



Dennistoun Community Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING AT SPORTS HUB, ALEXANDRA PARK 12/7/16

Present: John Bones (Chair), Stephen Birrell, Jane Clarke, Brian Johnston, Ruth E. Johnston, Ally Meek, Frank Plowright, Wesley Wright (Council Members)
Sgt David Taylor, Ivan McKee MSP, Councillor Russell Robertson, Joe Brady representing MP Anne McLaughlin Minutes by Frank Plowright

Apologies: Lauren Amazeen, Michelle Coulter (council members), Alison Thewliss MP, John Mason MSP, Councillors Jennifer Dunn, Elaine McDougall

- POLICE REPORT:** David Taylor apologised for no local police officers, but they're needed elsewhere. 94 crimes reported between June 14th and July 11th, 45 detected. There were no series assaults and 40 crimes of dishonesty such as theft. 3 housebreakers were caught in the act. Other figures break down as 13 concerning drugs, 12 common assaults, 9 road incidents, 16 of public disorder, 12 of vandalism and 3 of indecent behaviour, which are passed to a specialist department. Ivan McKee asked if these were standard totals. Figures rise in the summer, and include last week's parade passing through Dennistoun. Sgt Taylor had no specific information about this, and noted statistics will change as some crimes aren't reported until weeks after they occurred. Stats are tidied up at year end.
- PUBLIC INPUT:** None present.
- MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14/6/16:** Approved by Jane and seconded by Stephen pending a few minor corrections.
- MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** a) Old Golfhill School - Councillor Dunn is will report back to the next meeting. b) Representing Dennistoun – Stephen noted the value of a three year funded project, and Frank will contact Pete Seaman at DRS about whether any assessment or report has content we can use. c) RBS plan to upgrade the Craigpark cashpoint. Stephen will write to ask if a bin can be included and a possible visor for the screen to prevent light making it unreadable. d) Loretto Housing – Ruth reported the old sanatorium building is now empty and internal restoration is taking place. External work will follow. e) The annual carnival and Alexandra Park event is on July 23rd. Volunteers are being solicited to steward, and James Nichol at Glasgow Life can be contacted via the parks website. We have taken a stall and volunteers are needed to man it. f) A place for each community council has been reserved at Community Council Development Day on September 17th. We need to respond ASAP. g) M74 Extension Survey – Given the timescale, individual responses are best. h) Late minutes – Frank hasn't been passing corrected minutes to Stephen, so they've not been submitted to the Community Councils Resource Centre. Frank apologised and will forward 2016 minutes he's compiled.
- ACTION PLAN:** There were no objections from members not attending to the items dropped at May's meeting.
- FINANCE:** a) Our balance is £1778.82. Petty cash is £4.61. Stephen to submit an invoice for £71. Lawrence O'Neill still hasn't received our accounts despite being sent three times. Jane will hand them over personally this week, which should free the annual admin grant.
- CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning: Application for 5 Westercraigs flat to convert from a dentist to residential. The application includes replacement of original doors with fireproof ones, suggesting a later HMO application. b) Licensing: 2 HMO, one a renewal. c)

Correspondence: i) David McNiven contacted us regarding antisocial behaviour on Circus Drive. He feels CCTV would prevent this. Reports are made to police, and incident numbers have been allocated. People also misuse disabled parking bays. ii) Our responses to the City Development Plan were among many from community councils now online. **Stephen will circulate the link.** We would like Duke Street to be considered a community planning priority. This has lapsed as it tied in with redevelopment of the abattoir site where drilling is currently taking place. Duke St has city centre status, so should be eligible for public realm funding. **Councillor Robertson suggested a high ranking Council official be invited to the next meeting** to address this, and to discuss how DCC can have more input. iv) LES offered someone to explain road resurfacing plans for 2016-17. Frank is keen.

8. **REPORTS:** a) East Centre Area Partnership: Ruth submitted a report of last meeting not appended to the minutes. **Stephen will circulate.** b) Elected Members: i) Joe Brady reported on behalf of Ann McLaughlin MP. Royal Mail want franchise partners for Duke St Post Office. This is a crown office, so no imminent threat of closure, but there is an ongoing review of use. Ann will follow up. Planning enforcement complaints have been made about the PUL shopfront on Hillfoot St. No action has been taken, and there are concerns about going public. People are encouraged to report environmental issues as Springburn is recorded as the cleanest of Glasgow Council districts. Uncertainty after the EU vote concerns many local residents. ii) MSP Ivan McKee now has staff, but no office, so is taking casework. He shares concerns about the EU vote's impact, and has been contacted about the placement of flags before last week's parade, although none appear to have been hung this year. He's been contacted by James McMann about delays in a stalled spaces application being processed, endangering funding. He's met with Tennent's Brewery about community work. They're keen to engage further. Ivan is also looking to meet local groups, so please notify him with any suggestions. iii) Councillor Russell Robertson noted he and Councillor Dunn co-ordinate attendance at Community Council meetings to ensure parity across the area. Bluevale Hall has been empty since the end of last year. He's looking for ideas to regenerate it for community use with Council partnership. There is concern that some ECAP funding applicants can more effectively present in person than others.
9. **A.O.B:** a) Ally and Ruth Jackson are leaving the area in August, and are resigning as Community Councillors. b) Frank publicised the Under One Roof website now testing, aimed at helping flat owners with problems ranging from repairs to management. It will launch officially in September. c) 40 or so problems were submitted on the RALF system after a DCC walkabout at the end of May. Nearly all potholes have been seen to and a stretch of Alexandra Parade is marked with chalk, indicating a repair due. Other larger road repairs and all footpath repairs have not been addressed, but some are marked "planned works" against the report. **Frank will monitor.** d) Frank reported a second response to the complaint about footpath repairs outstanding since May 2015. It noted addition "to a list of works to be undertaken when resources permit," which Frank felt was very disappointing for a complaint about delayed works. Frank will write again, and explained the process of escalating to the SPSO. We discussed Land Services' inability to progress repairs once allocated to a depot. Frank noted no information provided came from Wesley who works for Land Services, and Wesley clarified the process. **Councillor Robertson offered to host a meeting between Frank and head of department David Russell.** e) **John suggested we book Whitehill School for September and October meetings.** No objections. f) Ruth noted problems in the Necropolis again, with vandalism, drug taking and annoying of tourists. The Friends of the Necropolis are reactivating meetings with police and safety services. g) To be added to our list about buildings deteriorating, the Craigilea Nursery has been empty for some while and has serious basement rot and damp problems.

NEXT MEETING: At 7pm on Tuesday August 9th, at Alexandra Park Sports Hub. Please notify Stephen if unable to attend.