



Dennistoun Community Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT SALVATION ARMY HALL 12/4/16

Present: CClrs Jane Clark (Acting as Chair for this meeting), Brian Johnston, Ruth E. Johnston, Ruth M. Jackson, Ally Meek, Stephen Birrell, Wesley Wright
PCs Tracey Gow, PC Declan McInnes, John Mason (SNP MSP candidate for Shettleston), Euan Henderson, Warren Deakin, and Rami Zaatari & Gary McPhail (both representing Anne McLaughlin MP)

Apologies: CClrs John Bones (Chair), Lauren Amazeen, Frank Plowright and Michelle Coulter
Baillie Elaine McDougall, Cllr Russell Robertson, Cllr Greg Hepburn

Minutes provided by Wesley Wright

- 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:** As noted
- 2. POLICE AND CRIME PREVENTION ISSUES:** **a) Statistics:** North and south Dennistoun areas - 13 possession of drugs, 1 serious assault, 27 street drinking, 20 shoplifting, 2 theft from motor vehicles, 2 theft of vehicles, 10 other theft, 1 attempted housebreaking, 6 breach of the peace, 11 common assault. **b)** No further info on the rape on Firpark Street (or the assault on Gallowgate, outwith the DCC area). No info available on the reported Westercraigs assaults. **b) Request:** STV seeking a representative to talk about crime prevention. **c) Enquiry:** An enquiry was made by the public as to whether there were any issues related to, or affecting, newly immigrated residents. Police weren't aware of any, but noted that hate crimes are treated as a priority. **d) Bike marking:** Representatives of Anne McLaughlin MP noted the availability of bike marking. SB has contact details.
- 3. PUBLIC INPUT:** Member of public announced Firpark Regeneration Group, set up to create a community garden/event space on Firpark Terrace. Looking for contacts, interested persons, etc. Dennistoun Diggers have been contacted. A Stalled Spaces grant has been applied for. It was suggested that Tennent's might be able to offer support in the form of labour. Representatives of Anne McLaughlin MP noted the plan for a green and open spaces initiative that will provide a step by step guide on how to establish such initiatives, as well as available funding.
- 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (08/03/16):** After a minor amendment, proposed as accurate by Ruth E Johnston and seconded by Jane Clark.
- 5. MATTERS ARISING:** **a) Traffic** – Cllr Robertson has contacted John Bones regarding traffic working group. A letter was sent by DCC to Jamie Rodden of LES. **b) Ex-Golfhill and Haghill School sites** – no further info, but there are ongoing enquires. **c) Meeting venues** – see below, section 11.
- 6. DCC ACTION PLAN:** **a) Update:** SB to circulate latest version for review and possible use in a relaunched action plan. **b) Working groups:** Billboard project funding application has expired. Project possibly to be revived at some point in the future in different format.
- 7. FINANCE UPDATE:** **a) Bank balance:** £1,778.20. **b) Petty cash:** £54.61.
- 8. CORRESPONDENCE:** **a) Planning:** **i)** 16/00308/DC Duke Street ex-BoS venue. Application to be a hot food venue. Considered to be a poor submission. Objection to be lodged by DCC. Dennistoun Conservation Society are also lodging an objection. Others

present agreed to look into registering an objection on the same basis so that a sufficient number of representations are on file. **ii)** An enquiry was raised regarding 1 Oakley Terrace. It was confirmed that the site has planning permission. **b) Licensing:** New licence application for 2 Hanson Street for 7 rooms with 7 occupants. **c) Correspondence: i)** Contact from Anne McLaughlin representatives; Gary McPhail is available to contact regarding any local issues via gary@annemclaughlinmp.com. **ii)** Website help/info enquiry; SB to forward to WW for response. **iii)** STV enquiry (see above, section 2).

- 9. REPORTS: a) East Centre Area Partnership:** Nothing to report. **b) Elected Members:**
John Mason – Confirmed that there is still time to register for a postal vote. Update provided on legislation passed/not before close of parliament - eg funeral directors, organ donor, pavement parking. The council is running a bus consultation. Queen St closure now in full effect, running until August, and doesn't seem to be causing any major disruption.
Representatives of Anne McLaughlin MP – Advised about a local open spaces project. Everyone urged to register to vote before the upcoming deadline.
- 10. AOCB: a) Day Out In Dennistoun** – Distribution of paper maps is required. Robert Smythe (of dennistoun.co.uk) is looking into developing a digital version to complement the printed map. To be discussed when further details are forthcoming. **b) Ex-Duke Street hospital** – Lorretto Housing Association at ex-Duke Street hospital have promised to jet wash building to cleanse of bird faeces. Work is due to start soon on frontage. **c) Funding** – £10k has been provided to each Area Partnership, to be spent by June. **d) Hustings** – Friends of Alexandra park will no longer be running a hustings event. **e) Bin at Post Office Annfield Place/Westercraigs** – Thomas MacKay of LES has addressed issues at this location.
- 11. NEXT MEETING:** At 7pm on Tuesday 10th May 2016, with proposal that venue is Salvation Army Hall. TBC via email and website. Then, possibly, meetings to be held in the Alexandra Park hub for June, July, August summer months. Please notify Stephen if unable to attend.