



## Dennistoun Community Council

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### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT SPORTS HUB BUILDING, ALEXANDRA PARK 14/7/15

**Present:** Stephen Birrell (chair), Lauren Amazeen, John Bones, Jane Clarke, Michelle Coulter, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Michael Melvin, Frank Plowright, Wesley Wright (Council Members), Mhairi Love representing Anne McLaughlin MP, Eamonn Campbell, Michelle Letowska – One member of public to be added.

**Apologies:** David Houston, Ruth Jackson, Ally Meek, Elena Trimarchi, MSPs John Mason, Paul Martin, Nancy Downie from Barnado's

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

1. **POLICE REPORT:** No police present.
2. **PUBLIC INPUT:** a) Michelle Letowska raised the poor experience of pedestrians in Dennistoun. She's had dealings with Land Services, and felt they showed little interest in crossing safety between Whitehill St and Co-Op/Iceland until a fatality. Brian noted the 2016 wide review into the area, and others currently occurring elsewhere in Glasgow.  
Eamonn Campbell mentioned the Living Streets method of having interested parties walk around together, and it was agreed to arrange this during the better weather. We could identify key positions to monitor traffic. Brian will liaise with Eamonn and Michelle about this. In Edinburgh a method is being trialled whereby improvements are installed without long studies beforehand and then assessed.
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9/6/15:** Pending minor correction and appended report, the minutes were submitted as accurate by Brian and seconded by Jane.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Big Lunch and Basketball Court enquiry: Reidvale have been positive, and Big Lunch confirmed we can apply for funding of £150, but both have been deferred to August. b) Friends of Alexandra Park: Stephen reported the second meeting as positive and enthusiastic, and a constitution is now being written. c) Dell community team will help with clean-ups north of Alexandra Parade. d) Meeting Venue: Ruth phoned John Mullen at City Park. We can hold meetings in their lobby, and it's available for September. Any future needs would be secondary priority to those of City Park tenants. Frank felt switching venues made it more difficult for residents to attend, but Wesley can overcome this by providing an annual schedule in advance. Stephen noted posters for areas ahead of meetings. The Sports Club will cost £25 in future. It was not considered ideal for darker months due to the remote location. Michelle asked about the Reidvale flat, and Frank explained it's now used for storage, and the Reidvale Neighbourhood Centre is closed on Tuesday evenings. Frank suggested that major building projects planned for Dennistoun might include a community hall. He will follow-up. e) Alexandra Park Festival: Stephen mentioned we would be sharing facilities with Dennistoun Diggers. Wesley advised that Ruth Jackson and Ally are available to work at the stand for a period.
5. **ACTION PLAN.** a) Arts: Christine has met Ben Spencer regarding a lighting project, possibly combining this with gateposts to Dennistoun. b) Environment: Angela has resigned, so a new facilitator is required. c) Events: Frank again explained that it had been decided this was so widespread that the preference was to work on individual projects. d) Billboard Project. Considerable funding is still required. A meeting will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>. e) Day Out in Dennistoun: Brian and Ruth and Frank have submitted

comments on the map circulated by Andy last week. Brian felt enough time has been allowed for comments, and a final draft will be circulated to be signed off once all these have been incorporated. Andy has submitted a print quote for £757, but a couple more are needed. Stephen said that despite change of managers, there is no ambiguity over Redivale and Milnbank Housing Associations making up any funding deficit for the print version.

f) Duke St Project: The working group met last week. Stephen will compile and circulate notes to the working group. He suggested a minibus hire to see other areas of the city for comparison and inspiration purposes, but it this would be costly, and better served by individual observation. Any collective trip could be arranged via e-mail. Ruth mentioned that Maggie McBean at Dennistoun Library was keen to be involved in consultation, perhaps by an exhibition of Duke St past and present with accompanying questionnaire. g) Wesley raised that the Action Plan lacks aims and timescales, and will flag up some ideas.

h) Communications: Another meeting is planned. Ally and Ruth are now handling Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We need to discuss policy about linking to commercial organisations on the DCC website.

6. **FINANCE**: Our current balance is £2778.05, £1000 of which is reserved for the Day Out In Dennistoun project. Petty cash is £172.20.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**: a) Planning. Only one of five applications is contentious. The William Wallace Society want to erect a monument in the Necropolis on the basis of a possibly mythical battle that would have occurred a mile away. b) Licensing An HMO application for 146 Onslow Drive. Nancy Downie has extended an invitation to DCC members to view the refurbished Barnardo's building in Onslow Drive. c) Correspondence
  - i) Natalie McGarry MP asked to be included in meeting invitations. Westminster boundaries differ from other electoral boundaries, and some of her constituency is in our area.
  - ii) It was decided the meeting invitation list shouldn't be for people wanting meeting reminders. They can sign up on our webpage and will receive automatic notification.
  - iii) Ruth read out a list of problems at the Necropolis over the past month and this has been appended.
8. **REPORTS**: a) East Centre Area Partnership East Central Area Committee have supplied a community questionnaire for circulation. We can do this at the Alexandra Park Festival. Their next meeting is August 12<sup>th</sup>. Notes of the June 12<sup>th</sup> Neighbourhood Management meeting were appended to the meeting documents. b) Elected Members: None present, although Mhairi Love can pass on problems and concerns to Anne McLaughlin MP.
9. **A.O.B**: a) Lauren and Michael discussed DCC adopting Bellgrove station. Most stations on the line have been adopted, and this would involve a commitment to maintenance, although this could be delegated. Planters can be provided, and vandalism may be deterred by CCTV. We can use most of the platform and it adds value to the area. Michael is happy to be liaison.
  - b) Lawrence O'Neill from the Community Council Liaison Office will hold a pre-meeting in August, and Stephen will contact Tennents to extend meeting times for this. Tennents can accommodate members of the public turning up later to be ferried to the venue within their complex.
  - c) Stephen highlighted three current consultations on the Glasgow Council website and suggested we respond. Resilient City concerns developing strategies to ensure Glasgow thrives should there be extreme conditions and runs until 15/9. Age Friendly Glasgow runs until 10/8 and the strategic Plan for Cycling runs until 4/9. Wesley said he'd look at this.
  - d) Ruth is involved in attempting to refurbish the Dennistoun milestone, and has contacted the foundry who cast it about this.

**NEXT MEETING**: 7pm Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup> at Tennent's Meeting Hall, with pre-meeting for Community Councillors time to be confirmed. Please notify Wesley if unable to attend.