

DENNISTOUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT WHITEHILL SCHOOL 13/6/12

Present: Stephen Birrell (chair), Lauren Amazeen, Jane Clarke, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Mary McCabe, Anne McKenna, Jenny Mulholland, Frank Plowright, Louise Williams, Wesley Wright (Council Members)
Police Community Liaisons PC Johnny Dalziel & Ian Blackwood
Councillors Alison Thewliss
Members of public: Claire Darlastan, Matty Sutton

Apologies: Jenny Boyd, Janette Cochrane, Helen McCarthy, Councillors Frank Docherty, Jennifer Dunn and Elaine McDougall, MSPs John Mason, Drew Smith

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

1. POLICE REPORT: a) The figures presented covered a six week period from the start of April to date. They weren't broken down into individual areas, and as per the police allocation of beats Haghill is considered part of the Carntyne area, so isn't included in overall total of 402 crime reports resulting from 1371 incidents. Stephen once again asked if in future the reports and figures provided could correlate exactly with the area covered by Dennistoun Community Council. b) The biggest problem in the Necropolis area (beat 19) is items being stolen from parked cars. The lack of CCTV cameras was once again cited as a hindrance to the police. c) In Wellpark (beat 20) anti-social behaviour such as drinking and vandalism is the major problem, to be targetted by high visibility patrols. c) Beat 22 covers the drives afflicted by opportunist car and property break-ins. One known housebreaker has been apprehended within a property, but public are again advised to check who is being given access to a building and not to leave desirable items visible in parked cars. d) The Milnbank area has a problem with drugs, particularly in the vicinity of North Meadowpark Street. Residents are encouraged to report this. There have been more incidents of shoplifting during the recent good weather. e) The primary problem in Haghill is currently confrontations between gangs of teenagers, although as yet this doesn't often escalate into actual fighting. There have been police patrols, but there is now an awareness of when these occur. It was suggested that in future police whose beats cover Haghill could also attend the Community Council meetings to present information, but it was felt removing four policemen from other tasks was excessive. Having one representative from each area in future was a compromise, and Johnny Dalziel will feed this back to Andrew Law, now heading Community Contact services.
2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13/5/12: Minutes approved via Jane Clarke proposing and Ruth Johnston seconding.
3. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: a) Stephen gave a brief summary of the Big Lunch on June 2nd held at Buffalo Bill Square and RAPA. The former was more successful with between 40 and 50 people attending and sharing food. Thanks were given to partners who supported the event, the sponsorship of Edzell factors and to Stewart Swan for performing. Photos are available on the DCC website. The gazebos, tables and deck chairs purchased with a grant from the East Centre Area Committee are now available for community use as per the terms of the grant, and it was suggested we could log them on our website. It was hoped that DCC would repeat participation next year with more partners, possibly the local housing associations. b) DCC lodged an objection to the proposed show people site in Paton Street, primarily on the basis of a perceived lack of transparency regarding consultation, but also taking into account comments from members of the local community. There have been four objections and the issue goes before the planning committee on June 19th. Stephen and Brian met with the site developer Paul

Merrick, himself a community councillor in Bridgeton, who noted that the current sites in Dalmarnock are very run down, and change was needed, but other sites for show people will remain in Dalmarnock, while some will also move to Shettleston. Alison Thewliss reiterated the poor condition of the existing sites, one owned by Glasgow City Council, and noted that Clyde Gateway would eventually market the existing land for redevelopment. There were further concerns about City Building owning the land and the planning department deciding on the permission for planning, and Brian noted it was extremely unusual for land to be sold for a development of this size without planning permission in place. Wesley noted the development appeared to contradict the area plan, and was surprised at the visualisations submitted with the application being sub-par, not featuring elevations or noting finishes and materials. Alison Thewliss suggested this may be because existing homes will be moved from other sites, so there will be no standardisation. Stephen consulted Planning Aid Scotland, and based on information provided they considered the consultation process flawed via a lack of transparency and possibly open to appeal. c) Wesley apologised for not having submitted the bulk uplift documents to Land Services. Claire Darlastan has been in touch with them and had it clarified that any item that will fit in the bins will now be collected. She suggested it would be extremely useful if a poster explaining what is now recyclable was placed in every close. DCC have a notice about this and we will post it on our website. d) Frank apologised for not previously submitting an overview of the Treasure Hunt for the sake of transparency. He also submitted a timetable of this year's event predicated on a prize giving at the October A.G.M. A letter will be sent to the primary schools in the next week as the event will start very soon after schools return for the new term. It was clarified that the voucher prizes weren't book tokens per se, but vouchers for W.H. Smith enabling prize winners a choice of stock. It was also suggested the art tablet agreed as prize for the certificate design may not be compatible with other equipment in the winner's house. Frank has now applied for a grant specifying this, and the conditions require exact purchase of applied for items. It was agreed that should the grant be approved, DCC would therefore cover the cost of a voucher for art materials instead. e) It has not been possible to clarify whether DCC can donate money to local organisations as suggested at the last meeting. Louise noted that when the Community Councils began this was specifically prohibited and the money given to them was strictly for admin purposes. Stephen will press for an answer from the Community Council Resource Centre, but it was declared more desirable overall if other local organisations are informed about other funding sources. f) The Action Plan is to be reviewed by a sub-committee for the A.G.M. Stephen, Ruth, Lauren and Brian agreed to take part. Frank couldn't promise the time, but noted his opinion that DCC should have far greater engagement with the local community.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: a) Stephen and Jane still haven't been able to co-ordinate a meeting, but agreed matters could now be arranged via e-mail. Stephen noted that the actual cost to DCC, once grant and donations are taken into account, of staging the Big Lunch is approx £100. The current bank balance is £2259.40 with cash in hand of £153.67. The only money and Wesley submitted a receipt for paper, printer ink, envelopes and stamps totalling £91.38. This should suffice for the remainder of the year.
5. CORRESPONDENCE: a) Planning Applications. There have been no items of great concern. An application for a hot food takeaway at 502 Alexandra Parade may duplicate a previously rejected application. Brian is to request that in addition to being notified of planning applications in the area that DCC is informed of the outcome of those applications. b) Licensing Applications. There have been none. c) Correspondence There has been a request to link our website to a business offering craft instruction raising the wider question of whether we should link to any commercial enterprises. We should consider this and liaise with Wesley to formulate a policy. DCC has been given notification of assorted events. On June 26th at 9.30am

