



Dennistoun Community Council

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DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GLASGOW KELVIN COLLEGE

14/4/15

Present: Stephen Birrell (chair), Michelle Coulter, Ruth Jackson, Michael Melvin, Angela Mills, Frank Plowright, Christine Quinn, Wesley Wright (Council Members),
Saskia Comson, David Houston, Alastair McEwan
Police officers Rosie Hendrie, Davey McNair

Apologies: Lauren Amazeen, John Bones, Jane Clarke, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Ally Meek, Caitlin Quinn, Elena Trimarchi, Associate members Anne representing Market Gallery and Claire McKechnie-Mason, MSPs Hanzala Malik, John Mason, Humza Yousaf, Drew Smith,

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

- PUBLIC INPUT:** a) Alastair McEwan represented Clayton Terrace residents concerned about parking. One pavement is regularly blocked, there are incidents of vehicle damage not reported by perpetrators and delivery vans can't squeeze through. This is only since City Park opened, and a fair volume of traffic uses the street. He suggested double yellow lines on one side as a possible solution, but realised this would move the problem elsewhere. Stephen noted similar concerns at Seton Terrace, raised with local officials, but we will incorporate the issue into ongoing assessments. Councillor Docherty reported back that traffic surveys have been taken and public engagement events will be occur. Officer McNair clarified the relevant offence as obstruction. Vehicles can block drives, but aren't causing an obstruction until they prevent access. He believed members of the public shouldn't require to cross a road due to vehicles blocking the footpath, and in cases of parked cars on either side of the street it's difficult to assess which caused obstruction by parking when the other was already present. He advised residents to call consistently as removed cars incur a fee of approximately £140 and word will spread. b) Saskia Comson suggested a micro-funding dinner, replicating a scheme successful in Detroit. People donate attending a dinner during which pitches are made, a vote taken, and the most deserving project is given the money raised. It brings people together and encourages support for other projects. We'd like to be involved in principle, and this could tie-in with the Big Lunch in June. Saskia will supply a brief written proposal next month.
- POLICE REPORT:** Offences are down in the 32 days since the last meeting, but only 24 of 74 reported crimes have been detected, not including 14 attempted or actual house break-ins. There is no pattern to these other than forced entry, but forensic evidence is being assessed. People are advised to be vigilant, report people in the close and ensure close doors are secure. There was a serious assault in a bookmakers and investigation is still ongoing.
- MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13/3/15:** There was much discussion about minute format, length and accuracy. Frank explained that detailed minutes were to provide the fullest possible picture for the community we represent, but Stephen had difficulty with the degree of detail being included. He and several others felt it inappropriate to divulge details of disagreements as giving a poor impression. Inspector Matt Webb phoned Stephen about the tone of some comments, and on reflection Stephen felt these should be modified in the

interests of building a good relationship. Inspector Webb also e-mailed about what he considered to be inaccuracies, but Frank stood by his accuracy and expressed concerns about the police attempting to modify minutes to create a better impression. The minutes were not approved.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Glasgow Housing Association To be contacted by Wesley regarding an invitation to Associate membership. b) SCDC training: David Reilly has been away on holiday, but returns on Monday c) Meeting Venues. After e-mailed discussion Frank didn't follow up on the Thompson St flat, but it was now felt worthwhile, so he will before next meeting and will check with Impact Arts regarding their premises. Councillor Docherty has been talking with the Tennant's Training Academy about our May meeting, and Frank reported Whitehill School is still available at £11.20 per hour, but not during school holidays. There were pros and cons to rotating our venue, but no final decision was taken.
5. **DCC MEMBERSHIP:** The closing date for nominations for our vacant membership slot is noon on May 1st.
6. **ACTION PLAN.** a) Art Group: Michelle suggested we consider a form of light display to mark crossing into Dennistoun. The Billboard Group has been awarded £1500 from Glasgow Life Development Fund, only a third of what was requested, but consistent with other awards. Other funding applications are being worked on. Network Rail have been very positive. They have concerns regarding track access, are carrying out a site survey of the tunnel, and considering gifting the land to DCC for further use. They're also considering using this as a pilot project for work elsewhere. Stephen estimated the total project cost at £22,000 - £23,000, and David Houston mentioned the Zurich Community Fund as a possible source of funding. b) Environment Group has not met. c) Events Group met, deciding it would be better for members to organise individual projects rather than have an over-arching structure. Projects on the Action Plan closely associated with DCC members not present were not discussed on the basis that these members would move them forward. i) John and Frank will consider reviving the Dennistoun Treasure Hunt, with John confident he can have prizes sponsored. This might tie in with a Christmas lights ceremony with the winners turning the lights on. ii) Elena is interested in a Christmas project, and so is Michelle. iii) Ally is keen to have a walk around the community council area and will organise a doodle poll. iv) Before she left Dennistoun Diggers Sarah Wellford put in a request for Farmer's Market in the area. No response as yet. v) Dennistoun Diggers plan on organising more events, and maybe DCC could help. d) Days Out in Dennistoun - No further progress. Stephen had hoped Andy would be present. He still has to submit a few lines of text. e) Duke St. There are possible sources of investment for the next phase. The public consultation will now not occur this month. Market Gallery will be available in summer. f) Communications - A group picture for the front of the information leaflet was planned, but not enough members were present. Ruth would prefer not to appear.
7. **FINANCE:** Jane wasn't present. Wesley noted we'd received correspondence regarding our annual admin grant.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning. There is an application to convert 4 Circus Place into 3 flats. There is a presumption against this in the City Plan. A new development in Meadowpark Street contravenes policy by only offering 8 parking spaces for 26 flats. The council also noted the proposed building is lower than those surrounding. Stephen to circulate information via e-mail for us to decide whether to object. b) Licensing Two licence renewals for tanning stands and beds. There is an HMO application from Barnado's

for the old Halfway House on Onslow Drive. There may be community concerns so we'll ask Barnardo's along to a meeting to discuss. c) Correspondence i) Ruth submitted a list of incidents at the Necropolis over the past month (appended). CCTV is being considered.

ii) There is correspondence every month regarding shortage of bins. Stephen will chase up Land Service re promised information. Elena has visited Whitehill School, and was told more bins have been requested. iii) Other correspondence as appended

9. **REPORTS:** a) East Centre Area Partnership Funding still primarily to local authority connected organisations. Not enough community groups applying. b) Elected Members: None present.
10. **A.O.B:** a) A Friends of Alexandra Park group will meet for the first time tomorrow. Stephen will attend, but would prefer someone else takes this on board. A consultation noted money to be spent on the park. David Houston raised the possibility of organising running races there. b) The Factoring Commission will meet next week to review implementation of the report a year on. Frank will attend. c) Frank to follow-up on modification of grant application forms which was being discussed by Glasgow Council last year. d) Frank will contact council about repairs to Duke St paving, which we've been requesting for several years.

NEXT MEETING: 7pm Tuesday May 12th at venue to be confirmed. Please notify Wesley if unable to attend.