



Dennistoun Community Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING AT WHITEHILL SCHOOL 14/3/17

Present: Lauren Amazeen (vice chair) Lauren Bennie, Stephen Birrell, Jane Clarke, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Sean Kelly, Katie McKenna, Jacq Munro, Frank Plowright, Caitlin Quinn, Christine Quinn, Wesley Wright (DCC); Sgt Barry Gibbons (Police Scotland); Stuart Lock, Ellen McVeigh

Apologies: John Bones, Ruairi Kelly, Claire Rennie (DCC), John Mason MSP, Elena Trimarchi (Dennistoun Diggers)

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

- POLICE REPORT:** Area statistics since last meeting: 86 crimes with youth disorder the major problem. 11 crimes are attributed to 5 boys, and another half dozen are by youths fitting their description. This includes vandalism, housebreaking, theft, assault, and robbery, and one boy is currently in secure accommodation. Ruth asked about youth disorder in Haghill, and it's likely the same youths are responsible as they've been committing offences all over the city. Their focal point is the use of Crownpoint as a drinking den. On behalf of posters on Dennistoun Forum Frank raised complaints about people lurking in the alley between Annfield Place and Seton Terrace, and residents being told that unless they witnessed drugs or drinking no police could be sent. Sgt Gibbons categorically denied this, will look into the area and advised residents to call 101. He also took note of Ellen McVeigh's comments about drug dealing on Reidvale St and will change shift times to deal with early morning gatherings if necessary. Katie raised an incident on Duke St on Saturday night. Sgt Gibbons didn't know anything about it, but will research and get back to her. A car has been blocking the paving at Westercraigs since an incident on Saturday. Sgt Gibbons will check if it can be moved. The Crime Prevention panel met tonight, but Jane wasn't informed. The time has been changed to the evening of the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6.15, just avoiding a clash with us. Stephen raised the historical lack of engagement, and will check before the next meeting to see if a DCC member can attend. Jane is unable to do so in the evenings.
- ELECTED MEMBER UPDATES:** None present and no notes submitted.
- PUBLIC INPUT:** Dealt with during police report.
- MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** February minutes accepted as accurate pending a few minor changes.
- MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**
 - Glasgow Bike Hire Scheme: There's an uncertainty if we can feed into the expansion. Last year several sites in Dennistoun were suggested, but only Bellgrove was used.
 - Parking consultation: Information Lauren B was given about no input from Dennistoun greatly contradicts Brian's experiences, so Brian will follow-up with Lauren's help. A funeral couldn't access Clayton Terrace last week due to parked traffic on both sides. Double yellow lines will be painted on the park sides of Clayton, Oakley and Seton Terraces. Broompark is wider and permits emergency vehicle access. Sean to liaise with Brian regarding weekend parking around City Park.
 - 574 Alexandra Parade planning application. Stephen lodged an objection.
 - Damaged Trees on Annfield Place: Dennistoun Conservation Society are now involved, and as a consequence have also been given permission to take ownership of the Dennistoun Milestone repair.
 - Potholes & footpaths: Frank has Received a full response to an update on defects requested in January. Almost all will be dealt with, most this financial year. Frank was disappointed that the poor condition of the Alexandra Parade footpath between Armadale St and Whitehill St wasn't to be addressed and has asked this be

reconsidered. f) Jacq thinks we should communicate better with non-electronic means, and will make a monthly tour of the neighbourhood with notices. Discussion of bespoke noticeboards and Wesley suggested the four outer corners of the DCC area as a location.

