



Dennistoun Community Council

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Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES

7-9pm, Tuesday 10 March 2020

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

CCllrs Present Stephen Birrell (SB); Angela Bretherton (AB) [*Chair*]; Jonathan Deans (JD); Elaine Docherty (ED); Deborah Hamilton (DH); Mary Wallace (MW); Valery Tough (VT); Wesley Wright (WW) [*Minute taker*].

Others Present: Cllr Casey; Cllr McDougall; Ivan McKee MSP; Anne McLaughlin MP's representative (Graham). 3x DCC election candidates Paul Lavery; Steven Campbell; Ezra Wilson).

ACTION

1 Welcome / Introductions / Attendance / Apologies

Welcome and thanks for attending. CCllrs and elected representatives introduced themselves.

Apologies: CCllrs Lauren Bennie (LB); Brian Johnston (BJ); Ruth Johnston (RJ); Sean Kelly (SK); David Williams (DW). Cllr Kim Long. John Mason MSP. Anne McLaughlin MP.

Absent: Associate member Elena Trimarchi (ET) on behalf of Dennistoun Diggers.

2 Previous Meetings

a. Minutes of 11 February 2020 Ordinary Meeting

Minor typo amended. Proposed by DH; Seconded by JD.

b. Matters Arising

From September Meeting

SCDC *workshops* >> LB provided written update, requesting this be picked up by AB(VT/DH) to keep it in tune with the Place Standard Tool plans. AB to arrange SCDC date

AB

From October Meetings

Associate members >> Dennistoun Diggers have responded, expressing a willingness to continue to be associate members, but with an acknowledgement that there may be other organisations able to more actively participate.

From December Meeting

Review of our area / Place Standard Tool >> Written summary deferred, pending SCDC arrangements. See also item 7 below.

AB

From January Meeting

RAG Analysis >> WW forwarded the completed copy to GCC.

3 Police

Not included in invite, so did not attend. Will be added as an agenda item for the May meeting. For a summary of recent police activities see items 5 and 6e below.

4 Public Input

None.

5 Elected Members

Cllr McDougall

- Recent and continuing vandalism issues acknowledged, with attendance at the recent stakeholder meeting noted.
- Elected member meeting for RPZ will take place in advance of the proposals being opened to the public for comments.

Cllr Casey

- Provided an update on the stakeholder meeting addressing vandalism, which was considered to be productive. The reported vandalism is acknowledged as being carried out not just by young people. Multiple issues are at play. There is much activity ongoing between local groups as a result of this meeting. Recent arrests mitigated, but weren't a complete solution.
- Budget proposals summarised, with specific reference to local sports facilities. The SNP budget proposal, approved with Green support creates an opportunity for the community to be involved in a plan for future sports provision. A working group is looking at the Whitehill Pool feasibility study, including the maintenance and repairs required for a longer term future for the pool. FoAP have also been updated on progress. A 'Hub model' is amongst the proposals being considered. Golf course to stay open for the immediate future. Sources of funding require to be identified for any future plans for the sports facilities. E.g. ENV2 money alongside other sources – a small working group specific to this task is proposed. Dennistoun is considered to be at a good starting position in terms of the required organising.
- Wishart Street carriageway resurfacing has been delayed due to resources deployed to emergency works (as per other jobs citywide).

Ivan McKee MSP

- Written report attached. Verbal update provided as a supplement.
- AB enquired about COVID-19 plans. These are based upon the deployment timing of the planned stages of response. Current focus is on delaying and minimising the arrival of the peak.

Anne McLaughlin MP (via representative - Graham)

- Written report attached. Verbal update provided by representative as a supplement.

