



## Dennistoun Community Council

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### MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT GINGERBREAD HALL

9/12/14

**Present:** Stephen Birrell (chair), Lauren Amazeen, John Bones, Michelle Coulter, Ruth Jackson, Ruth Johnston, Brian Johnston, Michael Melvin, Frank Plowright, Christine Quinn, Wesley Wright (Council Members), Associate members Claire McKechnie from GCPH and Justyna Ataman from Market Gallery  
No local Councillors or MSPs  
Eoin Carey, Zsolt Kalhar, Paula Morgan, Colin Durie and John Quinn from Land Services, Michelle Leonard from Go Bike  
PC's Ryan Anderson and Stephen McLaughlin

**Apologies:** Jane Clarke, Ali Meek, Caitlin Quinn, Elena Trimarchi (Council Members) MSPs Hanzala Malik, Paul Martin, John Mason & Humza Yousaf Councillors Jennifer Dunn, Andrew Campbell

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

1. **POLICE REPORT:** Asked for the community council's requirements Stephen again noted consistency of reports. Break-ins are currently a problem, although one person suspected of several was arrested last week. People are advised to close storm doors and jam a plank of wood between the door step and closed door for extra protection if there's no metal strut. Err on the side of caution and call police even if hearing banging behind closed storm doors, and report suspicious individuals within closes and back courts. A surname and initial only on doors and close buzzers hinder fraudulent entry, and front and back close doors should be kept in good repair. When leaving packages in a car, ensure they're not in plain sight.
2. **PUBLIC INPUT:** Eoin Carey and Paula Morgan are creating a photography project for an exhibition in May as part of the Open House Collective. Dennistoun was under-represented in 2014, and the project will focus on the community among back court washing lines. DCC was asked for help in sourcing an untraditional and suitable venue. The Whitehill Street launderette would be ideal, but the owner isn't keen. There are crossover areas with Claire McKechnie's project.
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11/11/14:** There were a few typos, and Paul Martin wasn't listed among apologies. Stephen felt it sufficient to note a letter commenting on good work to Land Services for rapid repairs in one instance, as we're supposed to be building a relationship with them. Frank felt this didn't represent the meeting comments or service provided, and prioritised one view over another. Wesley confirmed a rapid response system is in place for serious reported potholes, and felt the minutes should stress to DCC initiating attempts to extend the Next Bike scheme to Dennistoun.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) DCC Induction. Most respondees are able to attend the combined training and induction event between 6.30 and 9pm on 17/12. David Reilly will provide pizza and refreshments and cover the hall cost as part of the SCDC assessment. b) Next Bike. Wesley reported several councillors support bringing Next Bike to Dennistoun,

and Paul Martin raised the matter in the Scottish Parliament. Michelle Leonard is part of the sub-group involved in the expansion and enquired about bike stations. Bellgrove station and Alexandra Park were mentioned and DCC will canvass wider opinion and submit by the spring meeting.

c) Cleansing Issues. i) John Quinn announced road closures for deep cleansing were successful in removing much leaf mulch and it's planned to replicate these on a quarterly basis. This will necessitate removal of parked vehicles whose owners have ignored the notices posted in the area, and while every attempt will be made to replace them where lifted, this can't be guaranteed. ii) Although operating with only 14 staff and covering a far wider area than Dennistoun, John believes standards can be maintained, but he cannot provide the service he'd like. Educating people to clear up after dogs and not to drop litter is required. Whitehill school is particularly problematical, but he can't commit the staff to cope. iii) John's policy is to clear fly-tipping as soon as possible, but there's a case to be made for leaving it to determine ownership. iv) The survey of litter bin placement discussed last month will result in bins being re-situated in January. Michelle noted the poor provision and overflowing bins south of Duke Street. New bins are unlikely due not only to their cost, but the extra resource time required to empty them, also why they can't be emptied during back court bin collections. v) Public bins aren't intended for dog waste as staff require inoculation. It should be disposed of in household waste. vi) Brian commented on the removal of the floor mounted bin outside the Anfield Place post office, and Stephen noted a similar bin uprooted from Duke St. John will look into the reasons for this. vii) DCC to look into East Centre Area Committee funding for replacement of missing bins in existing sites, possibly with DCC logo and reinforced to deter vandalism. viii) John has regular meetings with local housing associations at Queenslie depot, and there's no reason DCC can't be represented as a conduit for the local community. ix) Michael mentioned the security problem of doors left open by bin men. The tick sheet supplied every morning has a note about this, and staff are regularly reminded, but if it is certain bin men are responsible it should be reported as a disciplinary issue. d) Admin Allowance: Office holders have yet to submit the survey regarding admin allowance for community councils. Frank mentioned future allowance could be based on ward population, but noted it wouldn't sit well with effective community councils whose budget may be reduced by this method. The survey is to be circulated again. We've been contacted by Bill Fraser of Pollokshields community council urging us to respond.

