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DENNISTOUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT GINGERBREAD HALL 11/2/14

Present: Stephen Birrell (chair), Lauren Amazeen, John Bones, Andrew Campbell, Jane Clarke, Brian Johnson, Ruth Johnson, Anne McKenna, Vicky Melvin, Frank Plowright (Council Members)
Bernard Elliott, Neil Orr from North-East Area Legacy & Engagement Committee and Joe Scott from Milnbank Housing.

Apologies: Wesley Wright, MSPs John Mason, Drew Smith, Humza Yousaf, Councillors Frank Docherty & Elaine McDougall.

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

1. **POLICE REPORT:** No police attendance.
2. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None.
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14/1/14:** Frank apologised for not noting the circulated minutes as a draft, and the minutes were otherwise proposed as accurate by Lauren and seconded by John.
4. **MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** a) Public petition on dog fouling Stephen was to have circulated a draft petition, but has been struggling with wording regarding workable suggestions elsewhere. Frank queried whether it was DCC's responsibility to provide solutions via petition, and Joe Scott considered the problem would best be dealt with by various interested parties combining experience and ideas. Milnbank Housing Association has achieved success with regard to dog fouling via police patrols and security camera footage, resulting in their tenants being fined. Stephen will present a petition to the next meeting, which will precede the next meeting of the Petitions Committee by two weeks.
b) Commonwealth Legacy Neil Orr spoke at length explaining the aims of the North East Legacy and Engagement Committee, and hopes to appoint a community councillor as a conduit between his group and Glasgow's community councils. He mentioned a lack of connection between residents and the forthcoming Commonwealth Games, with people unaware of possible benefits. His position is to rectify this. The Games Committee have no remit beyond delivering the games, leaving Glasgow Council responsible for the legacy commitments incorporated in the games bid. They have six teams managing approximately 80 projects under six groupings: Accessible, Active, Green, Inclusive, International and Prosperous. The North-East Committee has four main works. They will deliver 3 major events in Auchinlee Park, Easterhouse and Springburn Park in early June, and Alexandra Park in late June, the latter possibly reggae themed as a major reggae act may be available. The Committee will also guide volunteers toward projects, aim to construct a major communications network for the North-East by uniting existing structures, and encourage projects to take up legacy branding. The latter has organisations able to apply to use a legacy logo if their aims are broadly attuned to the legacy

commitment. In future the awarding of the legacy brand would be seen as advantageous in instantly communicating a standard. It was felt DCC would benefit from applying. Additionally it's hoped that there will be a long-term benefit from skill sharing in the area.

The games will provide family-oriented sites throughout the city with large screens transmitting live coverage of events, and free admission and training for local children within the Games venues for years to come. The cost of transportation to venues and parking was mentioned, and consideration is currently being given to making most venues car free as the price of an event ticket includes free public transport. Each festival throughout the city will source local acts with the aim that some will have the opportunity to perform on the larger city centre stages. These local festivals will engage with the community, offering short taster sessions and links to volunteering, employment and apprenticeships. The games baton will tour Glasgow for three days prior to the opening ceremony, each day ending at a finishing line linking into a festival. On the first of these three days the baton will tour North-East Glasgow. It was mentioned in passing that the Chemical Underground Records event in the East End is likely to occur on May 31st.

c) Potholes Frank checked all potholes reported by DCC on the council's RALF system back to June last year. They've now all been seen to, albeit some relatively recently as is the case for those submitted following October's DCC walkabout. Faulty footpaths remain untreated and have been re-submitted. The check revealed a few dozen more potholes. These were seen to within days of being reported, and Frank suggested DCC send an official letter of thanks for a job well done. We should also ask about the footpaths and progress concerning overgrown hedges reported in October.

d) New Scheme of Establishment With the full documentation now circulated, there were no objections, and signed approval has now been returned.

f) 2013/14 Admin Allowance MSP John Mason wrote to ask if the grant can be supplied notwithstanding Stephen's late submission of accounts. The response referred to accounts for this year, so a follow-up letter is required.

g) Policing Consultation. Stephen submitted a response flagging issues raised at DCC meetings, requesting greater community involvement in initiatives and increased listening to the community.

