



Dennistoun Community Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT SALVATION ARMY HALL 10/5/16

Present: John Bones (Chair), Jane Clarke, Brian Johnston, Ruth E. Johnston, Ally Meek,
Frank Plowright, Wesley Wright (Council Members)
PCs Gary Aitken and Tom Clark Nicola Wood from Impact Arts

Apologies: Lauren Amazeen, Stephen Birrell, Ruth M. Jackson (council members), John Mason
MSP, Councillor Elaine McDougall

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

- POLICE REPORT:** a) PC Aitken noted some overlap on date ranges from the previous month's report. In the area as a whole there were 65 reported crimes. These included 12 assaults around licensed premises, 6 road traffic offences, 3 misuses of drugs, 25 shoplifting offences primarily at supermarkets with not all culprits yet identified, 1 attempted house break-in, 4 vehicle offences and 14 of general disorder. b) We asked for an update on December's armed robbery at Subway, assaults on Westercraigs (no further news) and enquiries are still ongoing regarding a rape in Firpark St, and were promised updates for the next meeting. Someone is now on trial for house break-ins that took place before Christmas.
- PUBLIC INPUT:** Nicola Wood came to publicise the culmination of Impact Arts' 3 year project about Dennistoun, which has involved people aged 7 to 70. They will present two walking tours around the area on Sunday May 22nd closing with a performance in Alexandra Park, all centred on stories about Dennistoun.
- MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12/4/16:** Approved by Ruth and seconded by Jane.
- MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** a) Brian reported that the consultation on traffic and parking problems in the area will now occur in June. b) No luck establishing who to contact about the poor states of the listed old Golfhill and Haghill school properties. John will write to the head of services, and it should filter down. c) Councillor Docherty has been forwarded letters of complaint regarding lack of maintenance at the RBS cashpoint on Craigpark, but there doesn't appear to have been a follow up after instructions to council officials to get tough witnessed by Frank at a meeting in January. Stephen has sent a letter to the Area Manager. d) Loretto Housing have been very helpful when Ruth contacted them, but despite promises they've still not jet washed the old Duke St Hospital nor dealt with the pigeon problem. Ruth was originally going to complain to the council and will now do so.
- ACTION PLAN:** Stephen still hasn't circulated revised action plan. We went through item by item categorising as below. Should those not present wish to revive a dropped action this would be fine. a) Complete - Day Out in Dennistoun/Railway Footbridge b) Defunct - Billboard Project/Yachting Pond/Library External Lighting c) To Be Continued – Duke St Project/Basketball Court/Traffic Management/Dennistoun Milestone/Guided Walks/Farmer's Market/DCC Meeting Structure/Dennistoun Walkabout/Community Noticeboards d) To Be Dropped – Community Allotments at Golfhill/Whitehill Sq improvements/Schools competition/Events/Activities for young people/DCC Social/Outdoor Cinema Project

During the discussion it was that Councillor Robertson wanted to discuss items, but should attend a meeting, we would like to hold another Big Lunch in August, and that a mobile cinema can be rented for £100. There was also discussion about circulating correspondence via creation of a

documentation archive.

6. **FINANCE:** a) Our balance is £1778.20. Petty cash stands at £34.61. Wesley is still receiving Secretary's correspondence and had to pay for delivery of HMO notices. Apparently Lawrence still hasn't received our audited accounts. Jane will call him, and also ask for public liability insurance information, which is required by the Salvation Army hall.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning: i) There has been an application for a ramp on a domestic property and retrospective permission for the fast food takeaway next to Celino's.
b) Licensing: There is a hearing regarding HMO applications on May 18th. c) Correspondence: Stephen not here, and the only information is MP Anne McLaughlin passing on notification of a job fair at Ruchazie Parish Church on May 19th between noon and 4pm.
8. **REPORTS:** a) East Centre Area Partnership: There is a pre-agenda meeting on May 20th. The £10,000 made available for grants was split between all six applicants. Friends of the Necropolis were awarded £2750 to create access paths. b) Elected Members: None present.
9. **A.O.B:** a) Ruth noted that the problems clearing the litter bin outside the Post Office have been resolved. b) Pothole outside Redmonds reported by RALF system still not repaired. c) Two of three promised repairs to stretches of Duke St footpath have now been carried out, but a third remains untreated with no response to an enquiry about this. Frank would like to avoid official complaint, but this has now continued for over two years.
d) It was raised that several community councillors aren't attending or submitting apologies for absence. We will circulate a message to everyone to enquire about this.
e) Not in our area, but Glasgow Housing Association held a meeting about the refurbishment of the Whitevale/Bluevale housing development. There is concern that the only proposal for the listed public baths building is to maintain the front facade. The rebuilding is planned to take place in four phases and will involve demolishing the remaining housing despite a recent refurbishment programme.

NEXT MEETING: At 7pm on Tuesday June 14th, it's hoped at the sports hub building in Alexandra Park. Please notify Stephen if unable to attend.