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Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES

7-9pm, Tuesday 12th February 2019

Bluevale Community Centre, 30 Abernethy Street, G31 3SX

Cllrs Present Sean Kelly (SK) [*Chairperson*], David Williams (DW), Ted Howie (TH), Emelia Borowik (EB), Brian Johnston (BJ), Ruth Johnston (RJ), Elaine Docherty (ED), Angela Bretherton (EB) [*Minute taker*]

Others present: Cllr Alan Casey; From Save Whitehill Pool: Bill Stark, Deborah Hamilton, June Lawrie and Alwyn; Member of public: Michael Kelly; 2x police officers

	ITEM	ACTION
1	Apologies	
	Lauren Bennie, Wesley Wright, Mary Wallace, Stephen Birrell, Cllr Elaine Mcdougall, Cllr Kim Long, Paul Sweeney MP, Caroline Robertson, Ivan Mckee.	
2	Police Update	
	<p>P.C.s Stewart and Burns from London Road provided a report, the main update that was drug related incidents were up by 9%. They believe this is due to an increased police presence in the Calton area which has moved the drug users and dealers up to Duke street/Dennistoun area. They have arrested a dealer in the Calton area. They have increased stop and search because of an increase in drug use. There was a drugs bust at Golfhill Drive and they have caught someone cultivating drugs in a flat on Duke Street. Issues with anti social behavior on duke street outside shops and Coia's. Police have visited shops and Coia's to reassure owners. Police have increased visits to shops in the area.</p> <p>Vandalism to cars in Craigpark, someone has been arrested. Vandalism to cars in other areas, the police were unsure if the person arrested was responsible for all of the vandalism and investigations are ongoing.</p> <p>Sean Kelly (CC) raised issues of discarded needles in closes/alleyways. Police response was possible problem with under reporting. It was noted that the council will collect needles via notification on council website or can be reported on the 101 police number. It was noted that if needles were on private land rather than public land the council would not collect them and the owners have to be notified.</p> <p>Sean Kelly (CC) asked for an update on the robbery on the bridge in the Reidvale area, police will update at the next meeting.</p>	
3	Minutes of 8th of January ordinary meeting	
	Proposed by Angela Bretherton, seconded by Ted Howie.	
4	Minutes of 17th of January special meeting	
	Proposed by Ruth Johnston, seconded by Brian Johnston.	
5	Matters Arising	
	none	WW

6	Elected Members Update	
	<p>Lauren Bennie, Chair</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Met with Save Whitehill Pool Campaign (Alwyn and Mick) to share representations made to DCC about saving community leisure facilities. Have been in regular contact with the campaign since 8th of January. 2. Met with Refuweege Founder Selina Hayes to understand the process and content for a local welcome pack for incoming Dennistoun residents. 3. Corresponded with Daniel Donaldson member of public regarding monolith on the Alexandra Parade in response to his question about how long the structure would in place. 4. Sent a personal objection (not in the name of DCC) to starbucks planning application on the site of existing car wash business on Alexandra Parade. 5. Responded to media enquiries on behalf of DCC seeking clarity on information about logistics of January's DCC ordinary meeting and special meeting. 6. Finance update: personal payment to Glasgow Life to hire auditorium and quiet room, blue tack, and printer payment to be reimbursed. 7. Glasgow City Council still didn't have funding forms to release noticeboard money. Jane Clarke submitted in approx. September. This needs to be picked up or we risk losing the money before the end of the financial year. 	
	<p>Cllr Connelly</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visited Whitehill Swimming Club 2. Held special surgery on potential closures. 3. Raised robbery incident on bridge, requested CCTV cameras - refused 	
	<p>Cllr Allan Casey</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Traffic light sequence on Duke street/Cumbernauld road. Had sequence changed to make junction safer. 5. Very visible drug use on Duke Street, has contacted police. 6. Dumping - Appin road. Bollards have been put in to stop dumping. 7. Abattoir old site - planning report has been put in for new builds. 8. Glasgow Life - no proposals to close community facilities in this year's budget. 	
7	Correspondence	
	A. General (from Secretary)	
	<p>Dennistoun Gully/Drain cleaning update - correspondence from Ruth from LES. LES note that after a survey approximately three quarters of the gullies in the Dennistoun area are blocked. It is the intention of the council to commence these works prior to the end of February 2019. LES has noted the issue of excessive parking, but they will start cleaning this in sections at a time when traffic permits. Ruth noted that in the west end they remove cars that are blocking to clean. Sean noted that the council has not communicated well over this issue.</p> <p>Complaints about noise near the railway - resident has phoned police and council about the sound of chainsaws late at night. It was noted that network rail don't have to give notice if its emergency work.</p> <p>Abandoned car - car has been abandoned on Hillfoot Street. It has been there for time. Cllr Casey that the council can't uplift it as it's on private land. Council can only act if it is a danger to the community.</p>	
	B. Planning & Licensing	
	three applications -	BJ

