



Dennistoun Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Held at Whitehill School Library, Dennistoun

12th March 2013

1. Attendance and apologies

Present: Stephen Birrell (Chair), Anne McKenna, Helen McCarthy, Ruth Johnston, John Burns, Andy Campbell, Jenny Mulholland, Jane Clarke, Wesley Wright, Naila Akram (Community Council Members). Councillor Yvonne Kucuk, Councillor Jennifer Dunn (GCC),

Apologies: Brian Johnston, Lauren Amazeen, Vicky Melvin, Frank Plowright, Councillor Elaine McDougall, Humza Yousaf MSP, Drew Smith MSP.

2. Police Report

No police officer in attendance although a report was distributed for Beats 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24 for dates 11/02/2013 - 11/03/2013. See below for general information from report:

Totals
Reported Crime
144 crimes reported
Detection rate
86 Detections 59.7%

3. Minutes of meeting held on 12th February 2013

With one minor amendment to the date in the title from 13/2/13 to 12/2/13, the minutes were proposed as accurate by Jane and seconded by Wesley.

4. Matters Arising

a. A vote was taken on whether to meet each and every month or keep the current system of 9 meetings (with working groups formed to deal with urgent and occurring issues). **A vote of 6 to 5 favoured meeting each and every month.**

It was agreed that alternative venues could and would be sought for meetings out with school term.

5. DCC Action Plan 2013 / 14

a. Amended Action Plan:
- General support for all actions
- Re: Annual elections of office bearers - Stephen commented that it is not for DCC to decide as this is outlined in revised Community Council Scheme of Establishment. On a personal basis, he agreed with the current system as it allows for succession planning.



- Stephen listed priorities that were identified in feedback forms, these could be compiled for reference.
- Other comments arising with regard to the action plan included:
 - Poor standard of bin storage and waste disposal in some areas of Dennistoun (especially commercial waste).
 - Pot holes and uneven pavements
 - Support for Class 1 retail uses for Duke Street
 - ABCD: A Better, Cleaner Dennistoun idea.

The latter point above give rise to wider discussions about aspirations for public realm works / improvements with Councillor Yvonne Kucuk citing projects in Calton (especially The Barras Market and Gallowgate) as good examples of what can be done.

Other models of community organisations were discussed, such as Community Development Trust or Registered Charity which can attract different funding streams for certain public realm and/or community based projects.

Alloa was cited as a further precedent and example of good practice of community organisations aspiring to and achieving public realm improvements.

Some of the enhancements mentioned for Dennistoun were the introduction of a farmers market and the placement of street furniture on main streets and spaces as well as a shop unit for DCC to promote and engage with the wider community.

6. Finance Update

Jane explained continued problems with current bank account (including bank's loss of submitted documentation) and suggested moving bank if problems persisted. Co-op banking and more preferably Credit Union was suggested with strong support in favour of switching to Credit Union.

7. Correspondence

a. Planning Applications:

- Brian issued a report with 5 applications although no objections or significant concern was expressed.

b. Licensing Applications:

- No licensing applications have been made.

c. General Correspondence:

Wesley supplied a list of general correspondence, of which the following points were discussed:

- Glasgow Allotment Heritage sent round a booklet and questionnaire to which DCC intend to respond.
- DCC received an invitation to respond to revised proposals for Licensing Policy, again with the intention to respond.
- Correspondence from Martin Allan, Drumchapel Community Councillor, prompted discussion on general function and issues regarding Community Councils. Whether or not DCC will respond was left unresolved. Other forms of community organisations were discussed after this.
- Transport to Stobhill Hospital - A leaflet was handed out from Community Transport Glasgow offering Free Evening Hospital Transport. *Details: 0845 128 4027*
www.ctglasgow.org.uk / booking@ctglasgow.org.uk



- Information from Police handed out regarding "101 is now the number to call when you want to contact your local police - when it's less urgent than 999".

8. Reports

a. East Area Committee:

- Due to late information being sent, Anne could unfortunately not make it to last E.A.C meeting and therefore nothing to report. Stephen noted imminent change with Area Committees becoming Area Partnerships. These commence in April and will incorporate some aspects of community planning as well as neighbourhood management activity.

b. Community Reference Group (CRG):

- Having previously advised DCC that the CRGs were being wound up (with North East CRG not having met for some time) Stephen noted surprise that East centre CRG was convened on 5th March. He attended meeting and commented on the poor support in general for the scheme. He has asked for a summary of this meeting and will circulate.

c. Crime Prevention Panel:

- Louise not present and nothing to report.

d. Elected Members Updates.

- Cllr Jennifer Dunn reported that removal of trees at Wellpark was in line with good arboreal practice and a full update will be provided.

9. AOCB and public input

- Frank has identified over 30 potholes through the recent campaign and some have registered with GCC already.

- Andy presented update to Action a.5 of action plan (map + guide of Dennistoun) with a Briefing Note handed out to members. This outlined progress, approx costs and funding streams targeted for the project with the working title 'A Day Out in Dennistoun'. Naila offered to proof and amend these funding applications which are planned to be submitted in late March for April deadlines.

NEXT MEETING: 7-9pm. Tuesday 9th April 2013 at **Glasgow Club Meeting Room, Haghill Park Primary School, 415 Cumbernauld Road, Haghill, Glasgow, G31 3LS** (the venue that was used for our February meeting).