



Dennistoun Community Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING AT WHITEHILL SCHOOL 13/9/16

Present: John Bones (Chair), Stephen Birrell, Jane Clarke, Frank Plowright, (DCC Members)
PC David McWilliam, PC Kirsty Fraser, Councillors Greg Hepburn & Russell
Robertson, Kim Long (Green Party candidate), Janet Thompson (Salvation Army)
Minutes by Frank Plowright

Apologies: Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Wesley Wright (Council Members), Elena Trimarchi
(Dennistoun Diggers), Alison Thewlis MP, Sgt Kevin Miller

John announced before the meeting that as we were not quorate no decisions could be taken (with one exception as noted below).

- POLICE REPORT:** 103 crimes reported since August meeting, 50 detected. These break down to Wellpark 4 crimes, 1 detected, including Necropolis vandalism where investigation is ongoing. Duke St north to Onslow Dr 13/6 mainly theft including someone perpetrating fraud on Ebay (caught); Onslow Dr to Alexandra Parade 20/12; North of Parade 40/15, largely shoplifting, but one major incident with boys and machetes (caught) and Haghill 26/13 primarily drug misuse and theft. Frank followed up on request for updated information on prosecution of major crimes in the area, noting the Scot Court website hadn't improved and was very difficult to search without knowing more details. The police can look cases up using a crime reference number and will do so for more serious cases.
Councillor Hepburn raised changes to procedure. The new area commander is keen on more community interaction with officers and problem solving in specific areas.
John asked for clarification on bicycles using footpaths. This is permitted, but not for long stretches or avoiding lights etc, and riders need to be careful. The police will keep an eye open for this. Stephen raised communication received about a six hour delay in responding to housebreaking, and a seeming lack of concern about rifling through bins given the dangers of identity theft. PC McWilliams explained the delay would be due to police occupied elsewhere, and prioritising of calls. He'll notify Performance Support. Regarding the bins he considered it likely that 9 times from ten it's alcoholics or homeless.
- PUBLIC INPUT:** Janet Thompson is keen to develop work with older people in the area, but without duplicating existing resources. She was informed of services and contacts known to DCC members present. Kim Long was keen to have further information and notification of meetings. The best way is to sign up via the DCC website.
- MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6/8/16:** Unable to approve as not quorate. Carried over to October.
- MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** a) Footpath repair – Frank and Councillor Robertson accompanied members of Land Services for a walkabout and Frank circulated a report. The tour was informative, and all issues raised will be attended to. We've been told that for larger stretches of paving and road it's best for DCC to report directly as the RALF system is only for small repairs. Frank will submit a list of such areas previously reported via RALF where no action has been taken. Stephen mentioned this could also be done via the East Area Partnership and their Environmental Decision making policy. b) Pete Seaman noted he and Claire McKechnie-Mason can attend a future meeting to discuss recent work in Dennistoun. November was considered best. c) Charette fund applications can now be under £50,000, but matched funding is required. 6 to 8 pages must be submitted by 16/9 and Brian, John, Ruth and Stephen have been working on this. It will

cover initial community consultation to isolate a vision, a process and desired outcomes for bettering the area. If successful it's envisaged we'll work with existing events and create bespoke ones, with late summer 2017 as a deadline with matching funding required by March. This involves commitment from the entire membership. Brian and Ruth voted to go ahead should a vote be needed, and the four members present agreed. We'll have a decision by October 14th, and if unsuccessful can re-apply next year.

5. **ACTION PLAN:** Carried over to October.
6. **FINANCE:** a) Our balance is £1579.22. Petty cash is £193. Any claims due for the year to end of September are needed immediately so Jane can prepare accounts for AGM and have them scrutinised. These and those from last year will be delivered by hand directly to Lawrence O'Neill following persistent problems with them going missing when mailed.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning: Brian passed on nothing of concern. We missed the deadline for the Shiska Bar application at the Tartan Lodge. b) Licensing: New HMO 2/2 6 Whitevale St. c) Correspondence: i) As per policy we objected to a new HMO at 2/1 37 Roslea Drive last year on the usual grounds of over-provision in the area, and the owner has written asking why. We don't know if the objection has been upheld and we will contact Mhairi Miller about this. ii) We've been circulated an opportunity to feed into the consultation on Scottish mental health strategy, but deadline is 16/9. iii) Lauren Bennie asked for an update on the parking consultation. No news as yet. iv) There was discussion on plans for Duke St Post Office. Anecdotal evidence has it that staff have been told not to talk about possible closure and strike action in being considered. Councillor Robertson will follow up and report back on enquiries made by Anne McLaughlin MP.
8. **REPORTS:** a) East Centre Area Partnership: Ruth absent. Councillor Robertson feels she does a fantastic job and represents the community well. b) Elected Members: i) Councillor Robertson thinks the police can engage better than just presenting statistics at DCC meetings. He will meet George Campbell on Friday and request our input into strategic priorities. Councillor Hepburn noted it's planned to reorganise resources so local officers are no longer called away for general response duties. Out of date information on the Glasgow Council homeless advice site has now been updated. Contrary to what was believed last month, the Hamish Allen centre hasn't closed, but hours have changed. The old Golfhill School has been sold, but no details as yet. The sale of Cragielea nursery has been completed and restoration is proceeding. The council is reviewing submissions to the City Development Plan with the aim of updating by early October. If that meets with approval the hope would be adoption in early 2017. Further liaison with DCC will occur to identify areas of particular interest. Councillor Robertson feels the system still told us what's planned in preference to consultation. Stephen noted lots of information was included in the examiner's report, our submitted views were represented and felt it essential that land is used with a vision. Councillor Robertson mentioned it's been identified that local communication is an area that could be improved. Impact Arts are to become more engaged in community work. ii) Councillor Hepburn has been planning to attend DCC meetings for a while, but other commitments have prevented this. There should be no clash going forward. He's more than happy to work on issues relating to his ward South of Duke St. The former abattoir site is eligible for City Deals regeneration funding, but it took £30 million to prepare the stadium site for the Commonwealth Games. Councillor Hepburn feels it's important Calton is reconnected with Dennistoun and the city centre.
9. **A.O.B:** a) Stephen will now be able to attend the Community Council Development Session on September 17th. b) John wanted to thank recently resigned DCC members Ally and Ruth for their contributions while living in Dennistoun.

NEXT MEETING: At 7pm on Tuesday October 11th, at Whitehill School Library. A.G.M. will be followed by ordinary meeting. Please notify Stephen if unable to attend.