



# Dennistoun Community Council

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## MINUTES OF MEETING AT MILNBANK COMMUNITY HALL 11/4/17

- Present:** Lauren Bennie, Stephen Birrell, John Bones, Jane Clarke, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Sean Kelly, Katie McKenna, Jacq Munro, Frank Plowright, Caitlin Quinn, Chrstine Quinn, Claire Rennie, Wesley Wright (DCC); Officers Craig Burns, Peter Stewart (Police Scotland); Daniel Donaldson, Lorna Finn, Nadia Maloney
- Apologies:** Lauren Amazeen, Ruairi Kelly (DCC), John Mason MSP, Councillors Gregg Hepburn & Russell Robertson

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

- POLICE REPORT:** a) Following the release of a youth from secure accommodation flat break-ins have begun again. It's unknown if an ASBO was applied. The method is to enter a close via service button, test storm doors, and if able to access, close them while working on flat door. Police advise secure locks, and use of the angle bars if fitted. They are providing extra patrols for this and reported drug dealing in Alexandra Park. b) Majority of other crimes are motoring and parking offences, but a further initiative clamps cars without M.O.T. Public are asked to report vehicles not moved for some while. c) Crownpoint no longer a hotspot for youth disturbance, but the problem has moved elsewhere. d) In response to parking problems discussed Officer Stewart will report back with figures for call-outs on this matter. We asked for a summary of traffic offences. e) Katie was contacted by Sgt Gibbons following her request last month for information about a disturbance on Duke St.
- ELECTED MEMBER UPDATES:** Lorna Finn reported on behalf of Ivan McKee MSP. a) Parliament is in Easter recess, and Ivan is visiting community groups. b) He's started an online petition about the closure of the RBS on Alexandra Parade. Frank noted that the people who most need to sign are those least likely to have online access. This has been recognised, but during local election campaign there are rules regarding spending on contact with residents. The relevant parliamentary committee has been asked for an exemption for a targeted mailshot. c) Ivan happy to store new Day Out in Dennistoun maps in the short term. d) Factors have been an issue in surgeries and at the office. As a member of the Factoring Commission Frank will advise. e) Parking in the drives is a problem and City Park aren't responsive to community concerns. Is it worthwhile for Ivan to contact the company directors? Frank will relate his experience of dealing with City Park to Lorna.
- PUBLIC INPUT:** Stephen has been contacted by someone concerned about noise breaches by taxis in Finlay Drive and another person concerned about speeding in Armadale St and who has raised parking problems with Councillor Elaine McDougall. Stephen advised both about this meeting.
- MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** March minutes accepted as accurate pending a few minor changes. Proposed by Ruth and seconded by Jacq.
- MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** a) Crime Prevention Panel: No contact from them, and Jane will follow up. The police noted they don't have the resources to commit to regular attendance. b) Potholes & footpaths: Repairs promised for the end of the financial year still not carried out, but Frank will wait until end of April before following up. We now have a commitment to resurfacing north Alexandra Parade footpath between Armadale St and Whitehill St during this financial year. Daniel Donaldson reported a 4 inch deep pothole in Craigpark Drive. No action taken. He and Frank will arrange another walkabout. Wesley recommended photographs and noted they should show the wider area, not just a pothole. Daniel raised constant repairs at bus stops. Frank & Ruth explained previous information.

