

DENNISTOUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HAGHILL SCHOOL
12/02/2013

Present: Stephen Birrell (chair), Lauren Amazeen, John Bones, Andrew Campbell, Jane Clarke, Vicky Melvin, Frank Plowright, Wesley Wright (Council Members), Police officer Sam Campbell

Apologies: Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Anne McKenna, Helen McCarthy and Jenny Mullholland, Councillors Elaine McDougall, Yvonne Küçük, and Jennifer Dunn, MSPs Hanzala Malik & John Mason

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

1. **POLICE REPORT:** Crime figures for the various beats associated with Dennistoun were provided in advance, covering January 8th to February 11th. They indicated the usual decline after Christmas. There have been arrests for robberies and for a serious assault. Current concerns are teenagers vandalising empty properties, and the discovery of a body in a flat, although a pathologist's report is due before further investigation. It was uncertain whether the CCTV camera to be installed at the top end of Craigpark is permanent, and Stephen requested the community council be consulted about mobile CCTV in the area, and Wesley asked if the beats about which we receive information could be mapped onto the area covered by the community council. This is possibly best left until after April when the unified Scottish police force is established. Vicky mentioned the longstanding problem of cars driving through red lights on Duke Street just before/after Armadale Street, and this will be investigated. There was also concern about people travelling notable distances to frequent the Ladbrookes on Duke Street, and this is on the police's radar.
2. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11/12/12:** With two minor corrections noted, the minutes were proposed as accurate by Wesley and seconded by Andrew.
3. **MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** a) As under other circumstances the community council might not have met tonight it was agreed that the proposed vote on meeting monthly be deferred to March. b) SOSO Campaign – Frank updated that the sorting office closure has occurred and the resulting inconvenience is only just being fully realised in the community. John Henderson of Bridgeton Community Council hadn't received the updated information provided to us before the last meeting. Frank suggested we continue the campaign, but shift the focus to an attempt to set up an alternative collection centre in the area. c) John agreed to reply to the current consultation on gambling. Legislation limiting machines in betting shops has been liberalised, re-classifying them as entertainment, and permitting more to be hosted within a shop. Returns are high, and the increased cash on premises has resulted in crimes. The significant increase in bookmakers in Dennistoun over the past 18 months was also noted, the legislation having abolished a requirement on firms to prove a demand. d) Greer McCulloch from Market Gallery delivered a talk about the Stalled Spaces initiative. Work has begun on creating inflatables, and it's planned that these will be installed at derelict spaces on March 23rd and 24th. So far only two sites have been confirmed, one by Bridgeton bus station and the other on the intersection of Duke St and Millerston St, but no final decision has been taken yet on how many sites to use. GHA will be involved in clearing areas for use, and safety assessments will be carried out. Greer intends to produce a publication both to document the event and as a catalyst for conversations on the unused spaces. Focus groups and a public survey will provide the feedback required. It's hoped that Dennistoun Community Council might contribute to the funding of this publication. Greer also noted the Market Gallery will be showing five films by artists on Friday, tying in with the Glasgow Film Festival.

4. **ACTION PLAN:** a) As per monthly meetings, discussions of action plan and meeting format were deferred to March to permit maximum participation. b) Andrew updated on the Dennistoun mapping project following a meeting with Brian, Stephen and Wesley. Dennistoun has no council publication spotlighting attractions and facilities. It has been decided the project should concentrate on current aspects of the area, and broadly follow the foldout template of the Subcrawl project Andrew was involved with last year. Having something ready for Doors Open day in September ought to be feasible, and it could tie in with a re-branding and design for the community council. The completed publication could be promoted via the Glasgow Heritage Trust, and distributed to local shops to give out, possibly inserted into bags. Andrew will process funding applications before the end of the financial year. An extension could be to create an ap, which would have wider possibilities and attract help from Community Services. It was agreed that members are happy to delegate this entire project to the working group.
5. **FINANCE UPDATE.** Jane and Wesley have still not been added to the DCC account as signatories, with RBS again requesting further information. The current balance in the DCC account is £2138.52, but known expenses still to be paid will reduce this to £2012.25 with the unknown sum for hire of Bridgeton Community Campus in November also to be deducted.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Brian prepared a listing of planning applications and the only significant concern is lack of detail regarding a subdivision in the conservation area on Oakley Terrace. We will object in order to have access to greater detail. Local planning applications are now listed on our website. b) There have been no licensing applications. c) Wesley supplied a list of correspondence received, to be appended to the minutes. The DCC website was commended by one of the executive committee for the Commonwealth Games, and it was noted that we promote very well online when compared with most other Glasgow community councils. Our domain name has been renewed. An NHS representative offered to address us on the transfer of mental health facilities from Parkhead to Stobhill, but as time is well enough occupied at meetings it was decided to request a briefing instead.
7. **REPORTS:** There were no reports from the East Centre Area Committee, and Crime Prevention Panel, and it was noted the Community Reference Group is now defunct. It will no longer be mentioned on agendas. No elected members were present, and no written updates had been received.
8. **AOCB.** a) Frank updated on the Factoring Commission, reiterating the agreement made by members that no substantive information is released before the final report. The commission is still taking evidence, and the original timescale has been extended. Vicky rejoined the Community Council after Frank took up commission membership, so he will brief her outwith the meeting. b) The Scottish government is consulting on how to improve housing dispute resolution, attempting to decrease the quantity of disputes reaching the courts. Frank circulated the document via e-mail to members able to receive it, and will lead on co-ordinating a community council response by the April deadline. c) Frank proposed soliciting locations of potholes, providing a complete list to the council and posting reference numbers on the DCC site and Dennistoun Forum. It's hoped this will result in repairs, but if not, there will be evidence of the potholes being reported allowing claims if they're not repaired within a reasonable period. It was agreed to collect information over the next two weeks.

NEXT MEETING: At 7pm Tuesday March 12th at Whitehill School. Please notify Wesley if unable to attend.