6 Officer Updates/Reports

a. Chair/Vice

- AB acknowledged recent cover of role provided by WW .

b. Treasurer

- Signatory changes being arranged, pending signature from SB. SB
- Bank account balance = £2285.24.
- Petty cash balance = £106.30.

c. Secretary

- Correspondence about potential golf course title deed conditions, from member of public, acknowledged and referred to Conservation Society. ED will forward discussion to AB, who will submit an enquiry to Cllr Casey for further consideration. ED/AB
- Alexandra Parade PS are having a P1 induction on Wed 27th May from 13:30-14:30, inviting DCC to run a stall. ED will forward discussion to DH, who will look into it. ED/DH
- Parades with local routes noted, as listed on GCC website.
- Housing damp problems in temporary accommodation raised. Advised to contact GCC Public Health. Cllr Casey and Ivan McKee MSP offered further assistance, if required.
- Contact identifying antisocial behaviour associated with Wood Street Social Club, querying permissions for events. Identified as a police matter and/or for GCC noise reporting at this stage. Cllr Casey offered to take on a follow-up enquiry, if required.
- A bid by Alexandra Park Festival Parks is included in the list of Open Space Participatory Budgeting (PB) Wee Green Grants projects, and public voting is now open, until 20th March: <https://weegg.communitychoices.scot/> - note that if you vote, you *must* select *three* choices. Includes. WW expressed concerns that Participatory Budgeting was being implemented in this manner: notably that communities are competing against each other for a slice of citywide funding, rather than funding being allocated to communities, and that applications can only be made by Friends Of park groups.

d. Planning and Licensing

- Written update from BJ.
- Planning application: 278 Whitehill Street (north of Alexandra Parade) - external alterations to

existing industrial unit. Consider no objections required.

- Licensing application for grant of provisional premises licence for 10A Whitehill Street. This is a follow up to the planning application for the conversion of the laundry building to a Bar/Café by 6 by Nico. BJ

- Licensing application for grant of premises licence for a Warehouse, 162 Glenpark Street for the sale of alcohol for consumption off premises.

- Licensing application for a Metal Dealer Licence 11-13 Glendale Street Glasgow.

- More info sought regarding 162 Glenpark Street application.

- Notified of changes to St Rollox Bowling Club licensing application in advance of hearing on Friday 13th, in response to concerns raised by objectors. BJ has circulated this to some residents of Kennyhill Square that have been in contact previously and will review changes.

e. Dennistoun Area Partnership

- Written update from RJ attached.

f. CC Development Sessions

- Brian Johnston will attend Session 2 on Saturday 21st March when GCC DRS will be in attendance to discuss implications of the new Planning Act, amongst other relevant issues.

7 Place Standard Tool/'Masterplan' Structure and Approach

The Place Standard Tool has been circulated for review by CCLIs ahead of the April Planning meeting. It is expected that, at the planning meeting we can collectively develop a plan for the implementation of a Place Standard assessment for our area. Agenda TBC.

WW commented on some issues for consideration regarding the Physical Infrastructure and Spaces elements, further to the email sent prior to this meeting.

All CCLIs
AB

8 Sub-committees

a. Strategic Communications Sub-committee (LB; JD; VT; WW; ET)

VHE construction has now purchased two noticeboards (agreed on text only design, with no logo). Installation date TBC. WW will liaise with LB regarding progress and, if required, pick up contact with VHE to confirm locations on site, etc.

WW/LB

b. Environment Sub-committee (AB; SB; SK; MW)

Remit to be confirmed.

Enviro s-c

c. Parking & Traffic Sub-committee (LB; RJ; BJ; SK)

Due to meet to discuss LEZ and action points from February. Date to be confirmed.

P&T s-c

9 CCLl Elections

a. Results

Voting closed at 20:30. Counting taking place at 10am in City Chambers library on 11th March. Candidates will be notified accordingly. *Post-meeting update: Paul Lavery and Steven Campbell were the two successful candidates.*

b. Vacancies

After taking into account the two vacancies filled by the election, bringing membership to 15, two further vacancies exist within the existing quota of 17 DCC members.

WW spoke in favour of holding an election to accommodate the existing interest in the remaining two vacancies but proposed that future interim elections to fill vacancies are restricted to being an annual event in the interests of clarity and to avoid the burden of excessive administration. Unanimous agreement exists that there is scope for improved diversity representation within the membership.

