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Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES

7-9pm, Tuesday 9 July 2019

Milnbank HA Community Flat, 1 Culloden Street, G31 3NX

Cllrs Present Lauren Bennie (LB) [*Chairperson*]; Stephen Birrell (SB); Emily Borowik (EB); Angela Bretherton (AB); Elaine Docherty (ED); Mary Wallace (MW); David Williams (DW); Wesley Wright (WW) [*Minute taker*]

Others present: Cllr Allan Casey; Cllr Kim Long; Dennistoun Diggers; 4x New Cllrs

ITEM	ACTION
1 Welcome and introductions Noted.	
2 a. Absences with apologies John Mason MSP; Cllr Elaine McDougall; Cllr Ruth Johnston (RJ); Cllr Brian Johnston (BJ); Cllr Sean Kelly (SK); Ivan McKee MSP.	
3 Consideration of June minutes Minor amendments. Proposed by MW. Seconded by AB.	
4 Matters arising from previous minutes	
- <i>Environment Sub-committee draft terms of reference previously circulated to be updated prior to approval. CARRIED OVER.</i>	SK/SB
- <i>Dennistoun Gully/Drain cleaning. Enquiry made regarding expected programme. >> AWAITING RESPONSE. CARRIED OVER.</i>	LB
- <i>Noticeboard documentation for DAP. >> RJ has liaised regarding release of funds. Strategic Comms to action further regarding installation. >> CARRIED OVER.</i>	RJ/ SCSC
- <i>Gazebo, tables and chairs loaned to Springburn Community Council being tracking down through Jackie Shearer/SCC. >> Not actually loaned out. Still in storage with SB.</i>	
- <i>Invoicing for artists - Alexandra Parade Festival. >> LB will liaise with TH to arrange a temporary handover and conclusion of some outstanding matters relating to both of the above items (cheques to be signed off, etc). >> TBC.</i>	LB/TH
- <i>Haghill Primary School boundary wall collapse. >> TBC. CARRIED OVER.</i>	Cllr Long
- <i>Enquiry made about about Eastern District hospital. Cllr Casey awaiting response. >> Most recent planning application was in 2016 for conversion to office space. Owners are Wheatley Group. Cllr Casey will make furthe enquires with Wheatley Group.</i>	Cllr Casey
- <i>LED street lighting replacement programme/sequence. Cllr Casey awaiting response to enquiry made. >> CARRIED OVER</i>	Cllr Casey
- <i>SB identified taxi expenses, acknowledged by those present, to be submitted as an invoice to LB. >> TBC. CARRIED OVER.</i>	SB
- <i>General correspondence. >> Future policy development of taxi and private car hire. - For circulation. Food growing. - For circulation.</i>	SK
- <i>Meat Market planning proposal. >> Objection submitted regarding the proposed accommodation types.</i>	
- <i>Scottish Land Commission – ED attended and provided a verbal report, noting that the will to do more at a community group and community council level exists, but capacity and expertise</i>	

issues exist, which may be aided by having frameworks in place to guide those groups.

5 Chairperson Report

a. Community Councillor vacancies

Four out of five vacancies filled. One applicant ineligible due to residence just outside of the boundary.

6 Questions from Community Councillors to Elected Members

John Mason MSP

- Monthly report received and circulated, including tenement maintenance report.

Cllr Casey

- Carriageways – full resurface of Wishart Street and Hillfoot Street.

- Footways – resurface of Cumbernauld Road, from Alexandra Parade to Todd St and Todd Street (South) to Appin Road.

- Problems with on-street bin uplift noted. Reported. Seems to have solved issue, for the most part.

- Back court uplift (refuse and bulk waste) – bulk waste needs to be reported to GCC for uplift, and Cllr contacted if not completed timeously.

- Golf course consultation extended for two weeks – well publicised with a good response.

Save Whitehill – independent review has been completed, which will help identify priorities and costs for maintenance and investment.

- Dog poisonings – has spoken with police – no official confirmation of active efforts at poisoning – testing has been arranged to potentially resolve this – SSPCA have claimed only 1 specific report has been received (this may be the number of confirmed poisonings rather than alleged) – meeting to be arranged for Cllr, Police, and SSPCA to discuss actions to be taken – likely to include signage – message and wording etc to be included on agenda – this issue will also be included on the next DCC meeting agenda.

