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MINUTES OF MEETING AT HAGHILL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL ON 9/7/13

Present: CCllrs Louise Williams (vice chair), John Bones, Anne McKenna, Vicky Melvin, and Wesley Wright; PCs Sharon McPeake and John Traynor

Apologies: CCllrs Naila Akram, Lauren Amazeen, Stephen Birrell, Andrew Campbell, Jane Clarke, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston Helen McCarthy, and Frank Plowright; John Mason MSP; Cllrs Frank Docherty, Russell Robertson, and Alison Thewliss

Public: Andrea Akosi, Joanne Crossley, and Bernard Elliott

Minutes provided by Wesley Wright

- 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:** a) As stated.
- 2. POLICE AND CRIME PREVENTION ISSUES:** a) A written report was submitted. Between June 11th and July 8th there were 152 crimes reported, of which 101 were detected, a success rate of 66%. There have been 8 house break-ins, noted to be in correlation with the improved weather. Drug/alcohol incidents have also been prevalent. b) Police Scotland are warning members of the public to be vigilant when they are within crowded areas. There has been a notable increase in 'distraction thefts' from handbags, particularly affecting the elderly. 'Bag bells' have been distributed and are seen as being a success. c) Beat maps have been provided to Stephen. d) Officers have been utilising technology by providing crime prevention advice via bluetooth within Forge shopping centre and various other events. e) DCC offered to distribute any relevant materials/literature/etc, especially at the forthcoming Alexandra Park Festival, which it intends to hold a stall at.
- 3. PUBLIC INPUT:** a) Joanne followed up her written correspondence by raising the issue of dog fouling (around Haghill in particular). The dereliction of Haghill School was also raised and considered dangerous. b) Andrea Akosi and Bernard Elliott both raised concern about the levels of litter on the street (around the Park in particular). c) It is anticipated that that the cleansing issues can be put to Barbara Fearnside, GCSS area co-ordinator, at the next meeting. Haghill School concerns will be put to councillor(s) present at the next available opportunity.
- 4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11/6/13:** a) The minutes were proposed as accurate by Anne and seconded by Wesley, pending correction of minor typo errors. To be uploaded to website by Wesley.
- 5. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** a) Community Council Liaison Group – Stephen not present. Carry to next agenda. b) Parkhead Hospital Consultation – John has drafted a letter FAO David McCrae. Wesley will finalise and send. c) Big Lunch - Stephen not present. Previously mooted Sat 3rd August date falls before the next DCC meeting. Wesley to contact and confirm that Stephen is to lead arrangements for event if applicable. Frank has been unable to speak with Tony Smith of Edzell Factors regarding sponsorship as he's been on holiday. d) Alexandra Park Festival – Brian not present. Date of event is Sat 27th July, which falls before the next DCC meeting. Wesley to contact and confirm that Brian is to lead arrangements for event as applicable. e) New Variety Public House – Stephen not Present. Cllr Thewliss forwarded her concurrence with the comments at the last meeting and signalled an intention to support the residents with regard to future application(s). Carry



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- to next agenda. **f)** Dennistoun Potholes – Written update from Frank confirmed that longer stretches of road requiring repair weren't included on the list supplied last month because that list was for roads due to be entirely resurfaced. All problems reported in February should be resolved by the end on August. A DCC account has been set up with the GCC RALF system for reporting faults – details have been circulated and DCC members can now report faults directly using said account. All problems noted at June meeting have been logged. John Bones presented a letter from Cllr McDougall responding to enquiry about road condition issues. Confirmation provided that carriageway and footway potholes will be repaired with permanent patching within 75 days.
6. **DCC ACTION PLAN 2013/14:** **a)** Map & App – Andrew not present. Carry to next agenda. **b)** Duke Street Public Realm – Stephen not present. Carry to next agenda.
 7. **PROPOSAL TO INCREASE DCC CONSTITUTED MEMBERSHIP:** **a)** Stephen not present. Carry to next agenda.
 8. **FINANCE SUMMARY:** **a)** Written report provided by Jane – Balance £1888.33. Only payment since last meeting was £10.80 for the May room let. £29.58 stationery expenses to be paid to Wesley in due course. No invoice received for let in June yet. Bank still chasing up paper work, with no statement received by Jane or Helen. **b)** £31.80 room let for this meeting paid by Wesley to be reimbursed in due course.
 9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** **a)** Planning Applications – Written summary provided by Brian, noting no contentious applications. To be uploaded to website by Wesley. **b)** Licensing Applications – None received. **c)** General Correspondence – Updated written summary provided by Wesley.
 10. **REPORTS:** **a)** East Centre Area Partnership – No meeting for Anne to update on. **b)** No elected members present.
 11. **AOCB:** Written updates – **a)** Brian attended 'Safe Glasgow Community Safety' event at John Wheatley College on 19th June. This was one of the twenty one events throughout the city to publicise the role of the 'Safe Glasgow Group', the Community Planning structure that GCC is utilizing to perform the role of scrutinizing and reviewing the Police, Fire & Rescue, and 'Safer Community' plans. **b)** Factoring Commission (Frank) – The Factoring Commission is nearing publication of preliminary draft findings and suggestions. All going to plan this will be issued as a consultation paper in July, with a mid-September deadline for response. All community councils are to be included in the consultation. **c)** Community Payback Orders (Frank) - Cllr McDougall heads Glasgow's Community Justice Authority, and a June 26th presentation explained the Community Payback Service and how it benefits all participants. DCC can apply to service providers for community projects if we have any ideas. Hedge trimming for the elderly and/or infirm being one example, but there will be concerns regarding offenders having access to more vulnerable members of the community. (A concern shared by those present at this meeting.) The service providers are also aware of these and staff accordingly. Paperwork available on request. **d)** Wellpark - The response to an enquiry asking why so few replacement trees are due to be planted on Duke Street, East of the brewery is that it's 'to maintain "Secure-by-Design" sightlines to and from the footpath which bisects the site.' A more comprehensible explanation has been sought. There has also been a response to the request that DCC be consulted about trees due to be removed in the area: "Due to the high volume of works it is not feasible to notify



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residents of all tree related works in a specific area, all trees are inspected by our Arboricultural Staff who then make a management decision on what works are to be done if any." Frank prepared to follow this up, if deemed appropriate. All present were happy for Frank to seek clarification on the notification policy. **e)** Bus Regulation Proposal - Iain Grey MSP is proposing legislation to regulate bus companies in Scotland, primarily giving local authorities greater power to bundle routes in order that a service can't be discarded when an individual route doesn't make a profit. A consultation runs until the end of August. Anyone interested in submitting a DCC response is to contact Frank, preferably in time to provide a brief run-through at the August 13th DCC meeting, but not until after July 25th. Cllrs present expressed an interest in provision of an update from Frank at the next meeting. **f)** Re: Jenny Mullholland's resignation – Confirmation sought that flowers have been sent?

12. **NEXT MEETING:** **a)** At 7pm Tuesday August 13th at Haghill Primary School. Please notify Wesley if unable to attend.