- c) Paving by Bellgrove station. Frank apologised for not having the time to follow up. Jacq noted poor state of Barrowland Park, so that format possibly to be avoided. d) Lauren raised outstanding issue for Ivan McKee re dog fouling bins South of Duke St. Lorna will remind him. e) Parking consultation: Brian summarised a report produced with Lauren comprehensively refuting Council comments that Dennistoun residents hadn't raised enough concerns about parking. Three of five queried actions were confirmed, one may have occurred and only Councillor Robertson's working group failed to materialise. Lauren and Brian will formulate a letter for forwarding with the report in the next 7 to 10 days. f) There were mixed feelings about the pre-planning meeting about the old Golfhill School site. Brian considered it promising in general, while noting proposed entrances and exits as odd. Frank had reservations about 1:1 parking ratio, a seven storey building, and the view that all parties agreed demolition of the school to be necessary. He was told Heritage Scotland agreed, but a FOI request contradicted this. It may all be moot as Jacq believes the building now hosts a bat colony, which would preclude demolition. Brian and Frank mentioned the tendency of listed buildings in Glasgow to catch fire or collapse to the benefit of developers, and Sean was concerned the purchase not being tendered, the neglect of the building and the development company. It was also raised that the money due for losing playing fields would be paid to City Life, but not necessarily spent in the East End. Ann McLaughlin MP is looking into this. The "dangerous" state of the school building was raised. Frank was on the Parent Council when the school was evacuated and noted the timing enabled cancelling a school inspection due a week later, and suspects the subsidence below the building may have been overstated. A planning application will probably be submitted in May.
6. **FINANCE**: Jane had to leave early, so noted the bank balance at £3330.97 with £1618 ring fenced for the Day Out In Dennistoun reprint. Petty cash is £129.19.
7. **ACTION PLAN**: Deferred to next month as meeting was running late. Anyone wanting to submit additions should do so before next meeting.
8. **DAY OUT IN DENNISTOUN**: Andy circulated versions with two different covers online today. It was decided to go with the Craigpark church as cover. Jacq noted there were no items or businesses east of Alexandra Park, but we're now at proofreading stage and can't add. Corrections to be submitted to Lauren by Friday. The online version will proceed when corrections are in, and can in theory be updated as necessary.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**: a) Planning: See table A below. b) Licensing: Nothing new and no update on objection for 574 Alexandra Parade. c) Correspondence: Stephen circulated all relevant e-mailed correspondence. i) Derek York supplied a Pedal on Parliament leaflet for 23/4. Will be uploaded to DCC website. ii) There's a consultation re Community Council Scheme of Establishment. Responses to Stephen Dowling by 12/5. iii) We've been sent Scots Road and Motorway Improvements Project newsletter. Stephen will forward to interested parties. iv) Stephen will circulate march information. There is one from Aberfeldy St to Parkhead on 22/4.
10. **REPORTS**: East Centre Area Partnership: No meeting.
11. **A.O.B**: a) Daniel Donaldson announced himself as Liberal Democrat candidate for the area in the local council elections. b) Lauren has agreed to post tweets for the Dennistoun War Memorial project. £800 has been raised in five weeks toward a target of £10,000 and Milnbank Housing have offered to act as bank. c) Lauren attended the Community Council Discussion Forum, and an interesting statistic was that only 20% of Glasgow residents now lack home internet access, down from 40% two years ago. It was confirmed to Jacq that any community councillor can attend, and Lauren noted that Springburn are very active. d) Stephen has been told Ruari Kelly is standing for election in May, and will resign from DCC if successful. e) Stephen reminded position of chair is still vacant.

**NEXT MEETING:** At 7pm on May 9<sup>th</sup> at ? Please notify Stephen if unable to attend.

Planning applications

Detail	Location	Concern
Frontage alteration to Coia's to allow serving ice cream.	473 Duke St	No
Retrospective application for unit to be used for vehicle workshop and M.O.T. centre.	Firpark St	No
Repeated application with new wording as care home being converted to two residential dwellings.	5 Oakley Terrace	No

Matter outstanding

Matter outstanding	Minuted	Responsible
Response about bins South of Duke St where dog fouling is frequent	Nov	Ivan McKee
Look into pavement engraving costs and submit a revised plan for Bellgrove Station	Mar	Frank

Actions

Action to be taken	Responsible
Follow up on parking consultation	Brian & Lauren B
Follow up on Crime Prevention Panel	Jane
Advise Lorna Finn on factoring issues	Frank
Talk with Lorna Finn about City Park response to parking problem	Frank
Contact Daniel Donaldson for walkabout re potholes and footpaths	Frank
Discuss Day Out in Dennistoun ap with Robert Smythe once corrections are done	Ruth