



## Dennistoun Community Council

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### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GINGERBREAD HALL 13/5/14

**Present:** Stephen Birrell (chair), Lauren Amazeen, John Bones, Andy Campbell, Jane Clarke, Ruth Johnson, Anne McKenna, Vicky Melvin, Frank Plowright, Wesley Wright (Council Members)

Bernard Elliott, Zsolt Kalhar, David McCrae Head of Mental Health North East Sector Glasgow CHP, Unknown member of public, Councillors Frank Docherty & Jennifer Dunn

**Apologies:** Brian Johnson, Claire McKechnie from Centre for Population Health, MSPs John Mason and Drew Smith

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

1. **POLICE REPORT:** No police were present, and no reason given for absence. Stephen had confirmed dates with Geoff Smith at London Road.
2. **PUBLIC INPUT:** a) Zsolt Kalhar noted a reduction in dog fouling in his street. b) David McCrae informed about plans for Parkhead Hospital. Only opened in the 1980s, no mental health professionals were consulted and Parkhead has been unfit for purpose from day one. The primary problems are segregation, no private and quiet garden area (and no possibility of providing one in the groundspace), and over-staffing due to lack of emergency assistance at a moment's notice. This would be possible were the unit located adjacent to other medical facilities. A late 1990s consultation approved a move to Stobhill, but funding has never been available. David noted so much time has elapsed that new consultation was required laying options considered and reasons for not adopting them. The dementia unit has been moved to Stobhill. There is an awareness that public transport to Stobhill is not fit for purpose in the North East, but for David McCrae the well being of patients in a purpose-built facility outweighs problems that will be experienced by visitors. All outpatient facilities will remain community based, and patients will be transported to and from any new facility if required. David is compiling a report for wider community circulation and is willing to return to a community council meeting if available. Councillor Docherty talked about using the Lightburn facility, and John enquired about a purpose-built facility occupying the same grounds. Both options were considered, but the emergency support staffing element had been identified in rejecting them. Stephen pointed out that surely there should be considerations beyond finance. A new consultation would be planned for early 2015.
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8/4/14:** Pending a couple changes the minutes were otherwise proposed as accurate by Wesley and seconded by Ruth.
4. **MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** a) April 29th's Engage With Strathclyde event. Stephen attended on behalf of DCC and it presented valuable research challenging the media representation of youth in negative fashion. He considered a positive link has been forged that will lead to greater sharing of information. b) Potholes David McGoldrick has been given as a contact for reporting problems and he has been invited to attend a future meeting. As yet there has been no response. c) East End Social. The line-up and

venues have been announced and posters promoting the event are now available, albeit lacking street names to accompany venues. Online promotion is widespread. d) Big Lunch. Edzell Property Management have provided £200 sponsorship contingent on their company logo (to be supplied) appearing on all promotional material. RAPA still have the gazebo and tables stored from the 2012 event. It is hoped that the Dennistoun Village area selected for the event will once again be cleared up by Edzell, and Frank will hint at such when supplying further information. The Milnbank Community Gala is on the same day, and the 1pm to 3pm time overlaps with the first of the ticketed East End Social events, but it was felt that this shouldn't greatly affect attendance. e) Community Council vacancies. Posters have been circulated, and Wesley has laminated some for posting outdoors. The deadline for registering interest is May 30<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately this can't be extended to follow the Big Lunch. All members will need to seek re-election in October. f) Area Grant Forms. Frank believes a 12 page grant form with 12 further pages of notes is an offputting imposition to applying for relatively small grants from Glasgow's Area Committee budgets. Is it worth changing the system for smaller amounts? Before presenting to the Petitions Committee information should be sourced as to why the form is this way and if there would be a willingness to modify it. Councillor Docherty noted that anyone needing assistance with an application is helped, but not applicants are aware of this, and the question was raised whether the time of council officials to aid in submission was the best value when applied to relatively small grant applications. Councillor Docherty also underlined the prerequisite that all applications come from constituted organisations. In a related matter Vicky passed on thanks to Councillor Docherty from Mrs Scott for his help in obtaining a £250 grant toward a bus trip. g) Dog Fouling. Martin Lundy from Environmental Services will attend July's meeting, and it was suggested the associated presence of David McGoldrick is desirable. A further problem that has come to light is that no enforcement officers start their shift before 9am, by which time many people have already walked their dogs. Wesley reiterated that it would be desirable to be provided with figures and results that we can respond with when contacted on the matter of dog fouling. This is a recurring and heated topic on the Dennistoun Forum. Ruth noted that the priority appears to be working with housing associations rather than other residents. It was again stressed services respond to repeated issues flagged, and the new hotline phone number is free to call from all phones.

