



Dennistoun Community Council

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DRAFT MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT GINGERBREAD HALL 11/11/14

Present: Stephen Birrell (chair), Lauren Amazeen, John Bones, Jane Clarke, Michelle Coulter, Ruth Jackson, Ruth Johnson, Brian Johnson, Ally Meek, Frank Plowright, Caitlin Quinn, Wesley Wright (Council Members), Associate member Claire McKechnie from GCPH,
Councillors Frank Docherty, Jennifer Dunn and Elaine McDougall
Andrew Campbell, Sandra Love, Zara Kitson, David Mullholland from Land Services
Inspector Matt Webb, PC Helen Holmes

Apologies: Michael Melvin, Elena Trimarchi (Council Members) MSPs Hanzala Malik, Paul Martin, & John Mason.

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright – The agenda was re-jigged to accommodate councillors and council officials not being able to attend the entire meeting

1. **PUBLIC INPUT:** No public input. Stephen noted attendance by members of the public varied between 1 and 8 over the past year.
2. **MINUTES OF A.G.M. MEETING HELD ON 14/10/14:** With a couple of typos corrected and noting the post of Licensing Contact defaulted to the Secretary, the minutes were otherwise proposed as accurate by Stephen and seconded by Ally.
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4. **LAND AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES:** David Mulholland, team leader from the local cleansing department addressed repeated concerns. a) Parked cars hinder efficient street cleaning. Eight man hours can be achieved in a single hour using machines, and the clean is better, so traffic restriction orders are being used to permit cleansing machines complete access. It was clarified that this deep clean includes leaf removal and unblocking drains. b) A survey of missing bins and over and under provision is ongoing. DCC will feed into this. Extending beyond our area to Carnyne, Bridgeton and Riddrie the single worst street for bin vandalism is Roslea Drive. Councillor Docherty believes it's not just teenagers responsible. Four bins were replaced and a week later only one was intact. Bins cost £50 each with additional cost to fit them, and he suggested a more vandal proof model be sourced. Bins in Commonwealth Games areas contained a brick in the base. Standing bins cost between £400 and £600, but cannot be placed in the drives as they prevent car doors opening. Councillor Docherty also announced that the community will be leafleted about putting bags of household rubbish by bins, and afterwards this will incur fines. c) There has been an increase in rubbish deposited outside tenements, with Marne Street and Onslow Drive particularly poor in recent weeks, the latter not just due to the debris from a local fire. David Mulholland highlighted a tendency for any such deposits to attract further rubbish. Offending blocks are to be sent warning letters. d) Ruth highlighted the

lack of wheelie bins at RAPA, their nightly rubbish strewn around the street by morning, and Michelle mentioned the general lack of bins south of Duke Street. We will audit and report back. Assorted suggestions were made to increase the quantity of bins, including making a community funding bid and sponsored bins. e) David noted he was not responsible for roads and potholes, but would pass comments on. Frank mentioned several areas where faults had been reported up to three times in an 18 month period with no action taken (Reidvale St, Duke St paving, hole outside Onslow Drive nursery) and the system of reporting via RALF appeared to be failing. Stephen mentioned the letter sent to the head of Land Services in January congratulating a rapid response, but this rapidity was a blip. f) Stephen asked that we receive a quarterly cleansing report of the type provided to Pollockshields Community Council. David Mulholland said this should be possible and will be provided with an example.

5. **POLICE REPORT:** a) Inspector Matt Webb introduced himself and community officer Helen Holmes. He wants to attend meetings as often as possible, and is currently assessing police relationship with community groups, aiming for improvement and to dispel myths and perceptions. His background isn't community policing, so he has an open mind to developing ideas. He would also like to improve communication, although stressed police prioritise resources so can't always attend a call. People should continue to report problems, though, as repeated calls highlight areas requiring attention. b) Police presence should be a given at community council meetings, but shift patterns mean the same officers can't attend every time. Assurances were given that matters raised at meetings would be passed to relevant officers. c) We were asked about police input to meetings. Stephen mentioned problems with equating statistics to a standard area. It was agreed crime prevention was paramount, but there information can lead to fears. The area crime prevention group lacks e-mail, making contact difficult, always meets in Riddrie during working hours, and initiatives never make it to Dennistoun. It was agreed to try again, but there were no immediate volunteers. d) Since police attended in September there have been three house break-ins with no perpetrators apprehended. Thefts from vehicles remain high, and drivers should conceal sat navs in parked cars. There are very few reports of youth disorder, but Ruth noted this discounts the reports she supplies on behalf of Friends of the Necropolis, where youth incidents remain high. She submitted another report highlighting this to DCC, and will supply a record of incidents from July to date directly to the police. e) Councillor McDougall raised crime statistics showing Riddrie as the city's most dangerous area, with consequent impact on car and house insurance premiums for the postcode. These statistics incorporate events at Barlinnie, providing a distorted view and it was asked that prison activity be removed from area statistics. f) Councillor Docherty noted a significant reduction in crime across Glasgow, and particularly our area over the past 15 years.
6. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Induction Pack. The Community Council Support Group hope to supply an induction pack for new community councillors before Christmas, and institute a training programme. Caitlin, Jane, Ruth Jackson and Councillor Docherty will liaise about a social event enabling DCC members to get to know each other better, involving an element of training to conform with prescribed use of DCC funds. Attendance could be between 15 and 30. b) SCDC Next training to be combined with the social event above. Stephen will circulate the report on the previous session to new members. c) Nursery Place Provision. Councillor Docherty noted he'd received considerable correspondence on this matter, has answered it all, and believes all parties are now satisfied. He's identified places in Dennistoun being taken by people from outside Glasgow working in the city, and noted priority has to be for Glasgow residents. He's committed to the requirement that every child of three has a funded nursery place. d) Old Baths Plaque: No further developments. The prevalence of metal theft makes outside display less desirable, but the standard of

