



Dennistoun Community Council

email : hello@dennistouncc.org.uk www.DennistounCC.org.uk

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GLASGOW KELVIN COLLEGE 9/6/15

Present: Stephen Birrell (chair), John Bones, Jane Clarke, Michelle Coulter, David Houston, Ruth Jackson, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Ally Meek, Caitlin Quinn, Elena Trimarchi Wesley Wright (Community Council Members)
Police Sgt Kevin Miller, PC Rowe, John Mason MSP, Cllr Frank Docherty

Apologies: Cllrs Lauren Dyer Amazeen, Jennifer McGlone, Mike Melvin, Frank Plowright, Christine Quinn
Cllr George Redmond, Dr Claire McKechnie-Mason, Hanzala Malik MSP, Drew Smith MSP, Market Gallery, Anne McLaughlin MP

Minutes provided by Wesley Wright

1. **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:** As above.
2. **POLICE AND CRIME PREVENTION ISSUES:** Dedicated officer confirmed as PC Sharon McPeake. // Crime figures (1st May to date) – Dennistoun South: 71 total, 49 detected, vandalism, theft, crimes of dishonesty, drugs; Dennistoun North: 91 total, 38 detected, some housebreaking, but reduced due to a recent imprisonment, arrests have been made for two common assaults. // A higher proportion of fraud crime than usual. // Working with Milnbank HA – arrest made regarding drugs. // Info requested on hotspot areas, especially with school holidays approaching (eg off-sales, Armadale Path) – info to GreaterGlasgowLondonRdPerfSupport@scotland.pnn.police.uk. // Warning note given about 'distraction crimes' by a known group of three female suspects ('Eastern European, 20-30, 1 x heavy build, 2 x thin') in vicinity of Celino's. // Missing persons an issue at present. // Michelle asked if dog theft was known as a key issue, but police responded that it was not a noted issue at present. // Taxi drivers sounding horns on Hillfoot St raised by Stephen. Acknowledged as a repeat issue (Hampden Cars cited), but it has only been reported by one person, so difficult to take much action. Cllr Docherty pointed out that refraining from misuse of horns is a condition of licence.
3. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None.
4. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12/5/15:** No amendments requested. Proposed by WW, seconded by BJ.
5. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Basketball court recommissioning: SB, MM & AM met as the Big Lunch working group and approached Reidvale HA, with a positive response. Other parties are on board, too. B-ball court + Clean-up + Big Lunch + extra events planned for date TBC (possibly 2nd or 3rd Sat in July. A new Big Lunch fund of £150 is available for new groups. // b) Barnardo's: Letter sent. Invitation to attend is open. // c) Parking: Comments on footway parking on Broompark Drive and Clayton Terrace have been circulated to interested parties. // d) Friends of Alexandra Park: Meeting on Wednesday 17th June in Sports Hub (at bowling green) in Alexandra Park. // e) Offer of old photos: Contact made but correspondence has gone cold.

6. **ACTION PLAN:** a) Arts focus group: Caitlin to arrange a focus group meeting to discuss arts items on the action plan. // b) Environment focus group: Angela not present (see also AOB). // c) Events focus group: Frank P not present. Cllr Docherty noted an offer from Edzell to contribute to the Big Lunch, whether held in or outwith Buffalo Bill Square. It was agreed that DCC would host a stall at Alexandra Park Festival on 25th July – stall details TBC. // d) Dennistoun Billboard Project: Seeking funding from Create Scotland, Lottery, etc to total £15k. Artists have been contacted. Stephen to co-ordinate historical info. Planned for first week in October. // e) Day Out in Dennistoun: Launch at Alexandra Park Festival proposed. Andy to be contacted to arrange closure. Draft map to be re-circulated for comment. // f) Duke Street Project: The group has met. Notes to be circulated. Consultation to be progressed during the summer. // g) Communications working group: Mike not present. Meeting to be convened to discuss.
7. **FINANCE:** Current balance is £2,778.05 with petty cash at £172.20.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning: RBS signage – no issues. Aberfeldy St shop – conversion into a residence – no issues noted. Activity at former greengrocer on Alexandra Parade noted. b) Licensing: As per correspondence list. c) General: As per correspondence list. Genn newspaper contact asking for stories to be passed to Ruth.
9. **REPORTS:** a) East Centre Area Partnership: Meetings on 12th August and 11th November. Minutes from meeting held on 27th May 2015 circulated by Ruth Johnston. b) Elected Members: i) John Mason MSP: Closure of train line through Falkirk – busy trains through Bellgrove expected. By-election on 6th August following resignation of Alison Thewliss MP from Cllr position. Sitting on Isolation and Loneliness Committee, with a report to be published. Newsletter circulated. // ii) Cllr Frank Docherty: Supported John Mason's comments regarding isolation and loneliness and cited Salvation Army, holiday schemes and churches as examples of local work in this area. Abattoir and surrounding site up to High St completion work beginning within the year. NextBike site a huge success. Tennent's venue available for meetings 'at no cost'. Encouraged all to report parking on footways, noting it is an offence is a parked car impedes pedestrian access. Parking permits are an issue on the horizon to be considered. // iii) Humza Yousaf MSP: Annual Report circulated.
10. **A.O.B:** a) Angela has submitted a letter of resignation. Those present echoed Stephen's expression of thanks for Angela's input to DCC. // b) Stephen contacted by Alan Benson regarding Haghill School event on 11th June, details available from Milnbank HA. // c) Dell at City Park looking to engage with community groups. Venue possibility – to be investigated. // d) Bank of Scotland on Duke St to close mid-August. // e) Necropolis WWI map circulated. More info on Necropolis website. // f) Concern raised over condition of ex-Duke St hospital. Stephen to investigate. // Glasgow Kelvin College-supported community group training highlighted and encouraged. Craig of GKC to be invited to next meeting by Stephen.
11. **NEXT MEETING:** 7pm Tuesday 14th July at Sports Hub Building (adjacent to Bowling Green/Golf Course), Alexandra Park, Dennistoun, G31 3JE. Please notify Wesley if unable to attend.