



Dennistoun Community Council

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MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT GINGERBREAD HALL 13/1/15

- Present:** Stephen Birrell (chair), Lauren Amazeen, John Bones, Jane Clarke, Michelle Coulter, Ruth Jackson, Ruth Johnston, Brian Johnston, Ally Meek, Michael Melvin, Angela Mills, Frank Plowright, Caitlin Quinn, Christine Quinn, Elena Trimarchi, Wesley Wright (Council Members), Associate members Justyna Ataman and Rosie O'Grady from Market Gallery, Councillor Frank Docherty, PC Allison McGovern, PC McDonald
- Apologies:** Andy Campbell, Claire McKechnie, Joe Scott, MSPs Hanzala Malik, Paul Martin, John Mason & Humza Yousaf, Councillors Jennifer Dunn and Russell Robertson

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

- POLICE REPORT:** There was considerable frustration with police attending again lacking information, asking us about issues in the area, and stressing most policing is information led. Stephen again noted we would like consistency of reports and to be consulted about local action plans. It's understood shifts prevent the same officers attending each month, but there ought to be communication allowing updates from attending police. Frank requested the community were told when perpetrators are convicted of more serious local offences, as this information is never passed on. The police agreed, but noted this can't be accompanied by any identification. Youths are targeting Market Gallery at night. They're active between Hillfoot St and Bellgrove St along Duke Street, with egging a problem. It was suggested a dispersal zone could be implemented. Crime rates in Dennistoun are far lower than surrounding areas, and throughout Glasgow there are more police visible on the street than ever before. Ruth mentioned vandalism and drug taking in the Necropolis, and that a report had been passed to Inspector Matt Webb. Councillor Docherty congratulated the police on their handling of December's tragedy on Queen St and will set up a meeting to sort out the continuing lack on information supplied to us.
- PUBLIC INPUT:** No public attendance for the first time in over a year.
- MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9/12/14:** Pending correction of a few typos the minutes were submitted as accurate by Wesley and seconded by Ruth Jackson.
- MATTERS ARISING:**
 - Next Bike: No update yet.
 - Induction meeting: Everyone was positive, and notes were e-mailed. SCDC will commit to funding a monthly meeting until May. The format and topics need to be selected. As part of the SCDC package we can access planning software LEAP, which aids in tracking targets. It was decided to defer discussion on DCC slogan and branding until the February SCDC meeting.
 - Action Plan: Stephen circulated a revised list of Action Plan topics. There are 21 in total, although some could be combined under broader headings, such as an Environmental Group. The names allocated can be altered. Priorities should be determined, and a possible model is devolved groups reporting back to meetings. Michael noted the suggested open air cinema screening was missing from the list.
 - Money from St Andrews East Women's Guild: Stephen has not yet returned this.
 - Bus Regulation: In 2013 DCC responded to a

consultation, and a bill has now been put before the Scottish Parliament. It calls for routes to be bundled to prevent the profitable ones being cherry-picked, power returned to local authorities to determine fares and frequency, and powers to penalise operators. There is enough cross-party consensus to proceed, and our MSP Paul Martin signed his support. f) Admin allowance. DCC responded to the survey, supporting an increase, and submitted a covering letter with additional points. The response clarified that spending on promotional material is acceptable, not clear to some survey respondents. Stephen always knew this.

5. **DCC MEMBERSHIP:** a) There was only one applicant for two vacant places, so Angela Mills is automatically elected. Rather than filling the vacant slot immediately, it was decided to wait until further interest was shown. b) Dennistoun Diggers will not continue associate membership, but Elena can act as conduit. Dress for the Weather will take up associate membership, with Andy representing. There has been no approach to GHA as yet.
6. **ACTION PLAN.** a) Day Out In Dennistoun. Stephen still to supply outstanding text, so no change. Frank noted the project has stalled for several months, asking if East Area funding is time limited, which Ruth confirmed. Stephen will meet Andy next week, and felt the draft text needed tweaking, not a view widely shared. Wesley will liaise with Future Cities Glasgow about the ap. b) Duke Street. The Market Gallery is available for public consultation on April 20th. c) Action Plan 2014/15. Several members have met twice with Market Gallery to plan something similar to 1990s Bellgrove Station billboard project. Funding, estimated at £15,000, is needed. It's the 25th anniversary of the original project and Alan Dunn now lectures at Leeds Metropolitan University. His blessing would be desirable. d) SCDC. Michelle asked about David Reilly's involvement with individual projects. He'll help provide focus, but we'll have to follow through. The priority at the next meeting will be the action plan. The first Wednesday or Thursday of February were suggested as meeting dates, depending on David Reilly's availability. Stephen to liaise and circulate information.
7. **FINANCE:** Our current balance is £2739.30, £1000 of which is reserved for the Day Out In Dennistoun project, and petty cash balance is £15.03. The balance includes £230 of cheques yet to be cashed. The accounts were submitted in December. We have a large balance and Jane stressed receipts should be submitted for all DCC-related business.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning. No new applications, and no update on the site of the BP petrol station. Brian has researched listed buildings in Dennistoun, to be uploaded to DCC's website. There are 40, and those considered at risk are all owned by Glasgow City Council. b) Licensing There was an application for permission to admit children for food at Redmonds, but the deadline was Jan 6th. c) Correspondence i) We have been invited to submit possible candidates for Doors Open 2015, but Brian noted this is down to building owners, not us. ii) An e-mail notes concerns about traffic on Craigpark and Onslow, cars parking on the pavement, and suggesting a crossing on Alexandra Parade by the Co-Op. The writer was invited to the meeting. A traffic management survey could be added to the action plan.
9. **REPORTS:** a) East Centre Area Partnership There will be a pre-agenda meeting on Jan24th and the next full meeting is Jan 28th. Incorporating suggestions now is difficult as the pre-agenda meeting already has the main agenda set. The paving on Duke St is part of the wider neighbourhood management issue requiring input from all areas in Ward 18. Any Funding application will have to be made rapidly, so DCC will apply for community noticeboards. Ruth Jackson and Elena will research and submit. This has to be submitted six weeks before any meeting discussing it. b) Elected Members: Councillor Docherty noted i) A project

on the Holocaust by Whitehill pupils is to be exhibited at City Chambers, and a survivor will speak at the school. ii) St Denis are to have external information boards funded, promoting school activities. iii) Lighting around Wellpark is to be increased thanks to an anonymous private donor. iv) There is to be a road survey about parking in the drives and at Wellpark, including concerns about faked disabled bays. Councillor Docherty believes the solution to Dennistoun's parking problems will be eventually be a permanent parking system. v) At Christmas 90 pensioners were treated to a Christmas lunch at the Tennants Training Academy and 300 children, parents and guardians were taken on a trip to the pantomime at the Platform in Easterhouse where they were given goodie bags and ice cream. vi) The Drygate is now promoting events.

10. **A.O.B:** a) It's the 10th anniversary of Friends of the Necropolis and events are to be organised tying in with this. b) Wesley suggested adding all our e-mail addresses to the DCC website mailing list, which differs from ordinary e-mails. It will mean we receive all information circulated to others in the community. No-one objected.

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