

## **General Meeting**

**7pm on Tuesday 11th July 2017 at Milnbank Community Flat, 1 Culloden St, Dennistoun, G31**

Present

Members: Stephen Birrell, Mary Wallace, Jacqueline Munro, Paul Lafferty, Frank Plowright, Jane Clarke, Lauren Bennie, Ruth Johnston, Brian Johnston, Wesley Wright, Sean Kelly, Russell Snowden, Derek Dempsey.

In Attendance: Councilor Allan Casey (GCC), Corrina Leeson (Dennistoun Diggers), Alasdair Sladen (member of public)

Apologies:

Members: Lauren Dyer Amazeen, Katie McKenna, Caitlin Quinn, Christine Quinn, John Bones, Claire Rennie

John Mason MSP

### **1. Appointment of Minutes Secretary**

Paul Lafferty put himself forward and was duly approved

### **2. Appointment of Vice-Chair**

John Bones was proposed by Stephen Birrell and seconded by Sean Kelly. As there were no further nominations, John Bones was elected unopposed.

### **3. Introductions of new/existing Members**

Everyone introduced themselves and said a few words about themselves.

### **4. Elected Members Update**

Councilor Casey

- Bin operative leaving close doors open. Cllr Casey has made LES aware of issue. LES guidance to operatives is that close doors should be shut. Seems to be still happening. Cllr Casey is happy to speak to LES again particularly if there are specific closes affected regularly.
- Bin replacement. There is no intention, at the moment, for tenants to wheel their own bins to the front of the close on collection day.
- Street Lights at Cumbernauld Road and Meadowpark Street have been fixed. Armadale Street speed bump to be finished soon, Hillfoot Street painted no entry sign to be sorted.
- Next Bike scheme to be extended to Alexandra Parade and Duke Street stations. Citypark may be an option for the future.
- Councilor has booked his surgeries starting September.

### **5. Previous Minutes**

Subject to some minor changes, the minutes were proposed by Russell and seconded by Lauren B. Minutes were subsequently approved.

### **6. Matters Arising**

a) Golfhill School.

Frank proposed DCC object to the Planning Application on the following grounds:

- 7 storey building will dwarf surrounding buildings
- Parking is inadequate and process was flawed
- School building should be retained in whole

ClIr Casey declared an interest and didn't take part in the discussion.

After some discussion and clarifications around the height of the proposed buildings, it was agreed to drop the first objection.

Brian raised the point that the application states there will be no trees felled as part of the development. That doesn't appear likely so this was added as a further ground for objection.

Also, the Parking element is still up for discussion though the deadline for that is 19<sup>th</sup> July.

After further discussion, the following proposed objections were put to a vote:

- Management of Parking
- Access to the site
- Tree-felling
- Retention of the whole school building

The vote was 3 in favour, 8 against with 2 abstentions.

The proposed objections were amended to:

- Management of Parking
- Access to the site
- Tree-felling

This was agreed by a vote of 11 for, one against with one abstention.

**Action: Chair will draft a letter of objection with the support of Brian.**

Brian pointed out that it takes at least 6 objections to make a difference so if people have concerns, they should consider an individual objection.

There was further discussion about the current security of the site.

**Action: ClIr Casey will raise concerns with the site owners.**

b) War Memorial.

Lauren B informed the meeting that the Chair of the War Memorial Group will keep DCC informed of developments.

