

DENNISTOUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT WHITEHILL SCHOOL 14/6/11

Present: Louise Williams (chair) Lauren Amazeen, Janette Cochrane, Jane Clarke, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Mary McCabe, Jenny Mulholland, Frank Plowright (Council Members), Councillors Frank Docherty and Elaine McDougall
Police Community Liaisons Ian McDougall and Richard Webster
Members of the public: Margaret Donarski, Jackie Marno-McGoldrick, M. McGowan, Elizabeth Shearer, Matty Sutton

Apologies: Stephen Birrell, Jenny Boyd, Helen McCarthy, Anne McKenna, Councillor Jennifer Dunn

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

1. POLICE REPORT: a) There have been 65 incidents reported in Dennistoun over the past month, of which 32 have been solved, investigation into the others is still ongoing. The majority of these crimes are street drinking, vandalism and traffic offences. b) The theft of number plates continues for use to steal petrol. People should be vigilant about this. c) People are being vigilant in Dennistoun regarding bogus callers, but police have yet to catch anyone. Some callers have departed by the time the police arrive, and those they have spoken with are all on genuine business, but may have forgotten to show identification. d) There were extra enforcement patrols in conjunction with the Cleaner Dennistoun initiative, but as far as Robert Webster was aware, there were no fines issued. e) In response to last month's comments about drinking and abusive behaviour in the Necropolis patrols there have increased. f) Elaine McDougall raised the continual damage of cars parked around Armadale Path, often in response to people having confronted certain youths there, and asked that the police monitor the usual suspects. This has also been a problem along Craigpark on a few occasions in the past five months with cars scratched and wing mirrors damaged.
 2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10/5/11: The meeting minutes from 10/5/11 had not been received by all Community Council members. Louise noted that Stephen had delivered hers on Saturday in person, and had said he would be posting them out to others that day. As such the previous minutes could not be approved.
 3. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: As not all members had received the minutes no matters were discussed.
 4. TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer was unavoidably absent.
 5. CORRESPONDENCE: a) There is to be a Community Council agenda meeting on September 15th between 7pm and 8.30pm. The group discusses agenda items from submitted by community councils and requests for service providers to attend meetings. b) On June 23rd the amended Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils will be presented for approval and implementation. It includes a new constitution, standing orders and a code of conduct for Community Councillors, along with boundary changes reducing the number of Community Councils across the city to 100. The latter doesn't appear to affect Dennistoun*.
- *The new regulations establish a minimum and maximum membership for community councils based on area population. Up to 5000 residents will result in a community council of 10, with one additional councillor added for each 1000 additional residents. Areas with populations over 10,000 able to demonstrate that an additional level of membership can be sustained can extend to a maximum of 20 members on representation to the CCRC.
6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Brian noted that applications are now being provided to him via e-mail in timely fashion In the current list there is nothing contentious, but

Brian has yet to check the June applications. There was some confusion regarding the location of a laundrette on Cumbernauld Road subject of to an application to transform it into a fast food premises. This, however is a June application and Brian will investigate. Elaine McDougall noted that the renewed application for transforming the former Haddows premises on Alexandra Parade into a fast food premises has again been rejected.

