

DENNISTOUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT WHITEHILL SCHOOL 9/3/11

Present: Stephen Birrell (chair) Jenny Boyd, Janette Cochrane, Annette Fowler, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Helen McCarthy, Anne McKenna, Jenny Mulholland, Frank Plowright, Louise Williams, Wesley Wright (Council Members), Councillor Frank Doherty
Police Community Liaisons Lynzie Foster and Jay McCallum,
Members of public: Matty Sutton, Heidi, Greer Wilson

Apologies: Lauren Amazeen, Jane Clarke, Mary McCabe, Councillor Jennifer Dunn, MP William Bain

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

1. POLICE REPORT: 10 officers cover the Dennistoun area over 4 beats, and there have been 82 crimes reported in Dennistoun over the past month, of which 33 have been solved. Crimes outwith privately owned premises break down to 9 assaults, 15 incidences of vandalism, 1 alcohol and 6 drug incidents, 12 reported thefts (including shoplifting), 9 road offences and 1 case of an offensive weapon. There are lines of enquiry ongoing regarding the break-ins at local schools and the Masters snooker hall. There is concern about bogus callers targeting the Dennistoun area, and they should be reported. All non-emergencies should go through the police contact services on 532 2000 to be logged, and any information should be supplied to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111. It is also possible to e-mail community officers directly via the pages on the Strathclyde Police website. The police felt more CCTV would help, but in the current economic climate new fixed cameras are not possible. The mobile CCTV unit can be allocated, but for this to occur there need to be several crime reports in a particular area. The police are actively soliciting feedback on recurring problems.
2. ELECTED MEMBERS: Frank Docherty suggested the Community Council compile a list of all contact phone numbers relevant to the community. He noted that parking outside schools is a problem. There are monthly random checks on this, and the schools circulate letters to parents. At a meeting regarding old firm associated violence both clubs said that they would consider extending banning orders to those convicted of offences connected with matches outside their grounds.
3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11/1/11: The meeting minutes from 8/2/11 were approved. Helen would prefer a printed copy in future.
4. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: a) Three members of the community council are currently undergoing vetting procedures for attendance at the Queen's Holyrood party in June. This could take 4 to 5 weeks. b) Stephen attended a consultation regarding the Commonwealth Games legacy on 23/2/11 and groups are being encouraged to sign up for legacy programmes.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Completed change of signatory forms have been handed in to the Royal Bank on Alexandra Parade, but as yet there has been no notification of change. The process was expected to take 10 days, and Helen will enquire if there is no news in the next few days. The audited accounts have been supplied to the Council. The bank balance is £3078.83, with cash in hand at £53.54.
6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: A planning application summary has been supplied by Brian Johnson and is attached to these minutes. The Forge Retail Park site and development of the site at Craigmores Street and Duke Street fall outside the remit of

Dennistoun Community Council. Proposals for the 90 apartment development on Wishart Street will be on view in the hall at Our Lady of Good Counsel on Craigpark between 8am and 8pm on either March 14th or 21st (and possibly both dates). The architect will be present to discuss the plans between 6pm and 8pm.

7. LICENSING APPLICATIONS: None.
8. EAST CENTRE AREA COMMITTEE: Dennistoun Community Council were given no notice of the last meeting. £13,000 of funding has been applied for to illuminate Dennistoun Library at night as discussed previously by the Dennistoun Community Council. A decision will be taken at the Committee meeting on 10/3/11, and it is hoped funding to cover scaffolding, management, erection and lighting costs will be approved. It is hoped there will be a launch event when the work is completed.
9. COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP: Stephen will attend the next meeting.
10. ELECTED MEMBERS PART 2: a) Frank Docherty informed us that Wellpark Hall on Duke Street is now up and running as a community venue, operated by Playbusters. They hold three drop-ins a week and there is the possibility of wider use. b) All schools in Dennistoun have now attained their Green Flag for ecological awareness and compliance, and Frank is looking into acquiring a flag and flagpole for the schools to advertise this. c) Dennistoun Amateurs football team now use the all weather pitch at the end of Garthland Drive every second Saturday (afternoon?) and local residents are encouraged to support them. d) Frank has demanded that money is provided to refurbish Whitehill Pool, and the steps to the entrance are properly repaired. e) Members of the community are encouraged to report potholes and these will be dealt with. f) Cumbernauld Road has been shut to traffic due to concerns regarding the condition of the buildings. Until it can be ascertained who is responsible for their maintenance traffic problems are likely to continue. g) There is a Glasgow-wide cycling strategy supported by bus lanes, but potholes are currently a major deterrent to cycling in Dennistoun. h) Dennistoun is part of Glasgow's switch over to digital television transmission on June 8th. Information leaflets are available in the library and from the Council. i) Frank offered to have Council officials give a talk to meetings regarding their function so the Council would better understand how this impacted on the area. It was decided that with time at a premium this would be better left for individual meetings. NB I left out the mentions of the Green Awards (as the deadline has passed, and the traffic disruption at the High St, not in Dennistoun as this will also have occurred long before minutes are made public) It was suggested that to save time in future these items could be compiled in advance of Community Council meetings and circulated to members.
11. WEBSITE: Wesley has established a new Community Council website and linked to it from the existing websites. These were of limited use due to not being under our control and moderated by others. The site is at dennistouncc.org.uk. Start-up costs were £69.90. There will also be a £5.58 renewal fee for the domain name every two years. Suggestions for additional items are welcome.
12. WORKING GROUPS: Stephen, Frank and Wesley will conceive an action plan for how Dennistoun Community Council can proceed.
13. NEXT MEETINGS: The next meeting is at Whitehill School at 7pm on Tuesday April 12th. It was suggested that as there is so much business meetings start at 6.30 in future. Helen commented that if this was to be the case she would resign as Treasurer. No vote was taken on the matter.
14. At this point the meeting ran out of time and further agenda items were not discussed.