



Dennistoun Community Council

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 11th September 2012 at Whitehill School library

1. Present:

Lauren Amazeen, Stephen Birrell (Chair), Jane Clarke, Mary McCabe, Anne McKenna, Jenny Mulholland, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Louise Williams, Wesley Wright.

In attendance:

Cllr, Frank Docherty, Cllr. Elaine McDougall, Cllr. Russell Robertson, Cllr. Alison Thewlis, PC Gary Aitken, PC Tim Brown, PC Chris Kennedy.

Apologies:

Helen McCarthy, Frank Plowright, Cllr. Jennifer Dunn, John Mason MSP

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2. Police report

Community police attending had not been briefed prior to meeting so had no statistical information on recent crime activity. This led to a broad discussion regarding DCC expectations of police attendance at DCC meetings and usefulness of information provided: information must be consistent at each meeting - i.e. same types of crimes over the same timescales and area (all DCC area must be included). Updates on 'patterns and trends' would be helpful, as well as relevant info on seasonal factors. Key is to highlight matters that DCC can share and promote across wider community. Issues include:

- Car crime is an issue across area (with hotspot at Wishart Street).
- Youth disorder and antisocial behaviour at Alexandra Parade / Meadowpark Street. Options (such as exclusion / dispersal order) to be considered.

SB to liaise with sergeant at London Rd office.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 12th June 2012.

Approved by Brian Johnston and seconded by Wesley Wright, subject to following amendment: DCC attendance at Alexandra Park event (28th July) was discussed and approved at meeting on 12th June.

4. Matters arising.

a. Paton Street planning application.

This was approved by GCC planning committee. Stephen Birrell and Brian Johnston had met with director of Braidcrest Properties (applicant) at which it was highlighted that the Paton Street site had already been purchased from GCC, with intention of development for show people chalets and storage area. DCC concern was partly about process (it was thought that GCC should have issued a notice of development, due to scale of site) and that the public consultation had been extremely limited.

b. Treasure Hunt / Glasgow Factoring Commission.

Written update provided by Frank Plowright. Primary schools involved across DCC area. Certificates have been printed. Application to East Centre Area Committee was unsuccessful; as previously agreed, DCC would cover cost of event (approx £225).

Report also included information on Glasgow Factoring Commission (Frank elected onto this on behalf of DCC). DCC members advised to check GCC website for update.

c. Alexandra Park event.

DCC had information stall at successful event. Large-scale map used to get feedback on issues affecting local area; approx 25 responses made via this and surveys, with many people signing up to get DCC updates.

d. DCC Action Plan 2011/12 (annual review).

This will be reviewed over next few weeks and a draft action plan for 2012/12 produced. Volunteers for this work were: Brian, Lauren, Ruth, Stephen.

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5. DCC Elections 2012.

Some confusion previously noted in emails; DCC is having scheduled elections, along with many other community councils across Glasgow. DCC currently has 15 members; if more than 15 names are submitted to GCC by deadline then an election takes place at AGM (9th October). If 15, or fewer, valid nominations submitted then all are elected uncontested.

6. Finance update.

Jane Clarke noted bank balance of £2,319.70 (no cash in hand). Income includes: administration allowance from GCC; £400 grant from East Centre Area Committee for gazebos, tables and chairs for Big Lunch; £200 donation from Edzell Factors for Big Lunch. Net amount spent by DCC on Big Lunch events at RAPA and Dennistoun Village was £245.73. Bank forms have still to be completed to add Jane Clarke and Wesley Wright as account signatories (alongside Helen McCarthy and Stephen Birrell).

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7. Correspondence:

a. Planning Applications.

Brian Johnston submitted report, noting the following:

- 235 Alexandra Parade (former St Andrew's Lodge): conversion to hotel: granted, (subject to conditions) by GCC.
- 502 Alexandra Parade: DCC members queried whether application had been approved for shop.

b. Licensing Applications.

