



Dennistoun Community Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING AT WHITEHILL SCHOOL 10/1/17

- Present:** Lauren Bennie, Stephen Birrell, Jane Clarke, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Ruairi Kelly, Katie McKenna, Jacq Munro, Frank Plowright, Claire Rennie, Wesley Wright (DCC), Sgt Elaine Eaton, PC James Rowe (Police Scotland), Graham Campbell representing Anne McLaughlin MP and Ivan McKee MSP, Kim Long (Green Party candidate), Jim Watson, Derek York
- Apologies:** Lauren Amazeen, John Bones (DCC), John Mason MSP, Councillors Greg Hepburn, Elaine McDougall and Russell Robertson

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

1. **NEW MEMBERS:** Five people applied for six vacancies, so were all automatically elected. Both current and members introduced themselves. Meeting chair Wesley Wright explained DCC's purpose and the current status quo, encouraging people to put projects forward.
2. **POLICE REPORT:** The area restructure is working, with an inspector, 2 sergeants and 20 police forming an area problem solving team free from being called elsewhere. Police will report more relevant crime patterns rather than statistics. Three housebreakers have been arrested, working independently, and since they've been locked up house break ins have fallen considerably 7 of 13 assaults have been detected. The most serious in Alexandra Park and enquiries are progressing. Good CCTV footage of an assault on Alexandra Parade on 17/12, and a lead on a robbery on the same day. A random car stop detected a person not known to the police with a knife, and 5 arrests for drug possession. Wesley asked about general strategy, and patrols have been successful. Kim asked if organisations are working with the child offenders, and they are. Stephen to circulate list of police direct phone contacts to new members. Inspector Gormley forwarded the list of contact numbers mentioned at November's meeting.
3. **ELECTION OF CHAIR:** No volunteers. Stephen explained role to new members as not just chairing meetings, but acting as liaison, spokesperson and attending briefing meetings. The Council supplies support, and he and John can mentor. It's not known if John has also resigned as ECAP deputy.
4. **ELECTED MEMBER UPDATES:** Graham Campbell updated for Anne McLaughlin MP and Ivan McKee MSP. a) Considerable concern about proposed job centre closures, and both elected members will be holding meetings. Both are also supplying an annual report, which will be circulated. b) Ivan is working on Employment and Employability in Scotland, and is keen to promote the Community Empowerment Bill, allowing community organisations to take over underused buildings as resources. Stephen noted this asset transfer as important for a bigger community voice. A proposal to use the old Golfhill School as an arts hub has been completed, and the organiser could come to a meeting. c) Anne reporting back on Duke St Post Office closure was raised, and she texted meeting. She's met with CWU who've suggested viable alternatives to closures and job losses, and have begun a campaign. As yet no partner located to franchise post office services on Duke St, and current staff are concerned about rights and pay under such arrangements. In other areas this led to fewer staff and long queues. It was noted if the post office closes there would be a lack of facilities to order passports or collect parcels other than travelling to the remote sorting office, long and unsafe without a car. To aid with discussions Ruairi will compile comments regarding potential problems from the 800+ petition signatories and forward to Stephen. d) Ruth raised the matter of evening trains from Edinburgh not stopping at Bellgrove as an issue John Mason MSP was to report back on, along with the curtailing of the number 8 bus route. Stephen mentioned correspondence from John Mason re carrier bag charges raised in Nov. Shops with fewer than 10 employees aren't obliged to keep records of

plastic bag sales. They're encouraged to make charitable contributions, but not obliged.