6. **DAY OUT IN DENNISTOUN:** We were successful with a grant application for the full cost of reprinting 10,000 leaflets. Dress for the Weather will supply a final draft for Lauren B to circulate, but a grant condition is that it be used this financial year, so time is tight. Possible storage sites mentioned were the library, Ivan McKee's constituency office, Bilson 11, and some with DCC members. Ruth will discuss the ap with Robert Smythe.
Friends of the Necropolis received a £3000 grant for path repairs, and the possibility of a rear entrance at Firpark St was raised. Historic Scotland generally object, but with a large new development in the area and possibility of CCTV it may progress from current back burner status. Jacq noted the Stair of the Year award as worth promoting.
7. **ACTION PLAN:** a) Frank circulated a document suggesting decorative engraved paving outside Bellgrove station as raising the tone of the area for visitors and dealing with shoddy condition of the existing footpath. He was confident that funding could be obtained, but can't commit to working on the project alone. He'll look into costs and submit a revised plan before April meeting. Wesley mentioned maintenance would have to be factored in. The type of paving used for Barrowland Park was mentioned, and it's worth contacting folk involved with decorative paving in Queen Margaret Drive. b) Frank wondered about Dennistoun's three stations mentioning the area in their name. A change would involve costs to Scotrail. Jacq is talking with them anyway and will raise the suggestion. c) At one point last year it was planned that Bellgrove's facilities be upgraded, but a presentation at ECAP now favours High St instead, and there's a suggestion that the station may be moved a little further East, but no decision has been taken. d) Stephen asked for an update about which projects remain on the Action Plan. Other members would like to see a common strategy and clear priorities and objectives for funding. This will be discussed at April's meeting.
8. **FINANCE:** We have received this year's admin grant so our bank balance is £2070.54 with £135.79 in petty cash. Jane noted this as a decent surplus, and while there are conditions for spending it will cover items such as laminated pouches for notices.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Planning: See table A below. Brian attended a meeting about bringing communities more into planning and development decisions. A pre-planning consultation regarding the proposed development of 145 flats on the old Golfhill School site is to be held at Milnbank Housing premises on April 5th from noon to 7pm. This is an opportunity to raise any community concerns at an early stage. b) Licensing: Application for licensing of Bilson 11 premises on Annfield Place. No objections. c) Correspondence: Stephen has circulated all relevant e-mailed correspondence. i) Bilson 11 have been in touch about information on the property for Open Doors. ii) Derek York has sent notes taken at a Land & Environmental Services meeting about parks and open spaces. Stephen will circulate. iii) A consultation on North East Rehabilitation Services runs to March 29th. iv) Glasgowsoup.com are hosting a micro-funding event on March 23rd at Calton Heritage and Learning Centre. More information on their website.
10. **REPORTS:** East Centre Area Partnership: From March 1st meeting. All future meetings for DCC representation will be in the newly constituted Dennistoun ward. a) Environmental Task Force not reporting in person, but submitting a written report breaking down statistically. Ruth has forwarded to Stephen who will circulate. b) Other notes taken by Ruth appended to minutes. Topics are Community health profiles, surplus properties owned by Glasgow Council, hate crimes, Dennistoun Library, policing and community budgeting.
11. **A.O.B:** a) Lauren A riase the vacant position of Chair. No takers. b) Some residents

have been told they will be expected to put the new waste bins out at the front of buildings themselves each week. c) Katie updated on the DCC Facebook page, and noted elsewhere there's a lot of traffic concerning the development of the old Golfhill School site. d) Flats are also being planned at the former care home in Kennyhill Sq, but there's currently no access. There will be a public meeting about the development.

NEXT MEETING: At 7pm on April 11th, at ? Please notify Stephen if unable to attend.

Planning applications

Detail	Location	Concern
Subdivision of the former Carswell House to restore two residential dwellings	5 Oakley Terrace	No
Internal alterations to listed building to facilitate better kitchen access at Nakodar	13 Annfield Place	No
Formation of windows associated with use of basement as habitable accommodation	Flat 1/1 10a Craigpark	No

Matter 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
Follow up on parking consultation	Brian
Circulate revised Day out in Dennistoun leaflet prior to printing for final check	Lauren B
Discuss Day Out in Dennistoun ap with Robert Smythe	Ruth
Look into pavement engraving costs and submit a revised plan for Bellgrove Station	Frank
Circulate notes supplied by Derek York from LES meeting about parks and open spaces.	Stephen
Circulate Environmental Task Force report as presented to ECAP	Stephen

EAST CENTRE AREA COMMITTEE – notes by Ruth Johnston

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROFILES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE within Ward 18. This covered demography, poverty, culture & environment, learning & education, health & wellbeing and crime & safety. www.understandingglasgow.com. The information can be used to plan local services

FORMER EDUCATION SURPLUS PROPERTIES - City Property presented a report on the buildings in the ward no longer used as school buildings. Within Dennistoun CC Haghill was mentioned but there was little interest from developers at present. Concerns were raised regarding the condition of some of the properties as these were not being maintained. It was noted that City

Property's remit was to inspect the buildings however the expenditure for any repairs was the responsibility of Education Services. RJ raised the matter of 2 Westcraigs, Previously a Young Offenders accommodation not maintained for 6 years. Response from City Property awaited. (A proposed development at Golfhill Primary School site including the Playing fields is open to Public View on 5th April at Milnbank Housing Association between 12 and 7pm on the 5th April.)

DENNISTOUN LIBRARY A wide range of services is now delivered in Dennistoun Library. The repairs to the building now completed and the upstairs is used as a staff base. Groups for parents and babies had been expanded. However the library was currently unable to accommodate large events/groups due to fire restrictions. No information on when local meetings could be accommodated.

HATE CRIME There were now 60 3rd party reporting centres in Glasgow. An annual awareness raising week is held in October.

WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES Due to the boundary changes, the Community Councils covering the Ward would change. Dennistoun Community Council moving to the new Dennistoun Ward (Ward 22) with Community Councils of Dennistoun, Germiston, Royston and Sighthill. Only Sighthill and Dennistoun have active CC.

POLICING New Ward Boundaries might make a difference to the policing – reconfigure to fit new boundaries – now includes GRI.

COMMUNITY BUDGETING The Partnership was provided with feedback on the community budgeting event held in January in Haghill Park Primary School. Over 60 people attended with 44 people voting for 9 proposals. 8 proposals received funding.