



Dennistoun Community Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT TENNENTS BREWERY 11/8/15

Present: Stephen Birrell (chair), Lauren Amazeen, John Bones, Jane Clarke, Michelle Coulter, David Houston, Ruth Jackson, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Ally Meek, Frank Plowright, Caitlin Quinn, Christine Quinn, Wesley Wright (Council Members), Justyna Ataman from Market Gallery, PC Sharon Peake

Apologies: Michael Melvin, Elena Trimarchi, MP Anne McLaughlin, MSP John Mason

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

- POLICE REPORT:** PC Peake asked what information we'd like. We requested trends in preference to crimes reported and solved in each area, comparisons with figures for a year previously, and to be consulted about local initiatives. Confirmation or denial of rumours would also be useful. Investigation into an attempted murder on Roslea Drive is ongoing. People are warned about distraction thefts in local restaurants and that a stocky 6' male with a Glaswegian accent is asking for money in Dennistoun.
A search for John Murphy remains active despite plenty of statements. The abductor of a 6 year old girl in Barrowfield was caught in five minutes. The Crime Prevention Panel meets again in September.
- PUBLIC INPUT:** Justyna Ataman reported Polish film maker Karolina Breguta is to film in the East End of Glasgow and is seeking participants. More info on the Market Gallery site.
- MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9/6/15:** Pending minor corrections, the minutes were submitted as accurate by Brian and seconded by Wesley.
- MATTERS ARISING:** a) Stephen felt Michelle Letowska's comment in July's minutes Land Services seemingly not showing interest about a crossing on Alexandra Parade to the Co-Op/Iceland until a fatality didn't represent their commitment. b) Dennistoun Milestone: The rough cost of foundry renewal is £2000. We can apply for East Central Area Committee funding, but Stephen felt it should be synchronised to avoid simultaneous Billboard Project application. It was later agreed to add to the Action Plan. c) Big Lunch and Basketball Court: Reidvale have been positive, but don't respond to e-mails. David will visit to follow-up, and Stephen will write again. There is a commitment to clean the basketball court, and once restored Stephen felt access is up for grabs. Michelle's concern is it will be wrecked if left derelict much longer, and Ruth Jackson noted kids climbing over dangerous fencing for access. David raised the possibility of a basketball team and Wesley if Tesco's community fund might consider sponsorship. Big Lunch confirmed we can apply for funding of £150, but both have been deferred to August. d) Strategic Plan for Cycling Consultation: Wesley will write and circulate a draft response before the deadline of September 4th. e) Resilient Glasgow Consultation: Stephen will do the same for the Resilient Glasgow consultation, with the focus being on the potential resilience of people and communities.
- ACTION PLAN.** Stephen has not yet updated with revisions. a) Arts: Christine is compiling a funding proposal for a form of lights across Duke Street, which will include consultation and artists costs. b) Duke Street: Stephen still to summarise last meeting for the working group. c) Billboard Project: Much is still funding dependent. The current plan is a phased project starting in October to coincide with the Turner Prize ceremony. Four artists from the 1990 iteration are committed, and ten further will be chosen by submission to a brief. The woodwork class at Stow College have offered to create the frame, but this must be mounted by Network Rail staff. Michael is talking with Network Rail to sign off on this. There was concern about the rapid tree growth in the Arches area by platform 1 at Bellgrove St Station blocking the view. e) Day Out in Dennistoun: Andy has submitted three quotes,

and the feeling was he was best placed to judge which represented best value, having worked on a similar project. f) Youth Project: Frank's can no longer lead on this. He had ambitious, but vague, ideas, and contacted Reidvale who have funding and a youth worker. There has been no response to numerous messages and a couple of brief visits. Allied to this, there was a feeling that associate members Milnbank and Reidvale Housing could engage more with the community council. We should ask to be added to their mailing lists, and be notified of their initiatives. As Stephen is writing to Reidvale he will request this. g) Stalled Spaces: Ruth Johnston noted a reluctance from Glasgow Council to approve use of derelict land, particularly with reference to the old abattoir site where a sculpted path to Morrisons was suggested. She later noted this doesn't appear to be a problem in Cranhill. h) Communications: A cancelled meeting needs re-scheduled.

6. **FINANCE**: Our current balance is £2778.05. £1000 is reserved for Day Out In Dennistoun project. Petty cash is £172.20. All petty cash claims have to be in by the end of August to permit accounts for A.G.M. Glasgow Life need to be invoiced for their contribution to the Billboard Project. As we have no invoice template Stephen will create one.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**: a) Planning. The church on the corner of Meadowpark St and Finlay Drive want to re-arrange their accommodation. No objections. b) Licensing Dennistoun B-Bque on Duke Street applied for an alcohol licence until midnight, and off sales to 10pm. No objections. c) Correspondence i) Anne McLaughlin MP has had two roadshow days meeting people, and intends more. She's produced posters and flyers with contact information as she currently has no constituency office. She asked for local help in the search for John Murphy. ii) There is a consultation about Glasgow ward boundaries, with a suggestion to have a Dennistoun ward. This runs until October, so it was decided to discuss this as an agenda item next month.
8. **REPORTS**: a) East Centre Area Partnership East Central Area Committee meets tomorrow. Ruth can only attend until 11am, and nominated deputy Jennifer is busy. Several elements impact on Dennistoun. i) The committee want suggestions of community groups they can consult regarding issues. This ties into the circulated questionnaire, to which there were 34 responses at the Alexandra Park Festival. Lauren will collate for submission to Community Services. Feedback was largely positive. ii) The problem of bins on Duke Street will increase as retailers are supplied with recycling bins. iii) The paving by the RBS cashpoint now has a barrier. Lauren has been assured further action will be taken. RBS have companies maintain sites independent of banks, and will contact the firm responsible. iv) Only £18,000 of the annual £64,000 grant has been spent, and there are only two further meetings before it expires. Applications must be received six weeks before the meeting. v) From April 2016 there will be a simplified application form for grants up to £300. b) Elected Members: None present. Anne McLaughlin MP submitted notes as above.
9. **A.O.B**: a) Wesley gave advance notice for the A.G.M. that he'll not be standing for re-election as Secretary, but is willing to continue maintaining the web page. b) We will require a larger meeting space for the A.G.M. Whitehill School would be ideal, but it falls during the October half-term break. Dell have offered meeting space in their offices after contact during a litter clean-up. c) An article linked to on the DCC Facebook page about Dennistoun has become the biggest ever visited and forwarded link there. d) It was agreed to invite Land Services along to the next meeting, and to remind them about the report they agreed to provide to us. Wesley mentioned cleansing of the drains taking place over the past week, which ties in with John Quinn telling us he hoped to make this a regular occurrence. e) Ruth noted she'd turned up with nine others for a Street Surgery organised by Paul Martin MSP. He didn't attend. f) John raised the issue of charity collectors aggressively operating on Alexandra Parade on Thursdays. Ruth Johnston noted this matter as whole has been raised with the Charity Commission, who are investigating.

NEXT MEETING: 7pm Tuesday September 8th at City Park lobby. Please notify Wesley if unable to attend.