LB

- Responded to enquiry about a limit on the number of bulk uplifts that can be arranged by one person – this is not known to be a policy in place, other than in exceptional circumstances where, for example, landlords are abusing the system.

7 Public input

- Litter on land near large billboard signage on Cumbernauld Road is a recurring issue. Who owns this land? Can they be compelled to remove litter? Cllr Casey will enquire about owner and they can be issued with a notice to carry out necessary grass cutting and litter removal work, with GCC doing work and charging owner if it is not done. Resident given Cllr Casey's contact details. SB suggested the Neighbourhood Improvement Volunteer (NIV) scheme.

Cllr Casey

- Compulsory Sales Orders (re: Scottish Land Commission) – will this apply to abandoned flats? A resident at this meeting noted that they live in a block with a property on Garthland Drive that's been abandoned for six years. Has been reported previously in various ways. Cllr Casey will enquire.

Cllr Casey

- Drains (gullies) – started, but with missed locations, despite repeated reporting – see above. Cllr Casey noted that there are problems with parked cars, but this has been elevated so that cars will be moved if they are causing an obstruction.

- Litter is a persistent issue throughout the area, requiring improved attention by the street sweeper(s). Cllr Casey will raise this. DCC have been making enquiries about various cleansing issues, and are advising repeated use of reporting to the Environmental Taskforce. It is noted that as part of the creation of the *Neighbourhoods and Sustainability* department there are now three Neighbourhood co-ordinators, each with two assistants, who will act as a single point of contact for all cleansing and streetscene issues. Cllr Casey will circulate contact details.

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- Should every property have recycling uplift? Resident has blue bins, but they are not being collected. If a back court has bins, they should be included in collections. If

there's no back court space, public on-street recycling will be provided. Cllr Casey will liaise with resident to resolve.

- Can residents within a close be compelled to comply with factor requests to keep a tidy back court? Responsibility is collective for private properties through the factor, where applicable. Landlords can be issued with an abatement notice regarding public health issues arising, for example.

Restricted Parking Zone

LB noted the historical situation, and that DCC have been collating information on this issue and fielding public input. It is noted that GCC has proposed an RPZ outright, rather than undertaking a more general parking and traffic consultation, which may have allowed alternative schemes to be discussed and reviewed.

LB and WW explained the basics of what an RPZ is and how it will operate. Almost all info that most people will be seeking is available in the letter, drawings, and FAQ on the DCC website and the GCC consultation page.

AB reported that three businesses have expressed concerns to her about business permit rates.

Cllr Casey offered further explanation of the rationale, including correspondence received, fines issued, accidents logged, upcoming pavement parking prohibition, etc.

LB asked Cllr Casey about alternative solutions considered. Cllr Casey noted that a residents only scheme is an alternative, but examples of these currently in operation have been found to be flawed and they are being converted to RPZs.

Timescales – whole process can take up to a year, dependent upon consultation.

WW questioned the method/structure of feedback that can be expected arising from the consultation events, if no set questions have been put forward.

DCC CCllrs will attend the public exhibition events to gauge opinion and increase DCC lines of communication with the local community.

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:05.

8 Pesticide Free Zone in Dennistoun and Haghill

SK not present.

9 Update from CCllr Sean Kelly

Poison placed in public park

SK not present. See also above (section 6)

10 Finance

a. Petty cash payments

n/a

b. Accounts – signatories and urgent APF payment

See Matters Arising.

11 Correspondence

a. General

Hedge and wall issues from residents of Circus Drive.

Whitehill Pool independent survey presentation.

'Upcoming Events' and 'Events in the Park' newsletters.

b. Planning and Licensing

Planning Application – Re-application 1 Annfield Place to divide the property into two flats.

Licensing – Renewal of 3 HMOs at 102 Bellgrove Street.

12 Reports

a. Dennistoun Area Partnership

No Dennistoun Area meeting since the last DCC meeting so no DAP Report.

b. Strategic Communications Sub-committee

n/a

c. Environment Sub-committee

n/a

d. Parking & Traffic Sub-committee

n/a

13 Any Other Business

None.

14 Next DCC Meeting

CCLlr Planning Meeting, from 7pm, on Tuesday 13 August 2019 at Co-op Community Room.

Ordinary Public Meeting, from 7pm, on Tuesday 10 September 2019, at Bluevale Community Centre, 30 Abernethy Street, G31 3SX.

Apologies to be submitted to secretary via hello@dennistouncc.org.uk.
