

DENNISTOUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT WHITEHILL SCHOOL 8/2/11

Present: Stephen Birrell (chair) Lauren Amazeen, Jenny Boyd, Helen McCarthy, Jane Clarke, Janette Cochrane, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Mary McCabe, Jenny Mulholland, Frank Plowright, Wesley Wright (Council Members), Councillors Elaine McDougall and Ruth Simpson, Matty Sutton

Apologies: Anne McKenna

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

1. It was mentioned that it's DCC policy that any member who doesn't attend a meeting or provide apologies for absence for three consecutive months will be considered to have resigned.
2. As this was the first meeting since re-constituting, everyone present introduced themselves. Most new members have previously been involved with the Dennistoun Conservation Society and Dennistoun Community Together.
3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11/1/11: Acceptance of the meeting minutes provided by Ian Law was proposed by Ruth Johnston, seconded by Jenny Mulholland and approved by the Council.
4. No matters arising from previous minutes.
5. It was agreed that for future meetings Frank Plowright as Minute Secretary will provide an agenda to all members prior to the next meeting. Members should contact Frank beforehand regarding items to be placed on the agenda. Minutes of the meeting will be supplied to all elected officials for the area and London Road police station. Helen will check with the previous chair about any extended mailing list. Janette will supply a copy of the printed minutes to the local library and other public venues to be decided.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: a) There is an invitation from Glasgow City Council for DCC members to attend a Royal Garden Party at Holyrood on July 5th. Janette and Lauren expressed an interest in attending. b) A training course has been offered by Planning Aid for Scotland in Leadership in Planning on February 25th. As the bank account is in flux the £140 fee prohibits attendance. c) Glasgow City Council are hosting a consultation on the community legacy from the Commonwealth Games at Tollcross Leisure Centre between 5pm and 7pm on February 23rd. d) Councillor Archie Graham's progress report on the Commonwealth Games was provided by Glasgow City Council. e) There was an invitation to the Community Council discussion event held on February 5th, when there was a presentation by Glasgow Council Community Safety Services. The next events are on March 12th and May 19th at the Parish Halls, 266 George Street. Topics flagged as issues for discussion at some stage are transport and the Common Good Fund and its uses.
7. TREASURER'S REPORT: Helen provided audited accounts noting a bank balance of £3078.84 and cash in hand of £60.64. It was accepted by the meeting. The account is currently held at the Royal Bank of Scotland on Alexandra Parade. The inordinate complications regarding changing signatories was discussed, but it was decided to continue with a system of two signatories from three named being required for cheques. The signatories will be Helen McCarthy as Treasurer, Stephen Birrell as Chairman and Janette Cochrane as Secretary.

8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** It was decided that given Brian Johnston's background and experience in planning matters he would look over all future applications and bring those required to the notice of the Community Council. He estimated not more than 25% will require discussion. There was concern over a planned rear extension in Sword Street, but it is likely the Planning Department would know if this infringed on communal areas. Brian is to look into proposed flats on Wishart Street. Elaine McDougall reported that in recent months applications have been refused for two take-aways on Alexandra Parade, that the old Craiglea Nursery has been sold for flats and Tesco have submitted a planning application for what was previously the Big W store.
9. **LICENSING APPLICATIONS:** None.
10. **ELECTED MEMBERS:** Elaine McDougall has been discussing flytipping with both Registered Social Landlords and Glasgow City Council cleansing. A newsletter is to be circulated to the 1300 registered landlords in Dennistoun about the topic and cleansing aim to standardise the bulk uplift in the area rather than different sections having different days for uplift. It was revealed that the houses in the area have to phone for collection, and are told it will occur within 20 working days, which causes problems. Ruth Simpson acknowledged a new approach is required for bulk uplift to be more effective, and this would involve a cost, although not necessarily to the public. Elaine also reported enforcement wardens currently have an initiative in the area, although this is time based and only resulted in 14 tickets on the previous occasion. It was noted dog fouling could be solved by re-introducing the dog licence to Glasgow with a compulsory DNA swab and resulting fines would more than cover the costs of testing. Licensed premises are being warned about people being asked to purchase for under-age drinkers, the possibility of a new crossing on Alexandra Parade is being considered, and the impact of hospital closures and lack of transport to alternatives is a concern.
11. Ruth Simpson reported that RAPA has won a community excellence award and that there is to be considerable new build housing along Gallowgate, which requires planning and landscaping with particular reference to lighting and traffic management. Although not in the DCC area it will have an impact on the Southern border. There is an awareness that this mixture of social and later private housing does not deteriorate in the fashion of the previous housing in that area.
12. **COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP:** No news.
13. **COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP:** No news.
14. **NEXT MEETINGS:** The next meeting is at Whitehill School at 7pm on Tuesday March 8th. It has previously been customary for DCC not to meet during school holidays, but it was felt it was best to prioritise the new momentum with monthly meetings. This may involve an alternative venue in April.