5. **ACTION PLAN:** a) Day Out In Dennistoun. Andrew displayed the proposed map and format, which would involve oversize numbered map markers relating to explanatory contact on the reverse. These could be further coded to fall into broad categories. The logo is being designed on the basis of DCC logo's colour scheme and there will be space for input from Dennistoun Photographers. Content will be circulated by the June meeting. Further school engagement is required as the response so far been disappointing. Andy will try again with a simplified form. The question of printing was raised, and Andy noted that above 4000 copies litho printing becomes cheaper than laser printing. b) Duke Street. Stephen brought along sheets auditing businesses currently operating in Duke Street, colour coded by category. A full report will be circulated before next month to be discussed at the meeting. A community consultation is still planned. c) City Development Plan. Stephen will supply links to the new City Development Plan for discussion at the next meeting. He felt the comments we'd supplied last time were not fully represented, and we should have a draft response in place for the next meeting. The consultation deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. **FINANCE:** a) The current account balance is £2722.06, but £1000 is ring fenced for the Day Out In Dennistoun project. Petty cash stands at £62.16.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning. Nothing of significance over the past month, but the listing for the Shisha Cafe at the old Masonic Lodge on Alexandra Parade is now noted as

granted online.      b) Licensing There is an application from Barnados for a house of multiple occupation on Onslow Drive. It's presumed to be the halfway house previously run by social work and closed for the past year. There was discussion about consideration outwith our blanket policy of objection to new HMO applications. Ruth noted that premises with HMO permission can be sold on as such, and Jane raised the point that our policy is possibly open to challenge under anti-discrimination rules. It was eventually decided to object, but our policy may require revisiting.      c) Correspondence A full list was circulated and will be appended to the minutes, but Wesley highlighted City Park's family cultural evening between 6 and 8pm on June 3<sup>rd</sup> celebrating the history of the building, that a 12 week multi-activity programme has begun at the Crownpoint Facility in Bridgeton for adults with disabilities, and there is free football at the Emirates stadium for Young Scot Card holders until June 6th. Stephen added that our application to Foundation Scotland for Comic Relief funding the Day Out in Dennistoun project has been rejected.

8. **REPORTS:** a) East Area Partnership Ruth's notes were circulated and are appended to minutes. The April meeting heard information about the new Southern General Hospital, the impact of alcohol within the area, and awarded nine grants totalling £12,346. Of direct relevance to Dennistoun are the ward policing priorities available on the Police Scotland website, and the production of a template for local people to help identify issues within individual wards. This is available from [kirsteen.shearlaw@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:kirsteen.shearlaw@glasgow.gov.uk)/. Full minutes are available on the Glasgow City Council website and can be linked from the DCC website.
- b) Councillor Docherty highlighted the proposed new parade regulations currently open for consultation noting them as a cohesive re-writing eliminating contradictions resulting from piecemeal additions over the years. The consultation runs for a month. The opening of the new Tennents Drygate pub has been delayed until the end of May, their new giant display screen arrives on Friday, and new decorations include a graphic timeline. All modifications will be carried out with style and consideration. Wellpark Hall is now open for five days a week. Local primary school repairs should be finished by the end of July.
- There is a schools initiative across the city advising against payday lenders. Pupils will be encouraged to use credit unions by the opening of an account with £10 in their name. This money cannot be withdrawn for a year.
9. **A.O.B:** a) Stephen suggested proactively engaging with North East community councils. Many areas lack a community council, and others have contacted DCC for advice. Current fragmentation ensures inconsistent responses, but a united North-East voice would carry weight, and sharing information across the area would be beneficial. It was agreed this was worth pursuing. The Community Council Liaison Group is about to be resurrected, but hasn't worked well in recent times.      b) Ruth provided documentation detailing incidents in the Necropolis over the past month for forwarding to Land Services.

**NEXT MEETING:** At 7pm Tuesday June 10th at the Gingerbread Hall, Armadale Street. Please notify Wesley if unable to attend.