None received by DCC in recent months. There is a question regarding licence for shop on site of former Haddows store at Alexandra Parade; also variation to licence at Masters Snooker Club. Stephen will check if Janette Cochrane is still listed as DCC Secretary and recipient for applications.

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c. General post / On-line

Wesley Wright summarised general items received, including:

- Rail Q West lobby group (support for re-instatement of cross line through Gorbals).
- Queens Park bandstand to reopen on 6th October (Southside community councils leading on this over a number of years).
- 'Benefit Reform' seminar event on 10/09/12 at Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre.

8. Reports:

a. East Centre Area Committee.

Anne McKenna reported on recent meeting, as follows:

- DCC application for Treasure Hunt not supported (see item 4.b, above).
- Various awards to groups across East Centre Area for equipment, transport, etc.

b. Community Reference Group.

Stephen Birrell attended CRG meeting of 6th September to nominate North East representatives to 'community engagement stakeholder group'. Six or so community reps attended and two members of Baillieston & Greater Easterhouse CRG put forward for this role. Progress has been extremely limited in taking CRG forward across North East, partly due to staff absence but also due to lack of strategic support.

c. Crime Prevention Panel.

Louise Williams is DCC representative. No meeting has taken place in recent months

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and police support has been limited. DCC had previously expressed interest in bogus callers and bike / property marking initiatives but no update available from Crime Prevention Panel. Cllr. Robertson has meeting scheduled with community police at London Road and will raise this as an issue. Option raised of DCC instigating specific crime prevention initiatives (such as door security measures) that could be done easily and effectively with volunteers and access to tools and materials.

d. Elected member updates.

Cllr. Docherty, Cllr. McDougall, and Cllr. Thewliss variously reported the following:

- St Denis's primary school received Green Flag status as an eco-school (now achieved by all local schools); congratulations to them.
- St. Denis's in discussion with Scotrail re maintaining greenspace at Duke St station.
- GHA work is ongoing to upgrade Wellpark housing.
- Tennent's visitor centre to be launched soon. Major upgrade of lighting at site.
- Ideas are sought for proposed refurbishment of George Square.
- Glasgow's bid for 2018 Youth Games launched and, if successful, will use Commonwealth Games 2014 venues and infrastructure.
- Home insulation grants available: phone 0800 0929002 for info.
- Youth Enterprise Zone to be developed in Wellpark business centre.
- Craigielea Nursery has been re-sold; proposal is for residential use.
- Milnbank Housing Association (MHA) has successfully piloted a bulk uplift service and this is to be rolled out across MHA properties.

9. DCC response to consultations.

Comments submitted by email to GCC consultation on Parades and Processions.

Stephen also noted opportunities for DCC to contribute to Scottish Government consultation on proposal for a Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill.

Scottish Government also consulting on integration of Health and Social Care services and a 'Children and Young People Bill'. DCC volunteers sought for working group to consider these consultation opportunities.

It was also highlighted that GCC (Land & Environmental Services) had sought views of elected members regarding a proposal that vehicular traffic heading west along Duke Street is prohibited from turning left to Millerston Street or right to Cumbernauld Road. Stephen had contacted LES principal officer and was advised that further community consultation would follow in due course.

10. AOCB and public input.

John Bones introduced himself as a member of parent council for Alexandra Parade primary school. He sought DCC views on support for a long-standing proposal to upgrade the red ash pitch to south of school. This pitch offers limited play value to pupils, a real concern given the increasing numbers on school roll (parent/carer interest in school is a reflection of high achievement of pupils and staff in recent year – such as head teacher on short-list for accolade as 'UK teacher of the year'). Some money has been raised but this has been used to fence off boundary of pitch as it is unsafe for pupils. Dell (City Park) has also funded a climbing wall within the playing area. DCC asked that John provides more information for consideration at next meeting.

11. Date and venue for next meeting.

DCC Annual General Meeting, 7.00pm on Tuesday 9th October at Whitehill School library. Please notify Wesley if unable to attend.