

**West End Community Council Meeting  
08 December 2020  
Via Zoom**

**PRESENT:**

Russell Pepper	WECC
Ann Prescott	WECC
Iain Iveson	WECC
Lynsey Penny	WECC
Esther Carmen	WECC
Crawford Morton	WECC
Suzie Harrold	WECC
Sam Crouch	WECC
Rob Evans	WECC
Lewis Pull	WECC
Anna Day	WECC
Rowan Jack	WECC
Nick Marra	WECC
Joanne Kelly	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Cllr Donald Hay	DCC
Cllr Richard McCready	DCC
Baillie Fraser McPherson	DCC
Sandra MacDowall	Public
Harrison Frame	Public

**ACTION**

- 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**  
Russell Pepper welcomed all to the meeting. Additional points to be discussed were added to the agenda.
- 2. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**  
Minutes for November meeting were proposed by Lynsey Penny and seconded by Ann Prescott
- 3. IAN FORD – BIODIVERSITY SURVEY**  
Ian Ford, chair of Friends of Riverside Nature Park addressed the WECC to give an overview of their recent work and the importance of responding to DCC's biodiversity survey. It was generally agreed that the WECC could help play a role in informing the public about DCCs biodiversity work – Ian will send the WECC a PDF made by Plant Life to help with this.  
WECC voted on whether or not to send a response to DCC's biodiversity on behalf of the WECC – all CCs voted yes. A subgroup was set up to deal with this – Lynsey, Lewis, Rob, Sam, Ann and Esther will send this by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020.

**Lynsey Penny, Lewis Pull, Rob Evans, Sam Crouch, Ann Prescott, Esther Carmen**

**4. AGM**

AGM is expected to be held in February but awaiting information from Natalie Mackland. Joanne Kelly to keep up to date when receives information to go forward with an AGM as needs on 10 days' notice to hold one.

AGM is currently not in line with the provisions of the Constitution which states that AGM should be held in an October. We may need to do this financial year's in October to get back into sync but this will be confirmed nearer the time.

**Joanne Kelly**

**5.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Office bearers for the WECC were elected:

Chair: Russell Pepper (Ann proposed, Anna seconded)

Temporary secretary (until AGM): Lewis Pull

Treasurer (after Laurie Edmond resigns after AGM): Lewis Pull

Planning Team (until March): Anna Day – Lewis Pull to assist with licensing applications.

**6.**

**PLANNING OF MEETING FOR IDEATION ON FUTURE POINTS**

Agreed that the WECC need to meet to discuss skills, interests, what each community councillor can bring to the table in serving our community. Questions raised as to how we will engage with the community to get views, how we incorporate evidence into our decisions, how we organise ourselves in terms of working groups, and how we link with other groups.

Generally agreed that a good idea would be to introduce ourselves on social media (and elsewhere, so as not to alienate those without internet/SM), so the community are aware of who their community councillors are. The offline aspect of this would be done with leaflets/posters – Anna is happy to design these when the time comes.

Esther to email everyone with Doodle poll to organise an initial meeting to specifically discuss these issues.

**Esther Carmen**

**7. VOTE ON WECC SUPPORTING FRIENDS OF THE EARTH PETITION**

Friends of the Earth have a petition asking DCC to divest from fossil fuels in their pension fund. This was discussed and a vote was taken as to whether or not WECC will support this petition

There were 7 votes for, 2 against and 3 abstentions, so the WECC will support this petition – Ann to inform FOE of this.

**Ann Prescott**

Sandra Macdowall noted that WECC may be in breach of code of conduct by supporting a group. It was agreed that we would look into this.

**MODAL FILTER UPDATE**

- 8.** Update on the modal filter was given to the group by Russell – the working group (Russell, Anna, Ann, Esther, and Suzie) proposed an idea whereby the northbound lane of Riverside approach would be made into a 2-way cycle route to connect Magdalen Green and the Riverside path. The western “fork” of Riverside Approach would also be closed to traffic and instead be a 2-way cycling route. The idea behind this proposal was to find a compromise so that more people who took part in DCC’s Facebook post-based survey would be happy (the public were very split in the issue), there would be less through traffic in the lanes area, less speeding and a safer crossing between the playpark and Magdalen Green. It was noted that we had emailed John Berry at DCC to ask that the WECC be involved in the consultation but had heard nothing back.

**9.**

**PLANNING ISSUES**

The application for proposed drive throughs at the land South of Riverside Drive which was rejected by DCC is now being appealed and reviewed by the Local Review Body – a vote was taken as to whether or not the WECC would take a stringer stance than before and completely oppose the application based on safety, car-centric design and taking trade from the Perth Road district centre.

**Russell Pepper**

There were 12 votes for, 0 votes against – so the WECC will send further representation to the LRB to oppose the application.

**10.**

**AOCB/INPUT FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

It was noted that some CCs have not been attending meetings/ have not been in contact for a while. Ani Pendova has moved out of the West End so will no longer be a CC. Innocent Oriaku has also not been in touch for a while – Russell to email him to see if everything is OK and if he needs assistance attending online meetings.

**Russell Pepper**

- 11.** It was asked if there is any update on the positioning of the Ride On E-bike rack on Blackness Avenue, which two residents of the block it sits outside have an issue with. Fraser MacPherson confirmed he has talked to Ride On and whilst they will not be moving it in the immediate future, they may be open to moving it once the scheme has had a chance to bed in.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021, 7-9pm via Zoom.