there is to be a public consultation on Community Payback Orders at the Parish Halls. Frank will attend. Stephen will attend a community council briefing on effective community representation and delegated functions, and also the meeting on June 28th at Anniseland College on the Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill. He also volunteered to attend the a presentation by Jackie Baillie at the Parish Halls for the Community Council Discussion Forum at 9.30 on June 16th. Glasgow Heritage Trust have several events at their Bell Street Premises during their Traditional Building Festival from June 16th. Curious Project are running a photo competition on the theme of 'My Glasgow' with the winners to be exhibited at St Mungo's Museum in August. Pictures can be uploaded to the Flickr group My Glasgow until June 30th.

6. EAST CENTRE AREA COMMITTEE: The first meeting of the new council session is for councillors only, after which invitations will be extended to Community Councils. There were no objections to Anne continuing to represent DCC with Ruth deputising when necessary.
7. COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP: The Development Worker appointed was often absent, and the contract has now expired. As no-one knows what's happening Alison agreed to investigate and report back to the next meeting.
8. CRIME PREVENTION PANEL: The next meeting is on June 15th. Stephen may attend as Louise is unable. The meetings regularly occur days after DCC meetings, making updates less timely than would be ideal. Over the month covered at the May 15th meeting 33 of 140 crimes in Dennistoun had been detected. Operation Neptune aimed at ensuring scrap metal dealers end cash payments has begun, and there was some confusion among police representatives regarding bike marking and bogus caller initiatives that haven't yet extended to Dennistoun apparently on the grounds of it only being funded for supplied housing areas. Louise pointed out there are considerable numbers of housing association premises in Dennistoun. Alison suggested working with the housing associations and pooling resources to organise this ourselves. It may be something to be included in the Action Plan.
9. ELECTED MEMBERS UPDATE: a) The area represented by Alison Thewliss only extends into the DCC boundaries south of Duke Street, and there is considerable concern regarding cars left blocking streets, pavements and driveways by people using Bellgrove station. Residents have requested double yellow lines and Land & Environmental Services appear willing to provide them. They are also looking at the wider issue of parking in the area. Lauren pointed out problems in the drives, and Brian suggested use of the former abattoir site as a park and ride facility while not being used for any other purpose. b) Russell Robertson has replaced Patricia Chalmers as a Labour councillor, and came along to introduce himself. He values the role of Community Councils and hopes to attend in future, possibly as part of a rota along with Frank Docherty and Elaine McDougall each providing updates on behalf of the others when present. c) Stephen met Frank Docherty who wanted to pass on news that the Tennants Visitor Centre should be opening within the next 15 weeks and that a 'bold and innovative' lighting strategy will part of the new look. Work continues modifying Dennistoun New Church, and this should be complete within 20 weeks. The congregation are currently meeting in Bluevale Neighbourhood Centre. There is a possibility of a farmers market in Dennistoun, but site as yet identified. This can be added to DCC's action plan.
10. A.O.B. a) Claire Darlastan was concerned about the removal of recycling facilities at Onslow Square, and has already written to suggest the modifications to the square incorporate a sliced-off corner where these bins could be re-sited. b) DCC attendance at Alexandra Park event (28th July) was discussed and approved.