AB proposed to hold an interim election. Voted on and approved by acclaim.

AB proposed to extend potential DCC membership to the maximum of 20, creating a potential five vacancies. Voted on and approved by acclaim.

AB proposed that the interim election be for three vacancies, to allow accommodation of current interest, but allow for diversity outreach for vacancies filled by a further future election. Voted on and approved by acclaim.

ED/AB

GCC to be provided with relevant information to facilitate the changes and the election.

10 Any Other Business

None.

11 Note of Next Meeting

Planning meeting, 7-9pm, Tuesday 14th April 2020, at the Co-op Community Room.

Ordinary meeting, 7-9pm, Tuesday 12th May 2020, at Whitehill Secondary, 280 Onslow Drive, G31 2QF.

Agenda for Ordinary meeting will be circulated, and published to Dennistouncc.org.uk/dates.

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

REPORT FROM RUTH JOHNSTON – DENNISTOUN AREA PARTNERSHIP MEETING – 12 FEBRUARY 2020

Police Scotland

There was heard a verbal update by Sergeant Athar Ali, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership of the current progress that Police Scotland was making in the Ward in relation to drug use/dealing and anti-social behaviour.

After discussion, the Partnership

(1) noted

(i) the update; and

(ii) the concerns in relation to increased vandalism, particularly to cars in the area which was being carried out by a particular group of youths; and

(2) agreed that the Chair would arrange a meeting with the elected members for the

Dennistoun Ward and representatives from Police Scotland, Housing, the Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network, Parent Network Scotland and other partners to see if there was any intervention that could be carried out to prevent the recent type of vandalism being carried out by a particular group of youths.

2019/20 Area Budget

Budget is now spent.

2020/21 Area Budget: Applications For Funding

1. On 29th August 2019, the City Administration Committee approved the proposed budget for the Glasgow Communities Fund for the next three financial years. The proposed budget included funding for Area Partnerships and an assumption that the total allocation to Area Partnerships is maintained at least at 2019/20 levels i.e. £1,864,968. Therefore, the proposed allocation for Dennistoun Area Partnership in 2020/21 is £65,664.51. Same as previous year.

2. Glasgow City Council is expected to set its 2020/21 Budget early in 2020. The Glasgow Communities Fund is subject to the Council setting its Budget and is therefore still to be agreed. Any revisions to Area Partnership allocations for 2020/21 will be detailed in a future report.

Next meeting 6th May 11am

RJ NOTES FROM THE MEETING

Police Scotland

The Police assess Crime figures every day and allocate resources on the back of Incident Reports. Lack of reporting is still an issue.

Vandalism – Series of similar style attacks in Craigpark, the Dennistoun Drives and Ballindalloch Drive on cars, houses, Kennyhill School and Ladbroke's ie principally smashed windows. Some of these incidents have been identified as 4 individuals from Whitehill School still wearing school uniform ties – Police have increased monitoring patrols.

Drugs – Police have identified a number of houses for drug searches in various locations with good results.

Haghill – past issues raised again 2 weekends ago. Arrests were made.

Milnbank Housing Association additional funding to the Police means that their area has more evening patrols.

London Road Police Station is being set up as a Hub in preparation for the COP26 Climate summit in Glasgow.

REPORT FROM IVAN MCKEE MSP – 4 MARCH 2020

This is a short report of some of the key meetings/events/issues I've been involved in, in the past couple of months.

Locally

Working with Cllr Allan Casey and local police to address vandalism issues in the Dennistoun area.

Constituency campaigns and issues

Was delighted to hear that the Scottish Baby Box goes from strength to strength. Last year Queenslie-based TotsBots won a competitive procurement exercise to provide cloth nappies for the Box. New parents are invited to exchange a voucher in the Box for the product and over 1,100 Glaswegian families have chosen to do so from a total of Scottish applications of over 5000. Delighted to support small companies such as TotsBots – they are the backbone of our economy providing good quality local jobs here in Provan.

