



Dennistoun Community Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HAGHILL PRIMARY 12/1/16

Present: John Bones (Chair), Jane Clarke, Brian Johnston, Ruth E. Johnston, Ruth M. Jackson, Ally Meek, Frank Plowright, Christine Quinn (Council Members), Connor Baird (Market Gallery), Michael Murphy from St Paul's PCs Sharon McPeake, David McWilliams, Superintendent George Campbell from London Rd

Apologies: Lauren Amazeen, Stephen Birrell, Michelle Coulter, Wesley Wright (council members), Hanzala Malik MSP, John Mason MSP, Humza Yousaf MSP, Councillor Frank Docherty

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

- POLICE REPORT:** a) Sharon McPeake ran through crimes reported and apprehended in the past month. The Wellpark area had 5 reports with 3 detections, none serious, while Duke St north to Onslow Drive experienced 16 reports, largely shoplifting before Christmas and common assault detections. Onslow Drive to the motorway saw 47 reported crimes, the most serious a robbery at Subway on Boxing Day. No-one has been apprehended, but there is CCTV footage. 6 crimes were car vandalism, with no-one caught. Haghill had 27 reported crimes, primarily common assault and drug related. These figures are considerably down on December 2014, but mention was made of poor weather. b) Inspector George Campbell replaces Matt Webb, introduced himself, and noted that figures in isolation aren't the best assessors. The overall trend in Scotland over the past five years has been considerably down. The exception has been rising reports of sexual crime, both current and historical, attributed to a greater confidence of action. Locally no repeat locations have been identified, and current patrols should be effective. c) Michael asked if there was knowledge of specific incidents in Haghill School. Beyond congregation of youths during summer, there wasn't. d) John asked that we be informed in advance of relevant preventative policing initiatives. e) Ruth E. noted today's horse patrols. Once a Strathclyde resource, this is now centralised, although in practice remains local due to the logistics of horse transport.
- PUBLIC INPUT:** None present
- MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 08/12/15:** Approved by Ruth E. and seconded by Ruth M.
- MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** a) Secretary's outstanding business: Frank reported on e-mailed correspondence with Stephen. He was working on outstanding actions and would e-mail with updates, of which there have been none. He said he'd forward an LES report on Monday, but that hadn't been received by anyone*. The only resolved issue was that no specific information regarding refugee housing appears in Anne McLaughlin's update. Ruth will now contact Lorretto Housing Association directly, and Frank will liaise with John Quinn at Land Services regarding attending a future meeting. b) Frank met Councillor Frank Docherty and Calum Stewart from Road Maintenance regarding outstanding repairs. Work can't be carried out on large areas of footpath during low temperatures, but three sections on Duke St should be repaired by Easter. These are both sides east of Armadale St/Whitevale St and the north side of footpath running parallel to Anfield Place. The junction of Craigpark and Duke St was repaired on Sunday. Councillor Docherty will confirm by the end of the week. c) Basketball court: No change. d) Milestone repair: Ruth needs to liaise with DCS regarding ownership issues. e) Meeting venue: Confirmed as Haghill Primary for February and March.

5. **ACTION PLAN:** No re-formatted version as yet. a) Day Out in Dennistoun: Launch to go ahead in Macmillan Room of library between noon and 2pm on January 30th. Andy's poster will be ready this week for distribution in Dennistoun. The Day Out in Dennistoun fold-out map will be distributed afterwards to all businesses represented, and outside the area. Brian will ask Stephen for the DCC banners to be used on the day.
6. **FINANCE:** a) Our balance is £1778.82. Petty cash stands at £122.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning: i) There have been no applications for Dennistoun on the Council website for the past month, although Brian was unsure if this might have been affected by the server problems experienced in December. ii) Brian has been advised that the opening of a tanning studio on Duke St would require change of classification approval, and this has not been sought. It also contradicts the local area plan. Brian will draft an objection on behalf of DCC. iii) The disappearance of wall and iron railings from the old Golfhill School was apparently due to part of the wall collapsing on a car, and Brian will follow-up with Shauna Simpson at DRS. b) Licensing: Stephen not present and no information circulated. c) Correspondence: Stephen not present and no information circulated.
8. **REPORTS:** a) East Centre Area Partnership: Next meeting is March 2nd. b) Elected Members: None present.
9. **A.O.B:** a) Via e-mail Stephen raised that A.G.M. minutes didn't note proposers and seconders for office bearers, although they were elected unanimously. Frank related he'd realised this at the following ordinary meeting, but at that point felt it better not to raise the matter. Another vote was taken as confirmation and all office bearers elected at the meeting (Stephen as Secretary, Jane as Treasurer, Frank as Minute Secretary, Brian as Planning Official and Ruth E as East Central Area Committee Representative) were unanimously re-confirmed. b) Michael Murphy reported that it's hoped to locate funding in order to refurbish the play facilities on Irongray St as there are no amenities for young people in Haghill. Two children have been hit by cars in the past month crossing Alexandra Parade on their way to the park. Other facilities for outreach are also being sought as at the moment the afternoon facilities in St Andrews church are only open to those up to 10. It was also noted that the fitness equipment provided in Alexandra Park has a minimum age requirement and is unsuitable for children. c) Ruth M reported that the close doors on her block were left open by bin men on Christmas Eve. Frank will mention this to John Quinn. d) Market Gallery's film about Dennistoun is almost complete. It's hoped there will be screenings in April. The idea would be that these are free, but this is proving a sticking point with Glasgow Film Theatre. It was mentioned that Dennistoun Councillor Frank Docherty is on the GFT board, and it would be worth contacting him about this.

NEXT MEETING: At 7pm on Tuesday February 9th, at Haghill school. Please notify Stephen if unable to attend.

* This was e-mailed 45 minutes before the meeting started.