fibreglass copies is high. e) Cycle Scheme: No further news. Wesley will send a letter to Councillor McAveety, overseeing the scheme, detailing the case for extension to Dennistoun. Journeys taken by individual cycles are tracked. There will be no change before Easter. f) Admin Allowance: No progress. If there's still time to respond before the deadline DCC officers will do so. g) DCC Vacancy. Learning he was no longer a community councillor before the meeting was a great surprise to Andy Campbell. We have a vacancy, but filling it requires an election, and is it worth going through the process for a single member if we could increase the size of the council to 20? Decision was deferred until next month. Andy could become an associate member, but the position lacks voting status. He will consider. h) Community Council Leaflet. Stephen and Lauren hadn't seen draft text for a leaflet to be available to the public attending DCC meetings. The only alteration suggested was our boundaries defined by map rather than text.

7. **ACTION PLAN.** a) Day Out in Dennistoun. Andy still needs Stephen to supply text, and written confirmation that Milnbank and Reidvale Housing Associations will cover printing costs. Stephen has this in an e-mail. Future Cities may have to postpone an ap launch. The project launch venue needs to meet the requirements of all stakeholders and a walking tour was suggested. The new Dennistoun Library manager is keen to be involved. b) Duke Street. There have been positive changes since the audit was completed, and it was noted the Corner Shop was established in response to the lack of variety. Stephen mentioned the Scottish Town Centre Review selecting Glasgow as a pilot, with toolkits for mapping. Duke Street should be highlighted as a high street. The working group are to discuss a consultation event. c) Action Plan 2014/15. Stephen provided charts of suggestions to date, with a couple more added during the meeting. He will circulate for consideration and fleshing out.
8. **FINANCE:** Our current balance is £2552.75, £1000 of which is reserved for the Day Out In Dennistoun project, and petty cash balance is £27.36. Wesley claimed £68.84, largely for printing costs, and suggested we could use the hall projection equipment⁴ for some items. Consideration of how we conduct our business was added to the Action Plan list.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning. Arnold Clark plan to demolish the Alexandra Parade site and rebuild. A report in conjunction with the planning application to demolish the BP petrol station on the Parade notes placing double yellow lines along one side of Craigpark and Lloyd Street would ease vehicle access. The Council Transport department has no objections to the outline proposal. b) Licensing October 2013 applications for multiple occupancy at 13 Armadale Street and 49 Roslea Drive have been approved. Nothing new received. c) Correspondence i) A survey on youth justice policy for University of Strathclyde has a December 19th deadline ii) we've an invitation to Parks Management Rules consultation. Stephen to attend. iii) We've received enquiries about Dennistoun from university students, possibly course led. It was decided to embrace the interest. iv) Two local residents are interested in setting up a Friends of Alexandra Park group.
10. **REPORTS:** a) East Centre Area Partnership The next meeting is on 19th of November, but neither Ruth nor Jennifer can attend. Ruth will submit a paper, and suggested she, Jennifer and Stephen meet after the pre-agenda meeting on November 14th to discuss how best to represent our needs. She noted that the grant system is to be simplified, but not as yet. b) Elected Members: None remained at this stage of the meeting.
11. **A.O.B:** a) John suggested elected member reports be moved up the agenda to accommodate limited time they can spend at meetings. There was little agreement, and we've previously asked for written reports, which were seen as more desirable. b) Stephen addressed a meeting of St Andrews East Women's Guild about community councils and was later given

£10. In preference to adding it to DCC funds it should be returned with a note of thanks.

c) Zara Kitson is involved with a project on food systems settling on Glasgow's East End for an imagining on the basis that its furthest from the ideal. She will circulate a blurb.

d) We have been invited by Land Services to submit a list of roads and footpaths in generally poor condition for repair priority, although without guarantee of action. Frank will co-ordinate and respond.

e) The Factoring Commission will meet in March to assess progress a year after their report was submitted. f) If there is no news by early December Frank will follow-up with MSP Iain Gray on the progress of the bus service legislation he was planning.

NEXT MEETING: 7pm Tuesday December 9th at the Gingerbread Hall, Armadale Street. Please notify Wesley if unable to attend.