

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING AT MILNBANK COMMUNITY HALL 13/6/17

Present: Lauren Amazeen, Lauren Bennie, Stephen Birrell, John Bones, Jane Clarke, Brian Johnston, Ruth Johnston, Sean Kelly, Katie McKenna, Jacq Munro, Frank Plowright, Claire Rennie, Russell Snowdon, Mary Wallace, Wesley Wright (DCC); Councillor Allan Casey.

In attendance Police Officers Julie Orr, Chris Smith (Police Scotland); John Jewitt (Jewitt & Wilkie)

Apologies: Caitlin Quinn, Christine Quinn, Alison Thewlis MP, John Mason and Ivan McKee MSP, Councillors Kim Long and Elaine McDougall, Elena Trimarchi (Dennistoun Diggers)

Minutes provided by Frank Plowright

1. **MEMBERSHIP** – In order to expand to 20 allowing four new members without election a new constitution had to be approved. Sean proposed and Lauren A seconded. New members are Derek Dempsey, Paul Lafferty, Russell Snowdon and Mary Wallace.
2. **POLICE REPORT:**
 - a) The issue of local parking was raised. Police had 220 calls about blockages caused by parking in the past year, but only 3 in the past month. They can't advise as to location.
 - b) There have been six house break-ins and two further attempts in the past month. These occurred during the day, and two people have been caught. Increased plain clothes patrols take place, as the problem in prosecuting suspects is witnesses. Sean raised problems at a Westercraigs property where there's been a break-in. Builders force the close door for access as residents don't know them and won't let them in. Police clarified situation and will talk to builders about consequences of doing this. Someone reported two men hanging about the property, but didn't hear back from police. They will now make contact and advise always reporting suspicious people on 101 as a false alarm is preferable to a break in, and always ensure close doors are kept shut. Frank asked if they'd talked with bin men about leaving doors open as promised last month, but they hadn't. Jacq pointed out the depot was next door to their London Road premises. A promise was again given to do so. Frank filled on Dennistoun Online comments, noting despite talking to a sympathetic supervisor and promises made, bin men again left the door open on Monday. Councillor Casey will follow up. Lauren B clarified 101 calls are fed to local police despite central handling.
 - c) 2 serious assaults, one a stabbing on Duke St. Perpetrator not traced, but apparently down to a feud.
 - d) Jacq asked for update on sexual assaults on Meadowpark St. CCTV footage has been released, but no arrests as yet.
 - e) Jacq mentioned new meeting policy (below) and from that point police participation may change, possibly requiring fewer visits by police and better quality of information.
3. **ELECTED MEMBER UPDATES:**
 - a) Councillor Casey met Jamie Rodden from Traffic and Road Safety following complaints about Dennistoun not being considered for traffic consultation. Number of direct complaints are taken into account, but there's a possibility Dennistoun will be reconsidered. Brian raised the area priority being Celtic Park when problems occur for a few hours every second week for 9 months, and Lauren B noted the difficulty of complaining as phones aren't answered. Councillor Casey is happy to be involved in a working group about this. The timescale of any council consultation is likely to be two years.
 - b) Double yellow lines on terraces will be carried out in next ten weeks.
 - c) Councillor Casey will also liaise with individual businesses within City Park about parking, working with Ivan McKee MSP.
 - d) New signs and road markings are a response to

people driving the wrong way down one way streets. e) All lighting on Alexandra Parade will now be new white type. Wesley noted sections where lights are on all day. f) Councillor Casey plans walkabouts with community groups every two months to address issues and can ask for involvement from council officers or police. g) The Alexandra Park play area is to be upgraded. Plans to be forward to John. h) Councillor Casey will chair the new Dennistoun Area Partnership from first meeting on June 30th. Ruth still to represent DCC, with John as deputy. i) Councillor Casey will meet Councillor Long to discuss how they can work together in the area. j) He also reported on behalf of Ivan McKee MSP who presented St Denis' second eco-award flag. 10,000 Day Out in Dennistoun leaflets have arrived in the constituency office. Lauren B apologised for lack of notice, but she hadn't been informed. Ivan has also been in touch with Scot Rail regarding problems with ticketing machines. These are to be upgraded. He noted outstanding item regarding bins south of Duke St, which isn't Ivan's area, but new bins have been supplied. k) Frank mentioned most Southerly speed bump on Armadale St still hasn't been painted. Councillor Long sent a written report apologising for absence, but she's at the Smithycroft Awards tonight. She's undertaken the induction programme for new councillors, liaised with the police, and taken on casework. Surgeries will start after the summer. Her office phone number is 287 4417 and office e-mail is kim.long@glasgow.gov.uk