5. **ACTION PLAN:** a) Day Out In Dennistoun. Andrew believes the £2000 funding received to date should progress the map and ap to final draft stage, and plans to deliver the finished product by Doors Open Day in September. He also aims to have a reported outcome for each DCC meeting to that point. It was noted that the sub-committee had considered all project management bids and Andrew's own company was considered to have supplied the best value. A further funding application with Scot Rail has been submitted and passed the initial stage of scrutiny. b) Duke Street. The sub-committee still plan a springtime community engagement event, now linking in with Milnbank and Reidvale Housing Associations. It was noted that since discussions began more shutters with artwork have appeared along Duke Street.
6. **CONSULTATIONS:** a) Community Engagement (Scotland) Stephen has contributed to a response in a work capacity, and had planned to circulate both a copy of this and a summary from a meeting he attended in January. He will circulate by Thursday for comment before Friday's response deadline. b) New Park Management rules. The existing park rules are archaic, but there was concern about the proposed new regulations, which appear to target specific incidents and situations without considering the wider picture. A rule limiting groups in parks to 20 people would impact on both Anne's walking group and nursery school trips. We feel the rules should encourage use rather than restricting reasonable use. Other concerns were forbidding the playing of radios or musical instruments, and levying charges for park use, which needs clarified as the parks belong to the people of Glasgow. Ruth pointed out that the Necropolis is considered a park, with the rules unsuitable for a cemetery. Stephen will circulate a draft response for comment on Thursday. The final response can be

submitted a day after the deadline at the Community Council Liaison Group meeting.

7. **DCC MEMBERSHIP:** a) Milnbank Housing are keen to take up Associate membership of DCC, and Market Gallery wish to renew their involvement. Dennistoun Diggers are to discuss at their next meeting, but no response as yet from Reidvale Housing Association. Stephen noted that the Scheme of Establishment calls for associate members to be reviewed on an annual basis. b) Stephen will confirm exactly how many new members we should solicit this week, determining whether or not Louise's commitment to Milnbank Housing Committee, which meets on the same night as us, prevents her further involvement with DCC. Once this has been ascertained we can start leafleting and posting on the Dennistoun Online Forum.
8. **FINANCE:** a) Our current bank balance is £1574.62. The only expenditure since last month is the Gingerbread Hall let fee. Forthcoming expenditure includes Wesley's refund, annual fee for hosting the DCC website, and flowers for Helen in recognition of her long service with DCC. RBS have responded to the official complaint about their year long process in amending the account signatories saying no compensation can be paid unless it's proved we've actually lost money due to their incompetence. Jane submitted the 2012/13 accounts to the Community Council Liaison office in December, but there has been no acknowledgement, and the response to John Mason indicated they have not been received. Wesley will re-submit.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning. Nothing of significance over the past month. b) Licensing No notifications received. c) Correspondence We received a note about refuse collectors consistently driving the wrong way down Hillfoot Street and have reported this safety issue. The full correspondence list is posted with the minutes online.
10. **REPORTS:** a) East Area Partnership Stephen attended the last meeting. Neighbourhood management issues were identified, focused on alcohol and drug dealing, the resulting violence and effect on communities, youth services, particularly early intervention, and the street environment with the emphasis on litter, fly tipping and dog-fouling. It was highlighted that much of the funding dispensed compensated for a shortfall in Education Services funding, and it was decided that for the next year there will be a greater focus on community applications. Ruth mentioned that community organisations were once informed of a surplus nearing the end of the financial year, but this is no longer the case. It has been suggested that in future there should be a pre-agenda meeting, but Ruth noted she has limited time to commit. b) Community Council Liaison Group New members are currently being sought, and Stephen considers momentum has been lost. c) Elected Members None attended, and no updates were provided.
11. **A.O.B:** a) Ruth asked that DCC contribute to the Friends of the Necropolis plans to plant thorny vegetation along the east wall of the Necropolis to prevent it being used as an escape route for those up to no good. There was agreement that historical precedent ensured this did not violate community council spending regulations and we will donate £250. b) Ruth is still owed money for Christmas cards supplied and lost at the December meeting, and she will invoice for these. c) There was general agreement that the new facilities provided a better environment for our meetings.

NEXT MEETING: At 7pm Tuesday March 11th at the Gingerbread Hall, Armadale Street. Please notify Wesley if unable to attend.