7. LICENSING APPLICATIONS: None.
8. EAST CENTRE AREA COMMITTEE: Anne attended the last meeting and noted grants to Dennistoun Nursey on Roslea Drive, Maria Goretti and the Senior Citizens Group in Cranhill, Cranhill Fun Day, East Centre Calton and Milnbank Monday Arts & Crafts Club. The Head of Education Services spokem about bringing Forest Nature to schools throughout Scotland, and David McCrea spoke about Mental Health at length. Parkhead Hospital is to close somewhere between twelve and 36 months in the future, and patient transfer to Stobhill is already in effect. Many more people are currently seeking help with mental health problems than ever before. £8 million has been given to fix potholes over Glasgow. There has been an increase of 73% this year due to the bad winter. The number for pothole complaints is 0800 373635.
9. COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP: No new news
10. ELECTED MEMBERS: a) Elaine McDougal noted monitoring of the Cleaner Dennistoun campaign noted a marked improvement in littering and dumping of rubbish bags, although a final evaluation is due. Officials have noted where bags are being dumped and will be investigating and enforcing regulations. b) The cycle track in Alexandra Park will have an official opening on July 23rd. c) There has been a second stage of housing transfer from GHA to Milnbank Housing. d) There is to be a public meeting about the future of Lightburn Hospital on June 23rd at St Andrews School starting at 7pm. Frank Docherty announced that in the Scottish National School Awards Alexandra Parade Head Teacher won the award for best teacher in Scotland. The school also won awards for Health & Wellbeing and for their Aiming High project. e) Playbusters won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Organisations, which Frank said was the equivalent of an MBE. f) Dennistoun Amateurs won their league in their first season and now promoted to the Premiership League. g) There are plans to upgrade the swimming pool in Onslow Drive. Frank said the money is not yet fully in place, but "one click away". As part of the upgrade it's hoped that the changing facilities will be partially converted for use for sporting clubs using the all weather pitch. h) It was noted that it's very difficult for local residents to have access to the all weather pitch due firstly to the prohibitive cost and secondly to bookings being taken from all over Glasgow. Current regulations don't permit a priority booking system for local residents, and Frank said he's looking to have those regulations changed. i) The cinema club was closed due to asbestos issues during renovations at Whitehill to incorporate Golfhill. It's now due to be revived with the idea to be having a facility to show GFT style films and run a Saturday morning childrens club. Talks are currently ongoing regarding people to run this.
11. ACTION PLAN: It was not at all clear how many of the comments in the supplementary document related to the action plan, and Frank's lengthy comments had not been incorporated. Some matters were discussed and voted on as below, but it was decided to return to others at future meetings once there was greater clarity. a) There was concern over the withdrawal of the 39 bus service meaning there is now no bus that runs through Dennistoun to Carntyne. There have been other concerns about the bus service in Dennistoun, so it was decided to ask a representative from First Buses to a meeting. There is also a concern that the Springburn train is pulled when there is any bad weather. As the Community Council is required to hold an annual widely publicised meeting soliciting the views of the community it was decided to combine this with having someone from First Buses and SPT along, and it was decided that the October community Council meeting would be the best time. We

need to investigate if this can be held in the auditorium in Whitehill school, and Frank Plowright will write to First Buses and SPT on behalf of the Community Council.

b) there is a project to restore the Dennistoun Milestone, and the original sculptor is to come back to Ruth with costs. c) It was agreed by majority vote that estimated costs of £700-£800 for producing re-useable materials for Dennistoun Community Council was reasonable. It may be possible to reduce this estimate, but it will cover two large pop-up banners, and 1000 postcards and 100 posters with information about the Community Council. Cheaper banners are available, but their sustainability for re-use would be minimal, so it would be a false economy. Lauren requested that in future all requests for funds be accompanied by a written breakdown. d) Brian, Frank, Jane, Ruth, Stephen and Wesley are available to staff the DCC table at the Alexandra Park Festival on July 23rd. The DCC stall will include the oral history project and as DCC has agreed to contribute to costs by funding a caricaturist it will be asked that they are placed near the DCC stall. The event runs between noon and 4pm, but staff will need to be present at 11am. e) A vote was taken on having monthly meetings throughout the year without a summer break and was decided against on the Chair's casting vote. An extra July meeting on the second Tuesday will be required this year to discuss the Alexandra Park Festival and Frank Docherty was confident he could arrange an alternative venue during the school's closure. He will get back to us in the next couple of days. f) it was decided that it would be useful to have delegated members from the housing associations on the Community Council, but all three being represented individually would occupy all delegated member positions. It was therefore suggested that they be invited to come to some arrangement among themselves regarding representation. It was also decided to ask The Haghill Strategy Group and the Dennistoun Multi-Agency meeting if they wished to have a member take up the other two delegated member places. Frank will write to all concerned. g) As it would be desirable to have greater representation from Milnbank and Haghill and there are already two other people who've expressed an interest in joining DCC it was decided to ask about amending the constitution to facilitate this at October's public meeting. Frank is to consult Ian Law about the procedure required. h) It would be desirable to maintain a calendar of upcoming events of interest to the Community Council on the website presuming Wesley can manage this.

12. A.O.B: a) The Crime Prevention Panel meeting with police and community will be on Wednesday July 6th at 6pm at Gartcraig Union Hall. b) There are four places available for a preview trip to the Riverside Museum on June 16th. Ruth, Brian and Janette + 1 will be attending. c) Frank Docherty addressed concerns regarding the development of the former nursery on Craigpark, strongly refuting claims that it was to become what had been called 'a doss house'. The prospective buyer already runs a respectable guest house in the area and before purchase must sign a legally binding document abiding by conditions including an on-site manager, food for residents only, audited accounts and membership of two trade associations. If this document is not signed within a specified period the planning application cannot be processed. Regardless of the money intended to be spent on refurbishing the premises it must meet conditions of a building warrant. In response to the concerns of Dennistoun Conservation Society there will be a meeting between members of the public and lawyers representing Glasgow City Council at a date yet to be determined. d) The Broompark Nursery has been sold in two parts, with the main building to be converted into five residential units, and a villa in the premises.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday July 12th at a venue yet to be decided.