceilidh Band will be performing an amazing selection of traditional Scottish music, before our DJ takes over and we dance until closing time!

David Sherman and Carol Robertson offered thanks to the tremendous generosity from people throughout Riverside. The events are open to everyone - residents can volunteer or raise questions by emailing: riversidejubilee@gmail.com

8) Local Groups

Riverside Naturally – Over £200 was raised during the Step Into Spring Campaign and Riverside Naturally gave a huge thank you to all who participated by decorating their window or donating.

Riverside Naturally is always looking for [volunteers](#) and everyone is welcome. Typical sessions are on the second Thursday of the month at 6.30pm and the last Saturday of the month at 9.30am

Riverside Bowling Club - Riverside Bowling Club is open for the season and are looking for new members: Full (Playing) Members £95.00 Student Members £25.00 Social Members £10.00

9) **Upcoming Events**

30th April – RN Seed Swap and Maintenance Session

1st May – Neighbourhood Walk

12th May – RN Maintenance Session, 6.30pm – Riverside Community Orchard

25th May – RCC Public Meeting

4th June – Jubilee Summer Celebration

5th June – Neighbourhood Walk and Litter Pick

9) **A.O.B**

An application for funding from the Museum Galleries Scotland Communities Stories Fund was submitted in March and a Riverside Community Council will be notified on the 29th April if successful.

Carol Robertson met with a potter keen to be involved with the stories project.

Andrew Fraser informed Riverside Community Council that Wallace Gate Leak is being attended to.

10)

Date of Next Meeting

27th May 2022 – Venue TBD

All previous minutes, policies and consultation comments can be found on our website and available on request.

Previous minutes and further information about Riverside Community Council can be found on our [website](#).