**Riverside Community Council Public Meeting Minutes**

**Riverside Primary School**

**Date: 25th September 2024**

**Members Present In Attendance Apologies**

Joan Murphy Di Alderdice Lorna Smith

Fiona Dyet Andrew Fraser Carol Robertson

Jude Treliving Cllr McGill Chara Parraco

Fiona Berrow 12 residents Ashleigh Philips

Parvin Morrissey

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| **Minutes** | Actions |
| 1. **Welcome**   Joan Murphy welcomed everyone to Riverside Primary School.  Good news of the month: air pollution levels in the Glasgow Low-Emission Zone (LEZ) fell by more than areas outside the zone. Glasgow Council's air quality report for 2023 showed an average 20% drop in nitrogen dioxide (NO2) levels in the city centre and LEZ area.  As RPS is unavailable for October’s RCC meeting, it was agreed to be held on Wednesday 6th November instead. | Noticeboards and website to be updated |
| 1. **Declarations of Interest**   No Declaration of Interest was recorded. |  |
| 1. **Approval of Previous Minutes**   Minutes for August adopted. Fiona Berrow proposed; Fiona Dyet seconded. |  |
| 1. **Matters Arising from previous minutes not to be addressed within the meeting**   **Phone Box on Millar Place**: JM has had ongoing discussions with BT about the removal of the phone box at the junction of Millar Place and Abbey Road. BT have confirmed that it will be removed but have not yet provided a time scale. Sharon Marklow from Stirling Council has no objection to RCC putting in a small community shed in the space left.  **Pop-Up Police Person Patrol**: It had been suggested to the RCC that getting a pop-up police officer that would be moved around Riverside might deter some cars speeding. They cost roughly £35. There was a discussion about whether this would be an appropriate action as it could distract drivers; there was also a suggestion of more speed bumps. There was a 11-1 vote in favour of spending the money on the cut-out. Allison Swanson, Di Alderdice and Katherine Anderson would like to be involved in this project. | - JM and FD to follow up |
| 1. **Reports** 2. **Chair**   **Waverley Play Park:** JM has been in further correspondence with James Aikmen from Stirling Council. The missing hammock will be replaced and the broken ‘snake’ will be replaced with a new seesaw. Those in attendance voted on which seesaw they would like to be installed and Kathryn Anderson will take these options to the Parent Council. AP is looking into funds for accessible play equipment. RCC had suggested a path from the main entrance to the sand pit for easier access and removing the style to replace it with a gate. JA said that these would have to be independently funded.  **Informed Communities Session**: There will be a meeting on 26th September at Stirling Council Headquarters, Old Viewforth Stirling 7-9pm. This session will include Chief Executive Caroline Sinclair and Inspector Andy Bushell. No one is available to go in the place of JM.   1. **Secretary:**   **Forth Street:** The leak has finally been fixed and the road repaired.  **Blocked Signage**: The foliage covering signage when travelling out of Riverside towards the Vue cinema will be cut back in October.  **Waverley Park**: The ground at the goalposts has sunk considerably and will be filled in and levelled in October, and a broken bench will be repaired.  **Giant Hogweed**: FD has received an email from Cllr Nunn organising a meeting with Cowane’s Trust regarding their course of treating giant hogweed on their land in Riverside.  **Goosecroft Road Crossing**: The feedback from Stirling Council is that the edging is not a trip hazard, nor is there need to have a person’s outline marked on the ground to contrast it to the cycle path. They will, however, reassess the allotted crossing time for pedestrians.  **Police Report:** There were no reports this month. There were 9 calls, mostly related to seeking assistance for members of the public.   1. **Treasurer**   There was no income or expenditure this month. The admin grant for this year has not yet been received. There had been issues with payment for the website, which has since been sorted. |  |
| 1. **Sub-Groups** 2. **Planning**: No news. RAMPs continues to work well. 3. **Active Travel**: JT and AF attended a meeting with Stirling Council on 19th September regarding the cycle route from Ladysneuk Road into Stirling City centre. The proposed plans will be put forward within the next few weeks. 4. **Environment:**   **Forth-ERA project:** Amy McCarron has been in touch with DA about a collaboration between Stirling University and Scotland’s International Environment Centre. They are looking to record data (including air quality, flooding, biodiversity) which can be used by agencies to manage evidence-based transitions to reach net zero. They are looking to put sensors around Riverside to record water level and tide fluctuations and looking for suggestions for where to place them. Cooperage Quay was suggested, as was Dean Crescent/the Rowing Club.   1. **Roads and Parking**: There was discussion about the increase of parking on Shore Road and related safety concerns. 2. **OHW:** Judi Legg contacted FB regarding insurance Stirling Council requires for benches, but it isn’t clear if this is public liability or assets insurance. Next meeting: first Saturday of October, clearing snowberry. 3. **Accessability**: JM has had discussions with a resident regarding the cobbled junction of Forth Crescent and Ronald Place and the difficulty it poses wheelchair-using residents. JM has been in contact with Robert Fleming from Stirling Council who has suggested a plan to rectify the uneven camber of the road promptly, depending on budget and resources. | DA to see if Amy McCarron would be interested in coming to the next RCC meeting  DA to look into public liability insurance being funded from grant itself |
| 1. **OAB**   **Forthside**: The film studio at Forthside has received approval for a £6m procurement contract for building refurbishment, the majority of which will be invested in the existing 160,000 square-foot main building, likely to become the main hub for Stirling Studios. Work is to begin in February 2025 and end in January 2026.  Minutes from the recent meeting with Sharon Marklow about the rest of the Forthside Development were not available by the time of this meeting. If residents would like the read the minutes, they will be added to the Forthside Development WhatsApp group when available.  The plan for the Forthside Development can be found here: <https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/forthsidemasterplan>  **Our Front Room:** A recent concert raised £550, £510 of which has been given to the local charity Action in Mind. |  |
| **Next meeting: Wednesday, 6th November 2024. Venue: RPS.** |  |