Along with Cllr Allan Casey, had a constructive meeting with GGCHB to discuss improving parking arrangements for NHS staff at the GRI, caused by the PFI legacy.

Attended various meetings with and about First Bus re unacceptable changes to services in the constituency particularly in Easterhouse, Robroyston, Garthamlock and Ruchazie – including the public drop in meeting at Ruchazie Community Centre - working with Cllrs Christina Cannon, Allan Casey Mandy Morgan and Graham Campbell and Anne McLaughlan, MP– we continue to press for services to be restored.

Met Selina Hales Director of Refuweege to hear about the work they are doing to welcome families to the city and help them settle in.

Met Craig Johnson founding director of Launch Foods – very impressive initiative serving a choice of two hot, nutritious meals to 300 schoolchildren across Glasgow, every day. Was privileged to be allowed to help out on the van at St Benedict's school in Easterhouse with Cllr Allan Casey. Have made some introductions to local businesses to support this worthy endeavour.

Attended a parliamentary reception for the Showman's Guild of Great Britain – a big and longstanding community in Provan where I was delighted to be awarded a certificate for services to the community.

Met Patricia Gallagher, Director Provanhall Housing Association and fellow Easterhouse Housing and Regeneration Alliance (EHRA) colleagues to discuss issues local housing associations are facing collectively and wrote to the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning on their behalf.

Visited the Glasgow East Alcohol Awareness Project (GEAAP) and met with Manager, Stewart McKay. Was delighted to support GEAAP and North East Carers last year, to do a community buy-out of their building – giving them longer term security.

Attended parliamentary cross party group meeting as part of work continuing to press for compensation for the families who have been left with damaged, uninsurable and unsaleable properties due to the UK Government's disastrous Green Deal programme.

Visited Tower View Nursery in Garthamlock where Minister for Childcare and Early Years, Maree Todd encouraged families to take up the newly expanded childcare scheme when it comes on stream this summer - potentially saving each family as much as £4,500 in total.

I'm always keen to visit local groups and organisations to hear about what they do and offer help if I can. Please contact my office on ivan.mckee.msp@parliament.scot

Surgeries

First Friday of the Month

10am Cranhill Community Project, Bellrock St // 11am Riddrie Library // 12pm BCDC, Quarrywood Road

Second Monday of the Month

10am Carntyne Church // 5pm Haghill Park Primary School // 6.15pm Platform (The Bridge)

Fourth Thursday of the Month

All day surgery 10am-3pm Ruchazie Parish Church

Surgeries generally do not take place during the school holidays – call for information 0141 556 4441

UPDATE FROM ANNE McLAUGHLIN MP – 6TH MARCH 2020

My apologies for being unable to make the meeting on 12th March, I have to be in Westminster. However I will attend as many meetings as I can and I will keep in touch.

I currently have some temporary staff working for me and I am in the process of getting permanent staff, setting up my constituency office and fixing up surgeries. Meantime I'm getting lots of casework via email so please let people know if they need support my email address is anne.mclaughlin.mp@parliament.uk.

Since being elected here's what I've been doing:

- I've spoken in parliament a number of times including for a constituent with a long standing universal credit issue and I spoke in the Queen's Speech Debate highlighting problems with Universal Credit, the WASPI campaign and Green Deal Mis-selling amongst other things.
- I do my best to ask questions of ministers – the very sophisticated system is that you bob up and down and hope the Speaker spots you and allows you to speak.
- During January and February I've mainly been dealing with casework.
- I have started street surgeries and will have had some surgeries with MSPs also during March.
- I've been meeting local people and organisations.
- My constituency office is coming together though still a work in progress. There has been some work needed done to prepare it for being a fully functioning office both in terms of repair and for security reasons. This work should be completed soon.
- I've started to appoint fulltime permanent staff and they will be in place from April.

Finally, I'm delighted to say that I've been appointed as the SNP's Shadow Minister for Women and Equalities in Westminster.