



Dennistoun Community Council

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Minute (Approved) 14th June 2016 at The Hub, Alexandra Park

Present: Lauren Amazeen (Vice Chair), Stephen Birrell (Secretary), John Bones (Chair), Alan Casey (on behalf of Ivan McKee MSP and Anne McLaughlin MP), Jane Clark, Councillor Jennifer Dunn, John Holmes, Roy Kelly, Michelle Liddle, Caitlin Quinn, Christine Quinn, Robert Smyth and Wesley Wright

Apologies: Councillor Frank Docherty, Brian Johnston, Ruth E Johnston, Ally Meek, Frank Plowright, Ruth Jackson.

1) Police and Crime Prevention Issues

Sergeant Fisher advised of the crime statistics for the Dennistoun area between 11/05/2016-13/06/2016 which totalled 76 crimes. The breakdown of these crimes are as follows: vandalism 13; Breach of the Peace 10 (the majority of which occurred in public houses); thefts 16 (of which 12 shoplifting); thefts from vehicles 4; housebreaking 6; assault (the majority occurring in public houses); moor anti-social 7; sexual assault 1(detected); serious crime 0; drugs 2. of these 76 crimes 25 had been detected.

2) Public Input

Robert Smyth advised that during the launch of the Day out in Dennistoun map, created by Dennistoun Community Council, he had discussed with the designer (DCC associate member Andy Campbell), the possibility of creating a companion app. Robert has advised that this was now available on the Dennistoun online website and he would appreciate feedback.

3) Minutes of previous meeting 10/05/2016

There was a discussion regarding a sentence in the previous minute, item 5 action plan, it was agreed that the last sentence should be replaced by, 'There was also discussion about circulating correspondence via creation of a documentation of archive'.

4) Matters arising

There was a discussion regarding the old Golfhill and Haghill primary school buildings which are empty and derelict, this has been an issue which is important to the local community and DCC have been attempting to get information regarding this issue for some time. Councillor Jennifer Dunn reported that she was aware of the concerns regarding these buildings and she will get an update.

There was a discussion regarding the three year research project undertaken in Dennistoun by Impact Arts and if it was possible to get some feedback regarding the work completed and research findings.

It was noted that improvements will be made to the RBS cashpoint on Craigpark including a new machine and lighting; Stephen Birrell will request that they also supply a bin.

Concerns were raised regarding the plan for Loretto building on Duke Street, Old Duke Street Hospital. It was noted that the building is no longer occupied and that it is still infested with pigeons. Councillor Jennifer Dunn advised that she will make enquires regarding this and report back to DCC.

5) Action plan

This will be rebooked at and taken forward.

6) Finance update

The DCC bank balance is £1779 and the petty cash is £4.61.

7) Correspondence

Notice was received from the RBS that they are planning to install a new ATM and lighting at their cash machine in Craigpark.

Stephen Birrell gave an update regarding licensing applications received which included three applications for Houses of Multiple Occupation in Bellgrove Street, Garthland Drive and Armadale Street.

8) Reports

Elected members.

Councillor Jennifer Dunn, on behalf of Councillor Russell Robertson, advised that a new barrier had been installed and extended zigzags had been painted outside Alexandria Parade Primary School on Armadale Street. John Bones, DCC, advised that the barrier is not long enough and that parents and cars continued to park on the pavement which posed a danger to children. Jennifer advised that she would pass this on to Russell.

Alan Casey advised that Anne McLaughlin MP has a fortnightly podcast which gives an insight to the work she does in Parliament and that she is happy to raise anything issues on behalf of the community or individuals. Alan advised the meeting of the Community Empowerment Act which allows individuals or groups to take over vacant premises if they have the funds and the council are not acting on empty premises. Lastly, Alan advised that a new road is being constructed which will result in significant disruption in the Eastend. The road will be on the boundary of Dennistoun to the east. DCC members agreed to look at the plans for this road to ascertain the likely impact on the local community.

9) AOCB

John Bones advised that the Firpark Tenants Group and WASPS are applying for funding to develop the stalled space beside the old Golfhill Primary School building, the plan is to develop a garden, and will be carrying out consultation regarding this bid on the 7th of June at 7pm in WASPs Studios, Hanson Street, Dennistoun.

The Alexandra Park Festival will take place on the 23rd of July.

10) Next meeting

12/07/2016