5. **PUBLIC INPUT:** Jim Watson raised the idea of a Dennistoun war memorial to a positive reception. He's due to meet council officials this week. Funding is available, although it was noted meeting conditions of the specific Heritage Lottery fund was difficult. Jim was encouraged to update with a firmer proposal at the next meeting.
6. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** October A.G.M. minutes proposed as correct by Ruth and seconded by Wesley, and the ordinary minutes proposed by Jane and seconded by Ruth. November and December weren't quorate, but for continuity and information notes taken will be posted online. If required minor corrections can be made.
7. **MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** a) Traffic and parking consultation: Brian reported this is still due, and parking controls are being considered for Dennistoun and other areas, but won't be implemented before 2020 assuming consultation success. In response to parking blocking emergency access on Clayton, Oakley and Seton Terraces double yellow lines will be instituted later this year. Further speedbumps are being considered in locations not previously hosting chicanes. b) Membership: Stephen updated on Caitlin and Christine not attending meetings. Christine was to have come along tonight, but reported that Caitlin will resign. This needs to come from Caitlin herself. c) Potholes: Frank updated. A new team now handle Dennistoun. Despite agreement during a walkabout with previous officials in September that the footpath outside Alexandra Parade Primary needed repair, a new assessment has decided this is not the case, but the work is due to be carried out by February anyway. Progress on a list of issues first submitted via RALF in May and supplied directly in September has been zero. Frank has requested an update report on each location asking if it's been assessed, when repair is due, and if not due the reason why.
8. **DAY OUT IN DENNISTOUN:** Project explained to new members. Ruth is meeting Andy to finalise changes to revised print version. Once these have been implemented the project will pass to Robert Smythe for the online ap. Three print quotes have been arranged, and the next meeting can discuss. There's still time to submit a bid for ECAP funding, although this would delay the reprint. Graham, Lauren and Stephen will liaise. Derek suggested a display unit, and Wesley wants us to consider paid distribution. The previous print run was 5000.
9. **ACTION PLAN:** Explained to new members as potential projects. Stephen to circulate current plan to new members for further discussion next time. Noted that commitment to projects is required before proceeding.
10. **FINANCE:** a) Jane explained DCC funding for new members, and what can be claimed from petty cash. Bank balance is £1799.22 and petty cash balance as £19.19. Lawrence O'Neill is once again saying he's not received audited accounts. As this has been a perennial problem Jane intended to hand them over personally, but after waiting 30 minutes for Lawrence left them with a receptionist. Stephen works near him and will pass on accounts.
RBS have still not confirmed John as an account signatory, so these are currently Jane, Stephen and Wesley, any two of whom must sign cheques.
11. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Planning: See table A below. Brian also noted that Cresswell House on Oakley Terrace has been vacated by NHS, but needs much work and it's likely an application will be submitted for conversion to residential premises. Brian believes work to former nursery on Craigpark has been carried out to solve the basement damp problem, but it's rumoured current owners are attempting to sell on. Wesley mentioned new illuminated shop signs on Duke St erected without planning permission. b) Licensing: Stephen explained HMO policy of objecting to new applications on the basis of over-provision and changing character of the area. This can be revisited in the light of new members. A register of historical applications is being created. We don't know what happens after we submit

objections. Also noted we object to businesses on an individual basis if over provision or they're taking money out of the area. Ruaridh noted current government proposals to devolve licensing of gambling machines to local authorities. c) Correspondence: Stephen explains he circulates notifications received via DCC e-mail. G4 sent notice by mail of wanting traffic restrictions enforced near their Milnbank St premises.

12. **REPORTS: East Centre Area Partnership**: Next meeting is March 1st. Ruth noted funds are still available for grants, but any application needs to be submitted two weeks before the meeting, with prior notice of intent given to Kirsten Shearlaw. There will be a special meeting on January 26th for community funding applications already submitted.
13. **A.O.B:** a) Derek attended the Council's Greenspace consultation. His reading was that cuts needed to be made to park services and this was a means of discerning what Glasgow's citizens want parks to be and what alternative means of raising funds would be considered acceptable. There is to be a follow-up meeting. b) Lauren asked about the Celtic matchday parking consultation, noting the proposed radius would make matters far worse in Dennistoun. c) She also asked about flytipping, noting the ap is very good for getting rubbish cleared in Whitehill St within 24 hours. Jackie's experience in Kennyhill Sq is very different, with rubbish not picked up for weeks. Wesley mentioned people from cleansing at meetings in the past, and what's been reinforced to us is that the more calls there are, the quicker something will be done. Stephen noted that an accredited Neighbourhood Improvement Volunteer Scheme also helps. Ruth has registration forms. d) Katie can help with DCC's social media accounts. e) Wesley mentioned posters noting meeting dates for this year can be downloaded from the DCC website.

NEXT MEETING: At 7pm on Tuesday February 14th, at Whitehill School Library – Jane to book. Please notify Stephen if unable to attend.

Planning applications

Detail	Location	Concern
New 3rd floor extension new mesh cladding system and various internal alterations.	Tennents Brewery	No
Internal and external alterations to listed building including structural work to stone south elevation	Former Duke St Hospital	No
Conversion of 1 st floor from dental practice to residential	5 Westercraigs	No
Advertising hoarding to be illuminated	Cumbernauld Rd	No

Matters outstanding

Matter outstanding	Minuted	Responsible
Response about bins South of Duke St where dog fouling is frequent	Nov	Ivan McKee

Actions

Action to be taken	Responsible
Supply Police phone contacts to new members	Stephen
Supply e-mail contact details to Stephen	Claire, Jackie, Katie, Lauren, Ruaridh

Supply annual reports from Anne McLaughlin and Ivan McKee	Graham Campbell
Compile comments re problems from Duke St Post Office petition and forward to Stephen for passing to Anne McLaughlin MP	Ruaridh/Stephen
Liaise on producing bid for ECAP funding for revised Day Out in Dennistoun print version	Lauren, Stephen, Graham Campbell
Circulate current action plan to new members	Stephen
Update DCC website with current action plan	Wesley
Personally place signed and audited accounts for 2015-2016 in Lawrence O'Neill's hands	Stephen
Book Whitehill School for Feb and poss March meeting	Jane