4. **MEETING STRUCTURE:** It was decided to change the meeting format in order to be more effective. Only seven public meetings a year are required, so from January every third meeting will be closed to the public to expedite other business. This was unanimously agreed. There will be more discussion as planning and licensing applications are time-limited, but among suggestions is that the police won't be required at every meeting.
5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** May minutes accepted as accurate pending a few minor changes. Proposed by Lauren B and seconded by Ruth.
6. **MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** a) Parking: We now have a response to the letter submitted by Brian and Lauren B to Jamie Rodden regarding information about Dennistoun being ignored when it came to calculating priorities for a traffic consultation. Stephen will circulate such correspondence to all members of the Traffic Issues Sub-group in future as he only forwarded this to Brian Johnston (as the designated lead for this area of work). Lauren hadn't seen it and had been phoning today about a lack of response. b) Onslow Square dog fouling Sean has been attempting to liaise with GHA but has had no response to messages, and the e-mail provided by the police bounces back. An excuse given for the lack of bins for dog waste is that staff have to be trained to use them, but they are present in other areas of Glasgow.
7. **GOLF HILL SCHOOL SITE REDEVELOPMENT:** John Jewitt from Jewitt & Wilkie architects addressed community concerns about the redevelopment. He supplied much information to be uploaded to DCC website. All comments made at consultations had been considered, but there was little substantial difference to the plans as previously presented for consultation. A planning application was lodged on May 31st, but it hasn't appeared on the GCC website listings as yet due to administrative disagreements. It was a condition of the pre-consultation that an application had to be submitted within three months. The primary differences from consultation were that the area in front of the old school building should be public space, a play area has been incorporated to the side of this bordering Firpark St, and space had been found for a City Bike stand, although Glasgow Council will decide whether to use this. Now be further bike storage space both internal and external, but no discussion with Co-Wheels as yet. The final plan for reinstatement of railings is still not finalised and open to comments, both surrounding the building and separating areas of the

site. An analysis report has been provided regarding the internal state of the school building and Historic Scotland are apparently happy with a plan to retain the frontage and turrets with flats built behind. Mr Jewitt happy to take people into the building under supervision and show areas of concern. Considerable discussion about fees for local improvements and for loss of sports facilities being applied to the Dennisoun area, but the architects have no say in this, and it's up to locals to petition via elected representatives.

Parking has now been reduced to less than one space per proposed flat (37 x 1 bed, 88 x 2 bed and 18 x 3 bed). The planning department are apparently okay with this on the basis that they're prepared to consider the development as City Centre, where standards are more relaxed, and parking bays aren't considered necessary for one bed flats in areas with good public transport. Frank considered this nonsense, particularly after Mr Jewitt had listened to considerable discussion about parking problems already in the area. He suggested that there would be more room for parking if fewer flats were built, and was told if the initial stage of the development didn't raise enough cross-funding then the entire school may have to be demolished, and the developer could walk away altogether. Still on the agenda is a seven story tower when the highest nearby building is only four stories because it's "an appropriate approach". The buildings will be brick with repetition of window styles. Current plans for parking include a single entrance/exit point, but without barriers, and designated spaces. Jacq asked about the possibility of a bat colony existing within the school building. There will be follow-up inspections before any demolition work, and any bats or nests found will be dealt within legislation rules.

Current school entrances don't comply with disability regulations, so the main entrance to the building fronted by the facade will be at what's currently the rear.

All further DCC correspondence on the matter would be co-ordinated and forwarded by Stephen as Secretary.

8. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None present.
9. **REPORTS:** Ruth noted that Friends of the Necropolis had been given a grant of £4000 and have now raised £10,000 for improvement to pathways in the Necropolis. They've also raised £33,000 toward restoration of a mausoleum.
10. **FINANCE:** Assuming all money due has been claimed, once all cheques have been cashed the account stands at £1671.97 with petty cash of £194.19. Despite the poor service, we bank with the RBS as a local bank, but as the branch is due to close it's planned to switch the account to the TSB. Jane has a meeting to discuss this and will also ask about bank plans to phase out cheques as they're necessary for transparency in organisations such as ours. Some members felt the TSB is also due to close.
11. **ACTION PLAN:** There has been only one response to what Jacq circulated on May 23rd. Some members hadn't seen it. All decisions postponed about accepting new version until next meeting. Various sub-groups have been set up and will report back to main meeting about progress. Any member can join. Parking group to respond to Improving Parking Scotland consultation deadline 20/6 and Glasgow consultation on 20 mph zones, deadline 30/8. Councillor Casey noted the 20 mph zone won't apply to the main streets. He's happy to join groups dealing with traffic and parking.
12. **CORRESPONDENCE:** a) Planning: As per Table A below. Brian has also looked at supplemental guidance accompanying the adopted City Development Plan and considers it all sound. Representations have to be submitted by June 19th. He also noted an application out of our area for a hotel development at Celtic Park. b) Licensing: A temporary public entertainment licence for Alexandra Park Festival on July 29th. Application for HMO at 5 Westercraigs due to be resubmitted. We previously objected. c) Other Correspondence:

Stephen circulated relevant e-mailed correspondence. i) Volunteers requested for Alexandra Park Festival and parade stewards. Also needed to man DCC table. ii) Frances Donnelly from Tip Top Mortgages on Anfield Place concerned about rubbish in alley behind. Given LES number, and noted at meeting this was privately owned. iii) PHD student wants to consult regarding Scottish Sentencing Council and youth crime. Wants to set up a focus group for around two hours. iv) Daniel Donaldson has a crowdfunding campaign to raise money to challenge the rape clause.

13. **A.O.B:** a) Jacq and possibly Lauren B to attend Community Council Discussion Forum on 1/7. b) Jacq suggested Bags for Change from Tesco as a possible source of funding, but John thinks the policy is switching to bags for life. c) Lauren has problems with the direction taken in potential war memorial discussions and would prefer not to attend further meetings. d) Wes raised the question of inviting Glasgow list MSPs to meetings. To be discussed by communications groups. e) Sean raised concerns about reported plans that once metal bins are replaced with wheelie bins residents will be expected to bring them to the front of buildings for collection. Councillor Casey wasn't aware of this and will check. f) Katie has been maintaining twitter feed during meeting. Paul Sweeney MP has sent apologies and hopes to attend in future/an Evening Times journalist asked about attending/Undergrad wanted to work with impact arts. g) Frank hasn't followed up on Walkabout with Daniel Donaldson as the latter was busy with election campaign.

NEXT MEETING: At 7pm on July 11th at Milnbank HA Community Flat. Please notify Stephen if unable to attend.

Planning applications

Detail	Location	Concern
Alteration to entrance steps and installation of handrails.	Nakodar, 13 Annfield Pl.	No
Change of use from tanning studio to hot food takeaway.	635 Duke St	No
Use of Reidvale Housing Association office as flatted dwelling	44 Bathgate St	No

Matter outstanding

Matter outstanding	Minuted	Responsible
Police to liaise with GCC bin men regarding leaving close doors open and report back in July.	May	Police Scotland

Actions

Action to be taken	Responsible
Police to investigate builders forcing front door at Westercraigs flat and warn of consequences of doing so.	Police Scotland
Bin men continually leaving close doors open. Cllr Casey to talk with Land Services	Councillor Casey
Forward plans for Alexandra Park play area to John	Councillor Casey
Discuss switching bank account to TSB and associated questions.	Jane
Check rumoured plans that tenement owners will be expected to bring wheelie bins to front of building for collection.	Councillor Casey
Discuss Day Out in Dennistoun app with Robert Smythe (when corrected)	Ruth