	<p>Starbucks drive through and associated parking, 432 Alexandra Parade. Community Council voted to object. Objections were made around noise to residents, increased traffic noise and litter in a residential area. It was noted that it would possibly have a detrimental effect on local coffee shops and small businesses. It was noted that the objections need to say why it doesn't fit with the city development plan.</p> <p>BJ submitting objection notice</p> <p>A multi occupancy license has been applied for 44 Roselea Drive. Community Council has voted to object, as per decision to object to any new multi occupancy license - previously agreed.</p> <p>BJ submitting general objection</p> <p>627 Duke street - use of former betting office as restaurant with frontage alterations. Community Council voted to approve.</p> <p>The abattoir site public consultation took place in Dennistoun and outline proposals were exhibited and put online.</p> <p>Golfhill development – under consideration.</p>	BJ
	Dennistoun Area Partnership	
	Before the approval of noticeboards can be given, new documentation must be given to the DAP before the end of the financial year, Ted will update this.	
	Finance	
	Verbal update provided by TH.	
	Reports	
	i. Strategic Communications Sub-committee	
	Nothing to report.	
	ii. Environment Sub-committee	
	As per submitted report	
	iii. Parking & Traffic Sub-committee	
	No report.	
8	Public Input	
	<p>Whitehill Pool (Alwyn) - positive step/decision on keeping the pool open for this year but pool needs bringing up to standard and upgrade needed in future. The campaigners run street stalls and continued with petition. Group will attend budget cuts rally outside city chambers on the 21st. An independent survey began today through Milnbank. Stage one is surveyor carries out work inspecting the building. Cllr Casey expressed that he would like to be involved along with Cllr McDougall. Save Whitehill Pool campaign group thanked Angela, Lauren & DCC for their support and help with the campaign. The campaign will continue as there has been no assurances that any maintenance investment will be forthcoming from the council.</p> <p>SK congratulated Alwyn on the success of the campaign to date on behalf of DCC.</p>	

9	AOB	
	<p>DCC have been contacted by Maria Gondell (artist) looking for our support around a temporary sculpture park on the abattoir site for 2020. The Community Council want to support this but it was noted that building work may be in progress by then on that site. Brian and Ruth said the artist should approach Molendiner and Milnbank Housing Associations for potential support and possibly a different site.</p> <p>SK to advise Maria</p>	SK
	<p><u>Gas work maintenance:</u></p> <p>it was agreed that dates of road closures would be put up on the community council website. There was an update from David McDonald via email and Sean will distribute this to community councilors.</p>	SK
	<p><u>Springburn Community Council:</u></p> <p>Wish to borrow gazebo, tables and chairs from the 13th of February to mid-March. Rules need to be checked regarding lending of equipment from one area partnership area to another but the community council were broadly supportive if the rules apply.</p> <p>CLlr Casey Contacted Springburn Community Council who still needed the items. DCC took a vote to lend items to springburn CC which DCC voted to approve.</p> <p>Ted to arrange pick up with SCC</p>	TH
	<p><u>Public Processions Committee:</u></p> <p>City Council licensing seeking to identify a community resident rep to sit on a public processions review group. Sean asked for volunteers from community councilors, Angela Bretherton volunteered.</p>	AB
	<p><u>Scheme of Establishment:</u></p> <p>to be signed at March meeting</p>	LB
	<p>Invoicing for artists - Alexandra Parade Festival:</p> <p>Invoice to be worded differently, Ted will contact James Dean Platform with support from Jane.</p>	TH
	<p><u>Far Right groups:</u></p> <p>It was noted that the SDL (who have links with English Defense League, a far right group with racist agenda) have stated publicly that they wish to infiltrate community councils to further their agenda. It was decided to look at any new applications to be a community Councillor.</p>	
	<p><u>Garden Party:</u></p> <p>DCC has been asked to nominate four people from the local community to meet the Queen in Edinburgh at a garden party. Sean and Angela will get forms appropriately filled in for the nominations and the council agreed that Save Whitehill Pool campaigners would be nominated along with the Dennistoun War Memorial Project.</p>	SK/AB

10	Next DCC Meeting	
	Planning Meeting, from 7pm, on 12th March 2019, Milnbank HA Community Flat, 1 Culloden Street, G31 3NX Apologies to be submitted to secretary via hello@dennistouncc.org.uk .	