## 7. Public Input

None

## 8. Chair's Report

- a) Attended Springburn C.C. to discuss possible cross-over issues; parking is a possibility. Springburn also take up some issues on behalf of Royston residents if approached. They also have their own dedicated Police Officer in attendance.
- b) Met with Reidvale Board member to establish communication
- c) Attended Market Gallery event and is meeting Director next week
- d) Community Council Discussion Forum. No agenda was sent out in advance for this. There were no attendees from DCC
- e) Calton C.C. has disbanded but Lawrence O'Neill is confident a new C.C will be in place by September
- f) Freedom Café. This is a new initiative funded by Scottish Government as part of its approach to tackling Food Poverty. It is run from the Everlasting Arms Church. It receives food support from local outlets including KFC and Tesco. It has a "pay what you can" community cafe on Fridays and a fully functioning training kitchen for cooking courses. They are looking to make contact with Dennistoun Diggers re. growing your own food. Nick McCurdy is the contact person.
- g) Met with local police. Main points from the discussion are:
  - London Road no longer has response officers; these will come from Shettleston
  - New operational teams work on intelligence received and are focused on housebreaking and youth disorder. They have good detection rates but need public to report concerns.
  - Police have Glasgow East twitter feed which is a good way of keeping up to date
  - Milnbank Community Café has 2 police in attendance on Thursdays
  - It is important that people use the appropriate service e.g. contacting Community Safety rather than the police
  - Police will attend D.C.C. meetings but will only give a narrative report. They will communicate through the Secretary so follow up on Action Points will be through Stephen

## 9. Sub-Committee Reports

### a) Parking

Lauren B spoke to the circulated Report. The report was noted and sub-committee will continue working on the actions. Cllr Casey is happy to receive emailed complaints from residents re. parking.

### b) Environmental

Sean spoke to the circulated Report. The report was noted and the sub-committee will complete their audit which will form the basis of an Action Plan. Cllr Casey is happy to take up issues and get LES involved.

### c) Communications

Wesley spoke to the circulated Report. The report was noted and the sub-committee will continue working of the actions.

### d) Day out in Dennistoun

Lauren B urged people to pick up maps and distribute them.

## 10. DAP Report/FoGN Report

Ruth spoke to the circulated DAP Report. Main issue is the amount of Area Budget left; about half has already been committed. Cllr Casey pointed out that DAP has yet to set its priorities for the Area Budget and this will impact on how the money is spent going forward.

No update from FoGN.

## 11. Finance Report

No changes since last meeting. It was agreed that any expenditure above £60 needs quotes.

## 12. Action Plan

Action Plan was agreed.

## 13. Correspondence

### a) Planning Applications

Detail	Location	Concern
Use of workshop as place of Worship	197 Firpark St.	No
Use of Community Centre as Flatted Dwelling	183 Thomson Street	No
Frontage Alterations to RBS	570 Alexandra Parade	No
Use of part of Filling Station forecourt as Carwash. Retrospective	432 Alexandra Parade	No
Replacement of boundary fencing	Various Milnbank HA properties	No
Building Application	Golfhill School	As per item 6a above

### b) Licensing

Nothing to Report

### c) Correspondence

Nothing by Post.

Emails:

- Parkhead H.A. re. Nominations for Mary Barbour Award
- Local Resident re. uncleared rubbish
- Sean MacKay Garnethill C.C. re. IT Training
- Consultative draft of the Glasgow Community Plan Survey Monkey link
- Lee Handlin re. changes to C.C. weekly bulletin
- James Dean re. volunteers at Festival
- Aileen O'Hagan re. Future Scotland Conference
- Elaine Eaton re. DCC meeting dates and meeting with DCC Chair
- Tim Mullins re. Climate Change Fund opening
- Market Gallery reopen calls and summer newsletter
- Vidahost re. Website cost increase from £87 to £104.40

## 14. A.O.B.

- a) Sean raised concerns about Council operatives spraying pesticides in the Park and other grassed areas. The active ingredient is dangerous; there are no warnings signs prior to use and the Council operatives do not appear to be following safety advice.

**Action: Cllr Casey will raise concerns and bring back to the next meeting.**

- b) Corrina confirmed that Dennistoun Diggers will be attending the Festival

- c) The Chair made a small presentation to Frank on behalf of the Community Council in recognition of his valuable contribution to the work of the Community Council through the years.

## 15. Next Meeting

Salvation Army Hall 7pm 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017

### Summary of Actions

Action to be taken	Responsible
Draft a letter of objection re. Golfhill School	Chair, Brian.
Raise security concerns with the Golfhill School site owners.	Cllr Casey
Raise concerns re. use of pesticides by Council operatives	Cllr Casey