



Dennistoun Community Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT CITY PARK LOBBY 08/9/15

Present: Stephen Birrell (chair), Lauren Amazeen, John Bones, Jane Clarke, David Houston, Ruth M. Jackson, Brian Johnston, Ruth E. Johnston, Frank Plowright, Elena Trimarchi, Wesley Wright (Council Members) PC Sharon Peake
Craig Green & Angela White from Kelvin Community College, Michael Murphy from St Paul's, Derek York

Apologies: Michelle Coulter, Ally Meek, Michael Melvin, Caitlin Quinn, Christine Quinn, MSPs Paul Martin, Drew Smith

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

- POLICE REPORT:** a) Police are still compiling statistics relating current trends with those from previous years. b) A culprit has been apprehended for break-ins via roof hatch, and those responsible for assaults in Haghill have also been detected. c) PC Peake had no information about why police were searching in the drives today, but will e-mail. d) Considerable youth disorder in Haghill, largely just off Cumbernauld Road by the shops. e) Bicycle theft is increasing. People advised to have their cycles registered. f) Ruth E reported that there has been a trend of headstones being toppled at the Necropolis, although that died down in August. g) Ruth M noted police had been called regarding someone looking in Garfield St ground floor windows. They responded and circulated information.
- PUBLIC INPUT:** Craig Green and Angela White explained the Kelvin Community College Community Achievement Awards. These are accredited courses for volunteer work, which support it without extra money. DCC would qualify for the SCQF Level 7 course, which is on a par with (but not equivalent to) an HNC qualification. Costs are covered by the college, and approximately 80 hours would be required to complete a course, which should be done in six months. The time would include preparation and monthly meetings with an advisor. The courses are open to anyone over 12, although designed for adults, and while there is no written work, supported questions must be answered. Bespoke training can be arranged for larger groups. It was stressed this isn't a course to train people for volunteer work.
- MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11/8/15:** Pending one clarification the minutes were proposed as accurate by Wesley and seconded by David.
- MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** a) Big Lunch and Reidvale Basketball Court Stephen considered Reidvale very supportive to DCC, but a lack of communication on this matter was frustrating. It was decided to proceed with the Big Lunch on October 3rd rather than postpone again due to not being able to liaise with Reidvale. Stephen will pass Reidvale details, and it's hoped they'll join in. Wesley met Tony Scott from Edzell, who would be prepared to continue to sponsor the Big Lunch irrespective of whether it was held by the Buffalo Bill statue. b) Cycling consultation Wesley's draft response has been submitted incorporating comments received. c) Polish film maker Following the call for volunteers to participate on Saturday at a specific time, people turned up at Market Gallery and found it closed. d) Ward Boundary changes The deadline for comment is Oct 22nd, so full discussion was deferred until the next meeting. Stephen explained that the changes split one larger ward into two, creating a new ward to be named Dennistoun. This new ward will have three councillors. He felt it strange to suggest a large ward bisected by a

natural boundary like the motorway. e) Duke Street paving Frank talked with Land Services today and was told all work promised in May should be completed by the end of October. Road Maintenance are happy to address the community council and it was suggested they be invited to the next meeting. f) Mailing List It was decided to encourage that service providers sign up online to receive notification of meetings, as there has been little attendance without specific invitation. Connected with this, it was suggested DCC receive advance notification of planning meetings, and it would be worthwhile inviting officials to meet in Dennistoun to observe repairs needed. g) Stalled Spaces. Following last meeting's comment about a great reluctance to use the scheme in Dennistoun, Stephen suggested we invite officials concerned to a meeting.

5. **ACTION PLAN:** Stephen hasn't updated, but said Wesley was to supply suggestions regarding formatting. a) Day Out In Dennistoun: Andy has now received confirmation of funding. The print version is with the printers and should be ready next week. Suggestions for distribution included housing associations, Library and Dennistoun Diggers craft fair, but Brian pointed out it needs distribution outside the area, and suggestions are required for that. b) Billboard Project: Network Rail are supportive, but they will have to construct the Billboard, and due to their processes it won't be possible to start until December. Stephen said Alan Dunn had experienced similar administrative delays in 1990, considered this part of the process and wasn't concerned about the delay.
6. **FINANCE:** a) Our end of the financial year balance is £2778.32, with £1000 allocated for the Day Out in Dennistoun project. Petty cash stands at £147.20. Stephen has expenses to submit for the Alexandra Park event, and we've not yet had deposits from Glasgow Life or Leeds Beckett in connection with the Billboard Project. David asked why accounts are compiled to August. It's imposed by Glasgow Council for completion at an October A.G.M.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning. Brian noted nothing of significance over the past month. b) Licensing There have been three new HMO applications for a single property on Bellgrove St, and it was felt that this justified a stronger than usual objection. c) Correspondence Wesley circulated notes.
8. **REPORTS:** a) East Area Partnership Ruth circulated notes, and agreed we'd help distribute a survey questionnaire and post it on the DCC website. John Wheatley College, Gingerbread and hairdressers on Duke St were named as possible local groups who could be consulted. b) Elected Members None present, but David believes Councillor Jennifer Dunn has moved to Ayr to stand as an MSP. Attendance has been sparse, so Stephen will e-mail all elected officials.
9. **A.O.B:** a) Stephen met Linda Scott at Reidvale Housing who's amenable to better communication and will supply advance deadlines for their newsletter. Milnbank Housing produce a monthly newsletter, and Wellpark also have one. b) Ruth E is concerned about the condition of the old Duke St Hospital Building, with intrusive scaffolding, and not much sign of repair. It was suggested we contact Loretto Housing Association before mentioning to Land and Environmental Services.

NEXT MEETING: A.G.M. at 7pm, followed by ordinary meeting on Tuesday October 13th at Reidvale Community Centre, Whitevale Street. Please notify Wesley if unable to attend.