e) DCC information flyer: Barring some typo corrections the leaflet should be ready for our January meeting.

f) Money from St Andrews East Women's Guild. Stephen has not yet returned this, but will post through the door of a neighbour who's a member.

g) Potholes: In response to Land Services asking about roads and footpaths requiring attention, Frank collated information and wrote mentioning footpaths on Duke St and the upper ends of Armadale St and Whitehill St, the junctions of Craigpark and Duke St, Marne St and the Parade, and Golfhill Drive and Armadale St.

5. **DCC MEMBERSHIP**: a) A vote was taken on whether to keep membership at the current level, increase to 17 or increase to 18. The Chairman's casting vote was required to pass the latter option. There is a deadline of January 6<sup>th</sup> for nominations, and a vote could be held on January 30<sup>th</sup>. b) The position of vice chair was not filled at the A.G.M., and Lauren was nominated by Stephen, seconded by Ruth Jackson and unanimously elected. c) There was discussion about further associate members, and we will clarify if the position is restricted to those representing organisations active in the area. Two places remain. If choosing not to stand as a community councillor, Andy Campbell will be approached, and GHA will also be contacted. Dennistoun Diggers will be dropped from the circulation list.
6. **ACTION PLAN**. a) Day Out in Dennistoun. Stephen still to supply outstanding text. Andy is liaising with Future Cities Glasgow about the ap, and ideas for the launch are solicited.

b) Duke Street. The Market Gallery is available for a public consultation on the audit from Monday to Wednesday. Paula Morgan was involved with a similar initiative in Stirling and would like to be involved, as are Reidvale Housing Association. c) Action Plan 2014/15. Stephen circulated 20 possible actions allocated to individual DCC members and this will provide basis for discussion at the 17/12 development session.

7. **FINANCE:** Our current balance is £2478.91, £1000 of which is reserved for the Day Out In Dennistoun project, and petty cash balance is £27.36.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning. i) Although not in our area, we have been notified of a planned large bus and car park in the area between Morrisons at the West, Gallowgate at the South and the car auction centre on Wellpark Street. Brian noted the application as very basic, so it's uncertain if this would also be a bus maintenance depot, and that under current procedures further information is only supplied to those registering an objection. Emissions would be a concern. ii) The issue of Lloyd Street access to the proposed development of the BP site on the Parade has still to be determined. b) Licensing There has been a renewal application for an existing HMO at 7 Oakley Terrace, and for an extension of opening hours for Tasty Bite at 376 Cumbernuald Rd. We have previously objected to support local residents in similar situations, but there has been no contact. c) Correspondence i) Councillor Jennifer Dunn highlighted nine classes being cut from Whitehill Pool's services. ii) Concerns are raised about traffic safety around Alexandra Parade primary. There was a near collision with a lollipop man, and it's been suggested Armadale St should be a 20 mph zone. John has taken this up with Land Services, who've refused. We will add traffic management to the Action Plan.
9. **REPORTS:** a) East Centre Area Partnership Applications should be made for unused funds. Suggestions included replacing missing litter bins, and seeing to the distressed area around the Bellfield St railway bridge. John Quinn noted concerns about littering and the lack of bins and will report back. Dealing with this area would require multi-agency co-operation. Specifically for DCC we could apply for funding to cover paper newsletters, a community notice board, pop-up banners to be placed in shops, and reprinting our A6 card with updated information. We could also apply for a discretionary grant from the Community Council Resource Centre for this. A broader discussion covered formalising members of sub-groups, crediting them on the website for information purposes. We currently have two, dealing with the Duke St audit and the Map and Ap project. This can be handled at the Action Plan meeting next week. We could also apply for money for forthcoming events, although it was noted that timescales made it more practical to apply for 2016. b) Elected Members: Councillor Docherty supplied a written update on the Next Bike scheme.
10. **A.O.B:** Stephen mentioned that the former Bridgeton sorting office is now being redeveloped, and Wesley noted the Save Our Sorting Office page on the DCC website has experienced a spike in interest, which is probably connected.

**NEXT MEETING:** 7pm Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Gingerbread Hall, Armadale Street. Please notify Wesley if unable to attend.