



Dennistoun Community Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT REIDVALE COMMUNITY CENTRE 13/10/15

Present: Wesley Wright (Acting Chair), Jane Clarke, David Houston, Ruth M. Jackson, Ally Meek, Frank Plowright, Christine Quinn (Council Members)
Conor Brady from Roads Maintenance, Joe Brady representing Anne McLaughlin MP, Ivan McKee, Michael Murphy from St Paul's, Kenneth White, Derek York

Apologies: Lauren Amazeen, Stephen Birrell, John Bones, Michelle Coulter, Brian Johnston, Ruth E. Johnston, Michael Melvin, Caitlin Quinn, Elena Trimarchi, Dr Claire McKechnie-Mason

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

- 1. POLICE REPORT:** No police attended. Michael Murphy noted a lack of response from liaison Sharon Peake to e-mails regarding St Paul's Youth Forum community engagement in Haghill. He will be provided with the other police contact e-mails we have, and it was noted that the police attend the Crime Prevention Panel in Carntyne High Church on the second Tuesday of every month, except they didn't last month. Residents in Haghill have reported to St Pauls that there are no local patrols through Haghill. Ruth mentioned that the manner in which statistics were broken down last month was useful.
- 2. PUBLIC INPUT:** David has moved and is no longer within the Dennistoun electoral ward, so can no longer be a voting member of the Community Council. He would like to continue attending as a member of the public.
- 3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8/10/15:** Pending a few minor alterations the minutes were proposed as accurate by Jane and seconded by David (the only other person present at the entire meeting last month).
- 4. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** a) Road and Paving Repairs Conor Brady from Road Maintenance services explained the system used. Faults reported are first inspected, and once work has been scheduled it's expected that this work will be carried out within 75 days. An exact date can't be given, but footpath restoration on Duke Street and road repairs to the junction of Craigpark and Duke St should be completed by the end of October as these have already been programmed. Eroded road markings at the junction of Whitehill St and Onslow Drive and uneven footpath outside the Onslow Drive nursery notified before the meeting have been inspected and will be scheduled.
Other problems noted were road markings in Milnbank; poor condition of Armadale St at junction with Duke Street, and traffic backing up here due to parking; dropped kerbs on Reidvale St and the road separation on Whitevale St; and the flooding after heavy rain in the dip outside Whitehill School on Onslow Drive, and the junction of Armadale St and Ingleby Drive by the corner shop. Frank will monitor and report back in January. b) Due to continuing problems with litter bins we'd like to ask John Quinn back to a future meeting.
- 5. ACTION PLAN:** Stephen wasn't present to address the updated version, so this was carried over. a) Day Out In Dennistoun: i) Andy supplied copies of the printed map. It's been suggested that a launch could take place at the end of October at Dennistoun Library to tie in with a new local history group, but the feeling was that it would be better to have a more considered launch than to rush matters. All ideas are welcome. ii) Direct Distribution

have a free package for distributing flyers, but Andy estimated it would cost under £100 for a more widespread package involving National Trust properties, with hotels costing a little more. We can distribute locally ourselves. iii) We also need to consider storage for 15 boxes, with the feeling that they should be together rather than stored piecemeal. iv) The ap side has stalled, but the map could be reconfigured for an updateable wordpress site relatively easily, which would be preferable to PDF download. Derek offered help with wordpress matters. b) Dennistoun Lights: Christine said discussions were ongoing. c) Basketball Court: 40 bags of rubbish were removed on October 3rd, but moss still needs cleared, and access will have to be negotiated. Twilight Basketball charity have expressed an interest in becoming involved. Derek will supply photos, possibly to a Dropbox site that Wesley can arrange. Andy offered Dress for the Weather's services if any drawings or images are required for funding packages. c) St Paul's are looking for premises in Haghill, ideally before the end of the year, and are looking into who owns currently empty shops.

6. **FINANCE:** a) Our balance is £2778.61, with £1000 allocated for the Day Out in Dennistoun project. Petty cash stands at £172.20.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning. Brian supplied a note of Valet Dept extension at 345 Alexandra Parade and assorted refurbishment at 71-75 Ingleby Drive. b) Licensing Wesley objected to new HMO applications as per policy, and it was decided this should be a possible future agenda item, but with further information. We should ask how many HMOs there are in the area, how many are new in 2015 and how many are rejected. c) Correspondence Wesley circulated a list, and noted two people had been concerned about the P.U.L. hub on Hillfoot Street. They'd been invited to address the meeting, but hadn't attended. He also noted, that while not in our area, a planning application has been submitted for a student residence at Havana St on Collegelands. A public event is to be held at WASPS in King St on November 11th.
8. **REPORTS:** a) East Centre Area Partnership Ruth noted there was an extra meeting to deal with dog fouling, and there is to be an initiative. David noted this had been discussed at Riddrie Community Council and involves a day of action, letters to residents notes, and fluorescent spraying. We will ask for statistics regarding success. David has delivered the questionnaire to Duke St premises, and wondered if the freepost envelope was still valid. Frank presumed it was. David also noted talk of a Duke St Traders Association, but we've discussed this before and felt it needed to be generated by the traders themselves. b) Elected Members Joe Brady delivered an update on behalf of Anne McLaughlin MP. She's spoken in parliament this week on both the legislation of cannabis and the impact of housing costs on students. She's posting a parliamentary podcast every two weeks on her website, but as yet has been unable to locate permanent office space. She has been hosting meetings across the constituency, and has supported families in Milton regarding the change in policy over bus passes, resulting in a rare policy being overturned at Glasgow Council. She plans to attend the Friends of Alexandra Park launch on November 7th and will be present at a public meeting at the Haghill campus of Kelvin college on the same day. She holds regular surgeries in Barmalloch and Riddrie, but is currently investigating whether surgeries may be changed to where they're required rather than where traditionally held.
9. **A.O.B:** a) It was agreed Frank could dispose of his stock of DCC promo cards listing Whitehill School as the regular venue. b) There was concern that garage premises on Craigpark are being used for commercial purposes. c) The main comment on the boundary review was that it made little sense to have Springburn and Sighthill as part of Dennistoun. This, though, was the view of members rather than any solicited from the public. The positive is that it promotes Dennistoun as an area. It was decided in the end to leave a response to individuals. Joe Brady noted the Glasgow Council report on Community Integration might have some relevance.

NEXT MEETING: At 7pm on Tue Nov 10th, venue TBC. Please notify Stephen if unable to attend.